

Minutes of Winston Parish Council Annual Meeting
Held on 15 January 2020 at 7.30 pm in the Winston Schoolroom

Present: Will Haag – Chair, Lizzie Taurozevicius, Tina Denny, Julie Nightingale and Lucy McKenzie , Parish Councillors,
Roger Guthrie – Clerk,
Matthew Hicks – County Councillor,
Kathie Guthrie – District Councillor,
Members of Winston Parish

1. Apologies had been received from Phil and Karen Tempest.
2. Declarations of interest – Lizzie Taurozevicius declared an interest in respect of item 10 on the agenda.
3. The minutes of the meeting of 16 October were approved.
4. Matters arising from minutes of 16 October 2019:
 - The clerk reported that Openreach had installed poles on the Green as part of the roll out of fibre broadband to that part of the Village and agreed to investigate whether the PC would be entitled to wayleave payments as a result.
 - It was agreed to place notices on the Village Green to discourage dog fouling and noted that similar notices had already been displayed in Fenn St. and on the gate at the Church.
5. Matthew Hicks, Suffolk County Council presented his report as filed on the PC website and as attached to these minutes. The report was noted and he was thanked for his attendance. The following supplementary issues were raised:
 - Broken road sign on Village Green – In response to a request to use the remaining posts for a Village sign, he advised that the County Council now had more funds and hoped to be able to make good damage to all traffic signs over the next few months as well as improving white lining in villages.
 - Ipswich Northern Bypass – A consultation report would be issued shortly by Suffolk CC.
 - Potholes – In response to a query about a poorly filled pothole in Debenham, he advised that this work had not been undertaken by the Council but in common with all notifications the target was to attend to all pothole reports within 28 days, the precise timescale dependent upon severity and safety.
 - Footpath to Junior School in Debenham – It was reported that this was overgrown and had caused injury to a resident and it was advised that the Parish Clerk at Debenham should be contacted as she would know who was responsible for maintenance of the path and hedge.
6. Kathie Guthrie, Mid Suffolk District Councillor presented her report as filed on the PC Website and as attached to these minutes. The report was noted and she was thanked for her attendance. It was noted that Debenham Parish Council's next meeting on Monday 20 January would be held at the Debenham Leisure Centre and the forthcoming Taylor Wimpey application for 295 houses in Debenham would be debated by the Parish Council. All local residents are entitled to attend this meeting to hear the debate.

7. The Clerk presented the Financial summary as posted on the PC website and as attached to these minutes. Income and costs were broadly in line with expectation and we should end the year with reserves of approximately £1,800 which was in line with the PC Reserves Policy.
8. The budget was 2020/21 was approved as set out on the Financial summary posted on the PC website and as attached to these minutes. It was agreed to maintain the Precept at £650.00 for 2020/21.
9. The risk register was reviewed and it was agreed that no amendments were required.
10. Village Green Maintenance – The chairman reported that the Green had been cut and tidying up work undertaken as agreed. It was further agreed to continue this programme of maintenance in 2020/21. As referred to under item 2 above Tony and Lizzie Taurozevicius had requested that the PC consider the need for pollarding trees on the Village Green adjacent to their property and it was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk meet to consider this further.
11. Activities for the forthcoming year – A Village litter pick was scheduled for the afternoon of Saturday 28 March and to be combined with a ‘tea and cakes’ social get together for the Village. Julie Nightingale agreed to prepare publicity material for circulation.
12. Any other business - In response to a questionnaire from the Police and Crime Commissioner, it was agreed to support an increase of 4% in the Policing Precept for 2020/21 (cost of 70 pence per month for a band D council tax payer).
13. The next meeting was agreed for Wednesday 6 May 2020 at 7.30 in The Schoolroom.