

Minutes of Winston Parish Council Meeting 3rd February 2016
7.30pm

Held in the Winston Schoolroom

Present: Councillors - Phil Tempest, Roger Guthrie, Will Haag,
Parish Clerk: Alison Payne

Also Present: Three public residents of Winston Parish, Matthew Hicks.

1. Apologies from Clinton Summers and Lucy Mackenzie
2. Minutes from previous meeting held on 7th October, 2015 were approved by the Council.
3. County Councillor's Report – this was discussed by Matthew Hicks.
4. Road accidents and Speeding Issues – It was noted that the police are not reporting back to Suffolk County Council when accidents are occurring. It was disclosed that we are unable to have fixed flashing lights for speed warnings but a temporary speed limit sign has been offered. The signs in Winston have recently been cleaned.
5. District Councillors (KG) report was read. Notable points included that Council tax is to rise by 2% and the Parish newsletter is to be put on the new website. £800 has been allocated for window repair/replacement for Winston School Rooms.
6. Phil Tempest and Roger Guthrie reported on their meeting with Bill James to clarify the Churchyard/Winston Green maintenance. (Invoices were showing £200 paid to Bill James). Community Service – the grass and hedges will be cut twice a year.
7. Suffolk Wildlife Trust Reports and Advice – the advice given is that the grass should be cut away in the churchyard and the Brambles should be cut back. (Suggested to pay a contractor)
8. Planning issues – the shed in the front garden at 4 Fenn Street was discussed. There has been a contravention of planning – Phil Tempest to approach Mid Suffolk Council.
9. Winston website - the school to be approached about pupils setting up the website.

10. Finance Report – The reserves are large in comparison to the income. There is £100 to allow for the parish to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. It was suggested this could provide mugs for the children of the parish. An additional £100 is required to maintain the Green. The insurance will not go up this year. The precept was agreed.

The Risk Management document was reviewed by Roger Guthrie and it was discussed that we have reviewed our existing policy which is sufficient to meet the Parish needs.

11. Date for next litter pick – 2nd April 2016 was decided.

12. AOB – none

12. DONM – Wednesday 11th May.