

# Minutes of Winston Parish Council Meeting 1 February 2017

Councillors present

Phil Tempest Chair, Clinton Summers, Lucy McKenzie, Roger Guthrie, Cllr Mrs K Guthrie and County Councillor Matthew Hicks. Apologies Mr W Haag

As no clerk is now in position Councillor Mrs Guthrie agreed to take the notes. As an enticement it was suggested a new computer and printer was up for grabs for a new clerk. No takers this night.

1. Minutes from last meeting agreed
2. MH SCC read items from his report and flagged up in particular the request that those over 65 are encouraged to have a free flu jab. He also said he might have funding to assist with our tree cutting but we needed to get any request in before end of March.
3. PT waiting for a quote from local tree surgeon to coppice and possibly remove a dead or dying trees on the green.
4. PT explained the extensive research and meetings with himself, MH and SCC Highways meant we had reached the end of the line as to how to improve the ever increasing speeding at Fenn Street. A letter had gone to all residents advising the SCC Highways recommended the removing of central white line and painting lines on the edge to be drawn in to psychologically narrow the road thus slowing down traffic. Letters of objection received and a verbal update from local resident and Winston Councillor said if this was the last option they didn't want it. She also advised she didn't think a 30mph speed limit would work either. In fact neither do the police as they state it is too dangerous to monitor! MH advised if he was re- elected he would keep his ear to the ground for any alteration to rules which might allow the speed being reduced. It was felt it was particularly motor cycles returning home to Debenham but also late at night traffic speed seemed excessive. This matter will now be removed as an agenda item for the foreseeable future.
5. Cllr Mrs K Guthrie advised very little changed since last report. MSDC will be moving offices to Endeavour House and the proposed date is September. She also advised there was a larger map of the current road closure on the Winston Notice Board and recommended everyone looks at the new website for MSDC. She was able to participate and update regarding Planning Application 1794/16 Shepherd Huts
6. General debate took place regarding the application and although the PC, on balance, supported the idea there were several issues which they felt needed to be addressed and brought to the Planning Officers attention. Namely;
  - Only one chemical toilet was allocated next to one hut. What facilities would the second hut use particularly during the night?
  - Where is the chemical toilet going to be emptied?
  - Concern raised over adequate washing facilities notwithstanding the ability to use a shower attached to the house number 9 Fenn Street. Where is the foul water going to drain for both huts understanding this is an Environmental Agency issue?
  - Is this likely to expand or would a restriction be put in place for numbers?
  - Didn't want touring caravans and tents to use the site or any such expansion
  - Concern over the entrance being near the brow of a hill and where the road narrows.

- An appropriate response will be sent to MSDC Planning Department.
- 7. Roger Guthrie advised he had received training and managed to release the Winston Website [www.winston.onesuffolk.net](http://www.winston.onesuffolk.net) The PC is under an obligation to have one and publish their accounts and minutes on their website. Discussions took place and it was advised that if people wished to produce items to populate it Roger would indeed put them on the website, but as it was linked to the Debenham Website much of the local information can be accessed there. However we are proud to have our own and various offers of articles were made by other councillors and members of the public. Email address [winstonsuffolkpc@gmail.com](mailto:winstonsuffolkpc@gmail.com)
- 8. Roger went through the accounts having produced an easy to read paper for everyone to see. Discussions took place and it was agreed to spend the money which had been received by grant for the computer and printer, as it is not allowed to sit in a bank account unused. The cutting of the green and tree work remained a priority and although the churchyard work is currently being undertaken free of charge by a payback community group, it was not certain how long this might last so provision had to be made for the forthcoming year along with usual expenditure of insurances. It was also agreed to undertake some tidying of the Green over and above usual cutting. It was advised that the grass when cut needed to be taken away and it was usually of poor quality and certainly not much use for sale to horse owners etc.
- 9. Draft Budget was agreed as on the attached schedule confirming that a precept of £600 was again required to meet the budgeted expenditure. This would leave a level of reserves broadly in line with the target
- 10. Litter pick was agreed For April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017
- 11. Date of next meeting 10<sup>th</sup> May School Room 7.30