

Minutes of Winston Parish Council AGM

10 May 2017

7.30 pm at Winston Schoolroom

Present: Phil Tempest – Chair, Roger Guthrie – Finance
William Haag, Lucy McKenzie, Clinton Summers

Also attending: Matthew Hicks - County Councillor
Kathie Guthrie – District Councillor
Members of Winston Parish

In the absence of a Parish Clerk the minutes were taken by Kathie Guthrie

Mr Tempest stepped down as Chairman and was then unanimously re-elected.

Councillor Matthew Hicks read his report and took questions.

Councillor Kathie Guthrie read her report.

The Minutes of the last AGM were read and approved. The minutes included the Annual Accounts and statements.

The Chair and Matthew gave a resume of where we were with regard to any speed limit or traffic calming measures. Whilst Winston Green had secured a VAS slow sign it was not possible to put one on Fenn Street. Many years and hours have been invested in this ongoing problem of speeding traffic but the Parish Council and the County Councillor admitted they had exhausted any further improvements. This will no longer be an Agenda item.

Finance – Roger Guthrie presented the Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements for 2016/17. These were approved and signed by the Chairman. The Council also reviewed the Budget of 2017/18. It was noted that £175 set aside for a one-off tidy up of The Green, would actually be increased to approximately £300 as there was an expected VAT refund of £130 to be added to the budget. This still left reserves of £1,450 as shown on the budget statement attached to these minutes.

Website – it was noted that the website now included within the Parish Council section all the matters required under The Transparency Code. A volunteer was sought to take over as Web Master with the aim of increasing the amount of useful information held on the site for the benefit

and interest of Parishioners. (Subsequent to the Meeting, a suitably qualified member of the Parish volunteered their services).

Previously local residents had complained that the trees on The Green were becoming dangerous and professional advice had been taken. The trees had a beetle which would cause them to rot and currently branches were falling off. Three quotes had been received and it was decided to arrange for swift removal to avoid accidents. The cheapest quote was approved.

A member of the public advised that when she walked her dogs on local footpaths dog excrement was not being cleared up. It was agreed to place a note in the village magazine and it was suggested some laminated notes be attached informally to the footpath signs.

A request for a Parish Clerk was made and there is possible interest.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 4 October 2017 at 7.30 pm