

Minutes of Winston Parish Council Annual Meeting
Held on 9 May 2018 at 7.30 pm
in Winston Schoolroom

Present: Phil Tempest - Chair, Roger Guthrie - Finance
Lizzie Taurozevicius - Clerk
Clinton Summers

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

1. Apologies were received from Will Haag and Lucy McKenzie.
2. Minutes for the Parish Meeting held on 24 January 2018 were approved.
3. The trees on the green have been felled and their suckers removed. Phil thanked Matthew Hicks for obtaining funding to cover half of the cost.
The Litter Pick produced 15 bags of rubbish on the day, in addition to 6 bags previously collected by Ben Gummer and neighbours. Phil thanked everyone who had taken part.
The new Notice Board has been ordered and the old one is to be re-sited in Fenn Street layby. Phil thanked Kathie Guthrie for obtaining funding for us which will help towards the cost.
4. The Minutes for the Annual Parish Meeting held on 10 May 2017 were approved.
5. At that meeting speeding in Fenn Street had been discussed and it was reluctantly agreed that a solution could not be found. Matthew now explained that, as residents had repeatedly rejected the suggestion of white lines on the road, to reduce width and so slow down the traffic, this solution would not now happen. The posts of Webmaster and Parish Clerk have both been filled. Phil thanked Paul and Lizzie, respectively, for taking them on.
The request for an item to go into Together magazine reminding dog owners to pick up dog poo had been overlooked but will be re-scheduled for the next edition.
6. Matthew read his Annual Report. Highlights included: improvements in Exam results; the Budget although reduced still needs to be lower; there is a scheme for free Boiler upgrades; pot holes can be reported to Highways department online and that SCC have borrowed £21 million to re-surface 1,000 miles of the county over the next few years.
7. Kathie read her Annual Report. She told us that Mid Suffolk have a copy of their Annual Report on line. The old Council offices are scheduled to be turned into housing now that the move to Endeavour House has happened. The merger between Mid Suffolk and Babergh has been put on hold but areas that have already combined will remain that way.
8. Roger presented the Annual Accounts. During 2017/18 we received two grants which meant we had a surplus at the end of the year however it is expected that this will be taken up by costs anticipated for the year 2018/19. For 2018/19 the Precept and Wayleaves amounts to £625. We will continue to aim for 9 months income and a legal contingency in reserve throughout the year.
9. The detailed accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018 and revised Budget for 2018/19 were approved. Roger then explained about new regulations which mean our accounts must be available to view by the community, both online and on our noticeboard.

- 9.1. He read out the Annual Governance Statement and asked for the meeting to accept it. Acceptance was proposed by Ben Gummer and seconded by Sandra Baker.
- 9.2. Roger then asked the meeting to approve the Accounting Statements. Acceptance was proposed by Shirley Cook and seconded by Karen Tempest.
10. The Chairman formally stood down. He was then proposed for re-election by Roger Guthrie and this was seconded by Clinton Summers.
11. An email had been received by a resident, concerned about speeding vehicles going through Winston Green. However, after contacting the company concerned, she was happy to report that the problem appeared to have been addressed by them. It was suggested that the layby at Fenn Street might be tidied up, especially if it is to have the old noticeboard sited there.
Phil was pleased to be able to report that confirmation had finally been received that The Green has been registered with Suffolk County Council as Common Land.
12. Date of next meeting Wednesday 17 October 2018 in Winston School Room at 7.30 pm