

**Minutes of Winston Parish Council Annual Meeting
Held on 15 May 2019 at 7.30 pm in Winston Schoolroom**

Present: Will Haag - Chair,
Lizzie Taurozevicius
Tina Denny
Lucy McKenzie
Roger Guthrie - Clerk

Also attending: Kathie Guthrie - District Councillor and three Members of Winston Parish

1. Will Haag was appointed Chairman for the year 2019/20.
2. Roger Guthrie was appointed Clerk
3. Apologies had been received from Julie Nightingale and Phil and Karen Tempest.
4. The Chairman welcomed Tina Denny, Lizzie Taurozevicius and Julie Nightingale as new members of the Council. Phil Tempest was thanked for his time as Chairman vigorously looking after the interests of the Parish and Clinton Summers for over 35 years' service on the Council.
5. No members declared any financial or other interests in the business of the Council.
6. Minutes for the Parish Council Meeting held on 10 January 2019 were approved.
7. Under matters arising it was noted that there had been no recurrence of hair coursing and that the brambles alongside the Green has been cleared at a cost of £200 as agreed. It was noted that there appeared to have been no progress in putting a No Through Road sign along the Church land and it was agreed to raise this with Mathew Hicks.
8. Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 9 May 2018 were approved and there were no matters arising.
9. Matthew Hicks, Suffolk County Council was unable to attend the meeting but it was noted that his report had been filed on the Village Website.
10. Kathie Guthrie, Mid Suffolk District Councillor presented her report as filed on the Village Website.
11. The Clerk presented The Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements for 2018/19 to the meeting and reported that the Internal Audit had been completed without qualification. It was agreed to approve these statements and the Chairman and Clerk were authorised to sign them on behalf of the Council.
12. The Accounts for 2018/19 and budget for 2019/20 were reviewed along with a request from the Parochial Church Council to contribute to the use of the School Room (£10 per meeting and £20 for events) with a one-off request for a retrospective donation of £60 for the previous two years. The Council has historically contributed £100 per annum to the PCC towards upkeep of the Churchyard but the Clerk had received legal advice that it was debatable whether Parish Councils had the power to contribute towards the upkeep of 'Open' Churchyards. In this circumstance it was agreed that it would be more appropriate to support the School Room as a valuable asset for the Community. The payment of £10 per meeting was agreed and although a retrospective donation could not be made for previous years which could not be reopened, the Council would look favourably on a request for a donation of £60 towards the upkeep of the Schoolroom in the current year funded from the budget allocation of £100. It was also agreed to a further tidy up the hedge along the Green later in the year.
13. The Clerk reported that the Village litter pick had to be postponed by one day due to bad weather. Despite the resulting lower attendance than usual most of the Parish verges were cleared but it was agreed that in future the litter pick should be held earlier before the verges has grown so much grass.
14. The meeting discussed other possible activities to involve the Community and it was agreed that members would consider organising some form of entertainment for the children of the Village later in the year - all to consider.
15. It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange for some of the new members of the Council to be added as bank signatories in place of retired members.
16. The next meeting was agreed Wednesday 16 October at 7.30 in The Schoolroom.