

**Minutes of Winston Parish Council Annual Meeting
Held on 7 October 2020 at 7.30 pm in the Winston Schoolroom**

Present: Will Haag – Chair, Lizzie Taurozevicius, Tina Denny, Julie Nightingale, Councillors
Roger Guthrie – Clerk,

1. Covid risk assessment - The Clerk reported that no members of the public had given advance notice that they wished to attend and that the protocols set out in the pre circulated risk assessment were being followed.
2. Apologies had been received from Lucy McKenzie, Matthew Hicks and Kathie Guthrie.
3. Declarations of interest - None
4. The minutes of the meetings of 15 January and 25 June were approved.
5. Matters arising:
 - It was noted that dog fouling notices had been placed on the Village Green and near the church.
 - It was reported that concern had been raised about speeding on the approaches to Winston Green with a request that the speed restriction area should be extended towards Pettaugh. This request has been referred to the County Council and while the Parish Council supported this request it was noted that considerable time had previously been spent trying to reduce existing speed limits without success.
6. Matthew Hicks, Suffolk County Council had agreed not to attend in person in view of Covid restrictions. His reports of September and October were discussed and would be placed on the village website as usual.
7. Kathie Guthrie, Mid Suffolk District Councillor had agreed not to attend in person in view of Covid restrictions. Her report was discussed and will be placed on the village website. Attention was drawn to the proposed changes to the planning system and those wishing to comment are encouraged to do so using the link set out in her report.
8. The Clerk presented the Financial summary as posted on the PC website and as attached to these minutes. Income and expenditure for the full year 2020/21 was anticipated to be broadly in line with budget.
9. Village Green Maintenance and footpaths – The Green had been cut and clearance work would commence shortly on the hedging along the edge of the Green. It was noted that the current footpath and sign alongside the road were obscured and that clearance would concentrate on that area. Concerning footpaths generally the Chairman encouraged Councillors to report any access restrictions to footpaths in the Parish to the County Council Highways portal. Any such concerns would be followed up by the Rights of Way officer who had powers to require landowners to keep footpaths clear over their land with the County Council itself responsible for maintaining adequate signage.
10. Any other business
 - A current planning application on Debenham Road was discussed and it was agreed that the Council had no objection and the Clerk agreed to update the planning portal accordingly.
 - It was noted that a VE day commemoration tree had been planted in the churchyard. Kathie Guthrie had agreed to use her locality budget to fund a plaque for the tree and the following wording (or similar) was agreed 'Commemorating VE Day Anniversary, planted June 2020'. A photograph of the planting would be uploaded on to the village website.

11. The next meeting would be arranged for early in 2021 but precise date and format, in person or online, to be reviewed nearer the time.