

**Minutes of Winston Parish Council Annual Meeting
Held on 20 January 2021 at 7.30 pm by Zoom**

Present: Will Haag – Chair, Lizzie Taurozevicius, Tina Denny, Julie Nightingale,
Councillor Matthew Hicks
Members of Winston Parish
Roger Guthrie – Clerk,

1. Apologies had been received from Lucy McKenzie and Kathie Guthrie.
2. Declarations of interest - None
3. The minutes of the meetings of 7 October 2020 were approved.
4. Matters arising – covered under agenda items below.
5. Matthew Hicks, Suffolk County Councillor attended and gave an update on the following;
 - Covid Vaccinations – Suffolk confident of meeting Government targets and all over 80's should have been contacted by 22 January.
 - Covid funding is available to help those in financial difficulty.
 - A number plate recognition system linked to speed monitors to be available on a rotation basis to villages in Suffolk. Any speeding vehicles to be identified and Police will follow up.

For further details and other information please see the County Councillor's January update posted on the village website.

In response to a query about the damage to the road in Fenn Street following the A1120 diversion, Matthew Hicks requested more details so he could follow up with Anglian Water who were responsible for the disruption. Will Haag also agreed to chase up Anglian Water to remove their signs.

6. Kathie Guthrie, Mid Suffolk District Councillor's report was discussed and will be placed on the village website. Clarification to be sought about the potential significance of the ACV application for the Angel Public House in Debenham.
7. The Village Green was discussed and it was noted that the footpath had been cleared of vegetation and was now clear for walkers. Concern was raised about the maintenance of the Green generally and the scrapes in particular. The Council's funding is limited and it was agreed that the clerk would contact Suffolk Wildlife Trust for advice and possible availability of grant funding. It was also agreed to clear the old gas cylinder from the verge near the footpath if it was still there.
8. The Clerk presented the financial summary and draft budget as posted on the PC website and as attached to these minutes. Expenditure for the full year 2020/21 was higher than the original budget due to the extra cost of clearing the footpath on the green. It was agreed that the Council should offer a modest contribution to the PCC for the Schoolroom.
9. The draft budget for 2021/22 was reviewed. The cost budgeted for the Green was uncertain but it was likely that we would have a small deficit based on the current precept of £650. This was accepted as we would still meet the Council's previously agreed reserves target. It was agreed to maintain the precept for 2021/22 at £650.
10. Any other business (meeting continued by email following end of Zoom call)
The Clerk reported that Kathie Guthrie had used part of her locality budget to fund a plaque commemorating VE day for placing next to the memorial tree that had been planted in the Churchyard on VE Day 2020.

The next meeting would be arranged for May 2021 but the precise date and format to be reviewed nearer the time pending the Covid situation.

