

**Minutes of Winston Parish Council Meeting**  
**Held on 6 October 2021 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Will Haag– Chair, Lizzie Taurozevicius, Julie Nightingale (Parish Councillors), Roger Guthrie (Clerk), Kathie Guthrie (District Councillor) and four members of the Parish.

- Apologies had been received from Lucy McKenzie (Parish Councillor), Tina Denny (Parish Councillor) and Matthew Hicks (County Councillor).
- Declarations of interest - None
- The minutes of the meetings of 26 May 2021 were approved.
- Matters arising –The Clerk agreed to obtain a progress report on the introduction of number plate recognition speed cameras.
- Matthew Hicks, Suffolk County Councillor had sent his apologies. His September report was presented to the meeting and its contents noted. The report has been placed on the Parish website. The traffic conditions on Fenn Street were discussed and the Clerk read out a response from Matthew Hicks outlining the steps taken in previous years to address this issue. In summary there was no prospect of extending the 30 mph speed limit from Debenham and the suggested traffic calming measures using white lines to appear to narrow the road had been turned down by the residents of Fenn St when last looked at a few years ago. After discussion it was agreed to ask Matthew Hicks if funding might again be available for those traffic calming measures and if so it was agreed to recanvas current residents of Fenn St to see if their views had changed.
- Kathie Guthrie, Mid Suffolk District Councillor presented her September report and its contents noted. The report has been placed on the Parish website.
- The Parish finance report for 2020/21 was reviewed and both income and expenditure were in line with the budget for the year. A £17 donation for the Remembrance Day wreath was approved.
- Village Green – The Clerk drew attention to the allowance in the budget for the maintenance of the Green of £350. This was the maximum that could be allocated without an increase in the Parish precept and would be used to cut the green, tidy up round the hedge and treat the willow tree saplings growth shortly. It was acknowledged that Suffolk Wildlife Trust had reaffirmed their recommendation that Green should be cut twice each year and the cuttings collected but in practice the cost of this would be beyond our available funds. After discussion it was agreed to discuss with our contractor and with the Wildlife Trust representative the option of having different zones on the Green with different cutting schedules to see if a solution could be achieved to maximise the encouragement of flora and fauna. It had been reported that the edge of the Green had been used as an overflow car park by local residents. While it was appreciated that this might be satisfactory on an occasional basis it was agreed that the Clerk should write to local residents pointing out that this should only apply in exceptional circumstances as the Green was reserved for wildlife, walkers etc.
- Litter pick – It was agreed to organise a litter pick for early Spring 2022 with the date to be agreed at the next meeting.
- Other business:
- Concern had been expressed by Councillors and members of the Parish about the end of the bus service through Winston Green. The Clerk agreed to write to the County Council expressing the views of the Parish.
- It was reported that the repairs to Fenn St were starting to break up. Again, the Clerk agreed to write to the County Council
- It was proposed that the Council should support an event to celebrate the Queen’s Jubilee in 2022 and it was suggested that this could be combined with the annual Village Fete. Agreed to be discussed further at the next meeting after consultation with the fete organisers.
- The following events organised by the Church to be published on Village website – 17 October Pet Service in church at 3.30 with refreshments; Annual Quiz evening 11 November at 7.00 in the Schoolroom; Early Bird Christmas Market on 20<sup>th</sup> November from 11.00 to 3.00; Remembrance Day service 14<sup>th</sup> November and Carol Service at 6.30 on Christmas Eve. Full details to be included in Parish Magazine.

- The next meeting was arranged for 12 January 2022 at 7.30 in The School Room.