

**Minutes of Winston Annual Parish Meeting
Held on 26 May 2021 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Will Haag – Chair, Lizzie Taurozevicius, Tina Denny, Julie Nightingale
(Parish Councillors)

1. Apologies had been received from Lucy McKenzie (Parish Councillor), Matthew Hicks (County Councillor), Kathie Guthrie (District Councillor), Roger Guthrie (Clerk), Phil and Karen Tempest (Parishioners).
2. Declarations of interest - None
3. The minutes of the meetings of 20 January 2021 were approved.
4. Matters arising – In response to a query about the numberplate recognition system raised at the last meeting, it was agreed to ask the Clerk to obtain a progress report from the District Council.
5. Matthew Hicks, Suffolk County Councillor had sent his apologies. His annual report for 2020/21 was presented to the meeting and its contents noted. The report has been placed on the Parish website.
6. Kathie Guthrie, Mid Suffolk District Councillor had sent her apologies. Her annual report for 2020/21 was presented to the meeting and its contents noted. Her thanks to the Covid volunteers was noted and the report has been placed on the Parish website.
7. The Parish finance report for 2020/21 was reviewed and the surplus of £1.59 and year end reserves of £1,844.98 noted. The updated budget for 2021/22 was discussed showing a budgeted surplus of £2.00 for the current year. The updated budget was approved and the £70 donation towards the School Room refurbishment was agreed.
8. The Annual Governance and Accounting Statements for 2020/21 were approved and to be posted on the Village notice Board and website.
9. Village Green – The chair reported that the Clerk had been in touch with the representative of Suffolk Wildlife Trust who had originally prepared a report on the maintenance of the Green. A follow up visit is to be confirmed once Covid restrictions have been lifted. However, her verbal advice was that the green should be cut and the cuttings collected preferably twice each year. In practice the cost of this would be beyond our available funds so some compromise would be needed. In the meantime, the chair agreed to contact Joe Westrup to agree a work plan for this year which would include trimming the new growth on the willows and cutting the green later in the summer to avoid disturbing any nesting birds.
10. Litter pick – a decision on a future litter pick was deferred.
11. There was no other business raised.
12. The next meeting was arranged for 6 October at 7.30 in The School Room.