

Minutes of a Winston Parish Council Meeting

Monday 13th November 2023 at 7.30pm

Present:

Will Haag (chair), Tina Denny, Lucy Mackenzie, Lizzie Taurozevicius - Parish Councillors, Teresa Davis - District Councillor, Matthew Hicks - County Councillor, Leonora Faggionato - Clerk and seven members of the parish.

1. Apologies: Julie Nightingale
2. Approval of Minutes from 17th May 2023
3. Matters arising - none
4. Declarations of interest - none
5. Matthew Hicks report -
750 houses flooded. Report on the SCC reporting tool (can call as well).
Rest of report attached.

Question from Chairman re the Norwich to Tilbury line - SCC has done an independent report. No urgency as offshore farms have not been picked up. Argument that offshore is not more expensive given the impact onshore has on the landscape and community. Every council and MP has come out against the onshore wind farms.

Question from Kathie Guthrie -
Dangerous tree at Otley Bottom

Winwhistle and Sunny View - fence erected that may have interfered with the County Council's verge. MH will have a look.

Fence gone up at Branch's house. Should be under the same rules as the Mackenzie's. MH asked for an email.

Paul McKenzie - 40mph sign is overgrown in Fenn St. Clerk to ask the landowner to trim the hedge.

6. Teresa Davis report -
Call mid-Suffolk if you have any further collections to be taken from flooded houses.
Public Forum re the flood - date TBC
Rest of report attached.

Question from Kathie Guthrie -

Stonham Barnes - what is happening re the bund and the new sheds. Teresa confirmed there is an act of enforcement but Kathie stressed people are living there permanently and using local amenities like the doctors. Requested an update.

7. Finance report

Need justification for the £70 donation for the schoolroom - Clerk to follow up. £30 for room hire.

8. Village Green Maintenance

Chairman - hedge cutting tricky given how wet it is. Could clear the willows/possibly poison them. Chairman will speak to Will Westrup to see what he recommends. Ask for options to poison or dig them out at roots when dry.

Council agreed the mowing went well this year so to repeat next year.

9. Resignation of Tina Denny. Chairman thanked her for her service. We can run with the number we have but will advertise for another councillor.

10. AOB - retrospective planning application for Roger's Farm and replacement of a chimney stack with two metal flues. Council will look and make a parish representation on the application.

Early bird Christmas Market 18th Nov, 12-3pm

Carol Service, Christmas Eve 6.30pm (no service on Christmas Day).

11. Date of next meeting. Roger will do a draft budget before he goes away and then hold the meeting on 9th January.