

WINKLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 26th March 2014, 7.30pm in the Community Centre

Present: Cllrs Flockhart (Chairman), Mondy, Knight, Hodgson, Stutt & Griffiths
District Cllr. Lausen

Apologies: Cllrs Gledhill, Sansom, Turner, Ware & Bowers

1.3.14 The minutes of the meeting held on. 26th February 2014 were confirmed and signed as a correct record

2.3.14 Declaration of Interest in matters to follow: NONE

Public Period

3.3.14 **PLANNING**

A) Returned from TDC

a) **HR/0073/HEDGE**: Removal of 200 metres of hedgerow, Hedge near Broomclose Copse, Bondleigh, Okehampton: **REFUSED**

b) **1/0854/2013/FUL**: Single storey extension to the front elevation (affecting the setting of a Listed Building), The Mount, High Street, Winkleigh : **REFUSED**

c) **1/0967/2013/FUL**: Siting of a wind turbine measuring 50m to hub, 27m rotor radius and approx 77m to blade tip with ancillary equipment, Bryony Hill Farm: **REFUSED**

d) **1/0717/2013/FUL**: Temporary change of use of land for the siting of a caravan for agricultural workers accommodation (utilising existing caravan on site), Worthy Farm, Dolton, Winkleigh : **REFUSED** : Cllrs discussed the need to involve TDC Enforcement department as this application was submitted as a result of an ongoing enforcement issue. The Clerk advised that she had contacted TDC to query the next step in addressing this issue and advised of communications from TDC informing the PC. It was agreed that the PC need to monitor.

B) New Applications

a) **1/0078/2014/FUL**: Erection of a single wind turbine with maximum blade tip height of 77m , formation of new vehicular access track and associated infrastructure, Land at Hawksdown, Dowland, Winkleigh : Cllrs had received a number of documents associated with this application including a site visit report & minutes and PC rep report from the Public Meeting called by Dowland Parish Committee. District Cllr Lausen advised the Parish Council that this application had been “called in” by Dist Cllr Watson for Plans Committee determination prior to any Officer recommendation being made. The Chairman read out a draft response for consideration. Following debate **Cllr Hodgson proposed that the application be refused – 2nd Chairman : AIF: MOTION CARRIED. The Chairman further proposed that the draft grounds for refusal be adopted by the PC and submitted along with a copy of the map indicating all turbines in the planning process to TDC as the formal response of Winkleigh Parish Council- 2nd Cllr Knight : AIF: REFUSED**

The Chairman agreed to stand as the PC rep to support the formal response of the Parish Council at the Plans Committee meeting.

b) 1/0146/2014/LBC: Rear extension, internal alterations and new thatch to rear elevation, Dartmoor View, Queen Street, Winkleigh: Cllr Hodgson proposed that this application be approved – 2nd Cllr Knight: Voting: 5 for, 0 against, 1 abstention : MOTION CARRIED : **APPROVED**

c) 1/0157/2014/CPE: Use of agricultural building for farm machinery and plant maintenance and dealership (including some mixed use with agriculture), Great Punchardon Farm, Winkleigh: The Chairman proposed to respond that Winkleigh Parish Council have no knowledge of the details of the business carried out at this site and therefore cannot comment on the accuracy of the statements as presented- 2nd Cllr Mondy: AIF: MOTION CARRIED

d) 1/0140/2014/FUL: Dismantle the existing garage and replace with a new garage forming new access and sight lines. Formation of new porch onto south elevation of the house, Stars Barns Cottage, Chulmleigh Road, Winkleigh. The Chairman proposed to APPROVE the application subject to safeguarding elements of archaeological importance – 2nd Cllr Knight: AIF: MOTION CARRIED: **APPROVED**

e) 1/0141/2014/REM: Second supervisory dwelling – affecting a public right of way, Heath Farm, Winkleigh : The Chairman proposed approval of the application and that the Parish Council would request that TDC pay regard to ensure continued access to the public right of way – 2nd Cllr Stutt: AIF: MOTION CARRIED. **APPROVED**

f) 1/0205/2014/CPE: Use of Bransgrove Bungalow in breach of Agricultural occupancy condition ref 1/0752/93/61/0010 condition 1 Bransgrove Bungalow, Wembworthy, Chulmeleigh : The Chairman proposed that having no knowledge of the personal situation of the residents of the bungalow Winkleigh Parish Council cannot comment on the accuracy of the statements as presented.- 2nd Cllr Griffiths: AIF: MOTION CARRIED.

The Chairman proposed that a letter regarding agricultural occupancy dwellings be sent to Kate Little at TDC – 2nd Cllr Mondy: AIF: MOTION CARRIED

g) 1/0190/2014/FUL: Proposed roof over an exiting slurry store, Smythen Farm, Hollocombe, Chulmleigh: Cllr Griffiths proposed approval –2nd Cllr Mondy: AIF: MOTION CARRIED: **APPROVED**

c) Notification of Appeal

a) APP/W1145/A/14/2214873: Siting of a wind turbine measuring 50m to hub, 27m rotor radius and approx 77m to blade tip with ancillary equipment, Bryony Hill wind turbine application
1/0967/2013/FUL: To consider a response to appeal against TDC's refusal of application

Cllrs were advised that their original response to this application would be lodged with the Planning Inspector for information. Following discussions The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council write to the Planning Inspectorate supporting TDC's decision to refuse and urge the Planning Inspector to consider the fact that 8 weeks is not enough time to address applications of this size, that the workload represented by over 100 turbine applications is unreasonable for a small District Council with limited resources to address within such a strict time limit. Additionally inadequate information from the Developer resulted in the necessity to further investigate many issues and that community engagement was essential for the Parish Council, the wider community and those affected by the proposal. Winkleigh Parish Council believe that the complexities of many wind turbine applications is effectively making them Major Planning Applications and should have extended decision times to accommodate.- 2nd Cllr Stutt: AIF: MOTION CARRIED.

4.3.14. District Councillor reports to and from TDC

District Cllr Lausen had already issued a written report distributed to Cllrs and copies were in the public file.

5.3.14 FINANCE

a) Receipts & Payments

The following were received since the last meeting:

A.Ware (Cemetery maintenance)	£ 185.00	S/O
EDF (Electricity to Winkleigh Square)	£ 8.00	D/D
W.Carne (Burial fees Mr E.Collins)	£ 380.00	100330
W.Carne (Burial fees Mr J Turner)	£ 330.00	100331

The Chairman proposed that the following payments be authorised:

Winkleigh Community Assets Trust (Community Centre hire)	£ 19.25	001558
Viking (Stationery)	£ 99.54	001559
DALC (1 x Local Council Explained reference book)	£ 54.99	001560
N.Bullen (Salary + reimbursements March 2014)	£632.48	001561

- 2nd Cllr Mondy : AIF: MOTION CARRIED

Cllrs were advised that the Non-domestic rates bill for the Cemetery grounds for 2014/15 had been issued.

The Clerk advised Cllrs that the Annual Audit of Accounts for 2013/14 had been called for 2nd June 2014.

6.3.14. Matters moved from last meeting

a) Health Care Provision in Winkleigh

Cllr Sansom was not in attendance but had issued a draft letter for consideration. Following discussions, amendment and review of the draft Cllr Knight proposed that the letter be authorised by Winkleigh Parish Council and sent to Wallingbrook Health centre – 2nd Chairman : AIF: MOTION CARRIED.

7.3.14 CURRENT BUSINESS MATTERS

a) Clerks Reports and discussions

The Chairman authorised the formal entry into the Burial Register for the late Mr E. Collins (11/3/14) and the late Mr J.Turner (22/3/14).

Cllrs discussed the current Clerks report and requested the Clerk chase items 5 & 6

The Clerk informed Cllrs that Cllr Gledhill had requested an insurance quotation for 2014/15 from Zurich to compare with the PC's current insurers renewal premium in April/May 2014.

b) TAP Fund

Cllrs were given an update on the progress of the TAP fund project to provide a defibrillator for the community. Following discussions The Chairman proposed that the PC proceed with the order for one defibrillator and pay the excess over grant funding of £42 from reserves – 2nd Cllr Knight: AIF: MOTION CARRIED

c) Local Plan part 3 – Chapter for Winkleigh

The Chairman addressed the Council and discussed TDC's re-issued draft chapter for Winkleigh (including Housing allocation , dividing of site into two development sites, Development Boundary etc) following TDC's Local Plan Working group meeting in February , where WPC's submission/comments were reviewed. Cllrs had previously been issued with copies of e-mail communications from Paul Green and David Lausen. Cllrs discussed at length. Amendments to the development boundary and the inclusion of WIN02 & WIN03 were highlighted as concern alongside the full allocation of 10% increase in dwellings rather than the 5% agreed by Winkleigh PC. The Chairman proposed that Winkleigh Parish Council write to TDC Paul Green (Local Plan) stating :

- a) that the proposed 2 part development be divided in such a way as to facilitate safe , practical access to the site in a location as close to the Sports Centre as possible as per the Parish Council's original submission
 - b) the Parish Council request a concise definition of "Robust Justification" that would have allowed 5% growth
 - c) the Parish Council would like to make a representation via the appropriate channels to re-state the original submission
- 2nd Cllr Hodgson : AIF: MOTION CARRIED

d) Local Plan part 3 – Airfield SDB

Cllrs discussed the PC's submission of 11th March 2014 to TDC regards Airfield SDB and the fact that that there had been no formal response. [The Chairman proposed that the PC write and request a response and ask for a date to arrange a meeting – 2nd Cllr Mondy : AIF: MOTION CARRIED.](#) Cllrs discussed the newly issued (final) draft document and stated that it indicates more flexibility for development on the Airfield although clarification may be required. The Clerk was instructed to request a copy of the map to accompany the final draft.

e) Housing Needs Survey (HNS)

Cllr Mondy gave an update on the HNS for Winkleigh Parish through the Community Council of Devon (CCD) and had issued a written report to all Cllrs. Cllrs were advised that Cllr Mondy is liaising with the DW team regards distribution of the survey. Cllrs were informed that there may be a need for some volunteers to deliver some of the surveys not covered by the DW team and also discussed postage of approximately 50 surveys. Following discussions [The Chairman proposed authorisation for the purchase of 100 2nd class stamps for the surveys – 2nd Cllr Knight : AIF: MOTION CARRIED.](#) [The Chairman further proposed that Cllr Mondy would provide an article for DW to promote the survey – 2nd Cllr Knight: AIF: MOTION CARRIED.](#)

f) North Devon Records Office

Cllrs agreed a response to the consultation request from the North Devon Records Office with regard to the formation of a South West Heritage Trust giving support to records being held locally at Barnstaple. It was agreed the Parish Clerk would complete and submit the PC response via the on-line link.

g) TDC Planning

The Clerk advised of response from TDC in connection with extensions to response deadlines in light of the issue where an application was passed prior to the extension date agreed for Winkleigh PC. Cllrs were advised that TDC do not have a Solicitor until April 2014.

h) Grit Bin provision

Cllr Griffiths gave an update on the implications of moving/purchasing grit bins in light of communications from DCC and previous Parish Council discussions. Following discussions [The Chairman proposed that the grit bin on the junction of the bypass be relocated to Elms Meadow and the order for the two additional grit bins held up due to the situation with the relocation now be progressed – 2nd Cllr Griffiths : voting 5 for, 1 against, 0 abstentions : MOTION CARRIED](#)

8.3.14. NEW BUSINESS

a) Winkleigh Parish Council Committees & Terms of reference

The Chairman had put forward a number of documents for consideration. Cllrs discussed and it was agreed that with only 6 of the 11 Parish Councillors being present further discussion at the next meeting was necessary. Cllrs agreed that there was need for clarity regards the role and responsibility of each group and the method by which they inform other groups and the Parish Council as a body.

9.3.14 REPORTS

The Chairman had issued an update reporting on the progress of the CLP Group .

10.3.14. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

To consider any consultation documents issued that Cllrs have not taken forward as agenda items

None

11.3.14. Letters from Parishioners

The Chairman reported that she had been approached by a resident enquiring if it would be possible to donate a seat for the Village to the Parish Council. Chairman to further investigate enquiry with the parishioner concerned.

PUBLIC PERIOD II

12.3.14 LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

There were a number of magazines and periodicals for Cllrs to examine

There being no further matters to discuss the meeting was declared closed at 10.07pm