

Winkleigh Parish Council

DRAFT: Minutes of the Parish Council ordinary meeting held on Wednesday 04th May 2022 at 7.30pm in Winkleigh Community Centre

Cllrs Present: Maddocks, Goldsworthy, Jacobs, Phillips, Goldsworthy, Hodgson, Naylor, Findlay

The Chair informed the room that an audio recording was in progress to aid with the minutes and would be deleted once draft minutes were issued.

A) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public raised considerable concerns about the amount of dog mess in the village, asked what could be done. The Clerk committed to asking TDC for official signage, and for bins as soon as possible. A member of the public commented that haulage lorries are going through the village, asked if we could talk to the contractors and see if they can advise their drivers not to do it. Member of the public asked on behalf of another whether the council could support Cllr Newton on houses in the area that are in a state of dereliction, and do more to move it along - Cllr Newton stated just how difficult it is to do anything with other people's property, but that any help would be appreciated. Cllr Jacobs committed to finding more out about the situation, especially on the two relevant properties on Eggesford Rd.

B) County Councillor Saywell

Apologies were received by Cllr Saywell that no report was given as he was on holiday.

C) District Councillor Newton

Cllr Newton reported that some of the recently absorbed leisure centres are open, with the rest to follow soon. Asked the Parish to remember the Exceptional Hardship Fund has been extended as it has been extended. Ongoing work with housing policy which covers everything to do with encouraging local councils on routes to get affordable housing going.

1.5.22: Welcome (Chair)

The Chair welcomed all present and formally opened the meeting.

2.5.22: Apologies for Absence to be received and considered for approval (Chair)

Apologies were received by Cllrs; Turner, Bayley.

3.5.22: Declaration of Interests (Chair)

Cllr Goldsworthy advised us that he is now a trustee of Winkleigh War Memorial Recreational Field Fund/Sports Centre, also wanted it noted that Alison Holmes is giving the WFC two thousand pounds from a pre-arranged fund and that as he is a treasurer he wished to register a potential conflict of interest – he also requested it be minuted that he knew

nothing about it in the lead up. He subsequently spoke to the monitoring officer, who confirmed that this was not an illegal action. Cllr Phillips also registered interest in any development in Turners Field in the event that Lovel are involved.

4.5.22: Minutes of Previous meetings (Chair) [Draft minutes can be found on the website]

Cllr Hodgson proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate account, seconded by Cllr Jacobs. Five in Favour, Two Abstentions. *RESOLVED RR001/22.*

5.5.22: Appointment of Internal Auditor

Cllr Jacobs proposed we accept Lee Accounting as Internal Auditor and any subsequent fees incurred, Cllr Phillips seconded. Six in Favour, One Abstention. *RESOLVED RR/002/22.*

6.5.22: South West Councils (Cllr Findlay)

Cllr Findlay committed to circulating information among the Council about South West Councils, and to ask if they will price match our current subscription to DALC.

7.5.22: Memorial stone repairs

Clerk committed to asking F.J. Stephens to quote us for any additional repairs on memorials in the cemetery damaged as a result of the laying down of headstones.

8.5.22: Emergency Plan

Cllr Goldsworthy proposed that all councillor looks at and digest the Household Emergency Plan, with the intention of creating a new document as part of the Annual Council Meeting review, seconded by Cllr Phillips. All in Favour. *RESOLVED RR003/22.*

9.5.22: Standing Orders (relevant info sent to Cllrs)

Cllr Findlay proposed we appoint Cllrs; Jacobs, Findlay, Phillips, and Naylor to working group a working group on Standing Orders, seconded Cllr Jacobs. All in Favour. *RESOLVED RR004/22*

10.5.22: Parish verges (Cllr Jacobs)

Cllr Jacobs reported that there has been a substantial increase in wildflowers on the verges in the parish since last year, and that things are going in the right direction by some serious way. He asked that the Council look into getting a budget to get planting seeds together. He noted that the Clerk was applying for a grant to this end.

11.5.22: Clarification over Red House noticeboard and “Tidy Group” (Cllr Maddocks & Clerk)

Discussion was had about the current Tidy Group and any potential for restarting it. Cllrs agreed it would be best to start it up again with Council representatives, with the details to be discussed at the Annual Council Meeting. Clarification was provided by Cllr Whitehead (by proxy) that repairs to the noticeboard were going ahead as planned.

Cllr Maddocks proposed the Council set up a Tidy Group, seconded Cllr Jacobs. All in favour. *RESOLVED RR005/22.*

12.5.22: Grants (Clerk)

The Clerk asked for all submissions to be handed in to him before the ACM.

13.5.22: Unity Bank (Relevant info sent to Cllrs)

The Clerk asked all Cllrs to read the relevant information sent to them, so that a decision could be made at the Annual Council Meeting.

14.5.22: Financial schedule (Clerk)

Cllr Findlay proposed that all scheduled payments be made, seconded Cllr Jacobs, All in favour. All in Favour. *RESOLVED RR006/22*

15.5.22: Cllrs Verbal reports not requiring discussion or resolution and future agenda items

Cllr Goldsworthy reported that the comments by the Planning Group on the Heckapen application was that it was simply the best application they had seen, and wished that all applications were as thoroughly prepared as that.

16.5.22: Confidential matters (PART II) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1 (2)

a) Resolution required to move the Council into Part II.

Cllr Goldsworthy proposed the Council moved into Part II, seconded Cllr Jacobs. All in Favour. *RESOLVED RR007/22*

b) Cllrs to discuss Confidential Staffing Matters, including delegated authority to council employment committee. (Chair) contains sensitive information under employment law.

c) Cllrs to consider for approval the contract and application submitted by the Locum Clerk for the role of Permanent Clerk, RFO, and Burial Clerk to Winkleigh Parish Council - contains sensitive information under employment law.

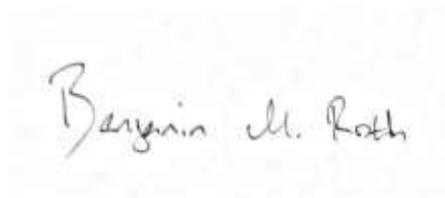
d) Chair to return the meeting to public session to hear resolutions

Cllr Phillips proposed that the Council approve a fifteen minute extension to the allotted two hours. All in Favour. *RESOLVED RR008/22.*

Cllr Jacobs proposed the Council make a confidential payment to Stephen Scown pursuant to document dated 04/05/22, seconded Cllr Maddocks. Five in Favour, One Abstention, One Against. *RESOLVED RR009/22.*

Cllr Jacobs proposed that the Council amend and resubmit the Clerk's contract to be agreed at the Annual Council Meeting, seconded Cllr Phillips. Five in Favour, One Abstention, One Against. *RESOLVED RR010/22.*

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21:41



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