

# WINTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting held in the Old School Hall Community Centre on the 15 DECEMBER 2009 at 7.00 pm

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PRESENT: Cllr L Cawsey (Chair/Mayor) Cllr F Fletcher, Deputy Mayor  
Cllr R Bridge, Cllr D Johnson Cllr K Powell  
Cllr M Harrison Cllr L Langton, Cllr P Smith  
Cllr L Hopkins Cllr F Marritt, Cllr A W Smith  
Cllr D Hawley, Cllr V Mumby Cllr Allan Smith (NL)

### Standing orders were suspended 7:00 pm

*This allowed councillors to look through planning applications.*

### Standing orders were resumed 7:30 pm.

- 175/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE RECEIVED FROM:**  
Cllr M Foster, Cllr Hotchin Cllr H Price, and Cllr B Regan
- 176/09 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE.** Cllr L Hopkins ref the Old School Hall. Cllr Fletcher and Cllr K Powell reference the accounts. Cllr Cawsey ref the Ark. Cllr Bridge, Cllr Langton and Cllr Johnson ref the Newport Drive P.F. Cllr F Marritt declared an interest with ref Kiegar Homes.
- 176/09 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 NOVEMBER 2009 AS A TRUE RECORD.**  
Page 1 Item 5. Should read "he felt the council should object." Also same item "base" to be replaced by "bottom".  
Resolved: The minutes were then approved as a true record.
- 177/09 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES**  
Cllr Johnson asked the fact that half the councillors present did not receive their minutes to be recorded. The Clerk apologised that this had happened – but did have copies of the minutes for those councillors who needed them.
- 178/09 TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.**
- 1 **Industrial Vacuum.** For the Park Keeper to remove glass from the Park.  
**Resolved:** The Town Council agreed to purchase this in the new year. Clerk to see if funding is available to cover the cost. (10 voted for – 2 voted against).
  - 2 **North Lincolnshire Cllr Len Foster has offered to attend the Winterton Town Council meeting in February.**  
**Resolved:** Contact Cllr Foster and ask him if he will attend in February 2010.
  - 3 **Humberside Police. Public Meeting** to be held Monday 11 January 2010 at Baysgarth House Museum. **Police Surgery to be held at 6.00 pm and public meeting is at 7.00 pm.**
  - 4 **Litter and Dog Bins Leaflet.** The Mayor had a request for 2 Dog Bins to be placed on De Lacy Way and Stovin Crescent. The Bin outside Stoppers Shop – was reported to be overflowing. **Action:** Clerk to investigate cost of a new dog bin for De Lacey Way and Stovin Crescent.
  - 5 **Freedom of Information.** This was discussed at length – several suggestions were made to charge £1 per copy plus clerk's time. The Clerk explained on progress that most councils were charging .20p or 10p plus clerks time and postage.

Resolved: The council agreed to charge £1 a copy plus the Clerk's time to search for any information, including postage. The FOI has to be posted on the website for the Clerk to pass the Cilca Qualification. The Web Author has asked for more support from the council and has asked if someone from the council could manage the council website? Cllr Hotchin is looking at this.

- 6 **Christmas Lighting.** The invoice for erecting the Xmas illuminations has been received. If any of the Xmas lighting is out – councillors are urged to report it to Pam Dudson, the Town Clerk.
- 7 **Newport Drive Playing Field.** (NDPF). Winterton Council are being consulted by the Winterton Playing Field Association (WPFA) (who lease the field off the Council) about a Sports Pavilion which they are looking at. The WPFA have had a design drawn up for the pavilion which the council were very impressed with. The Council agrees that it is a needed facility for the Town. It is hoped that new sports groups will start using the field – and the WPFA hope to put planning application in shortly for this building.

#### 8 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS for December 2009.**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Address and application</b>	<b>Decision</b>
PA/2009/1445	30 Top Road, Winterton. Extension.	No objection
PA/2009/1438	Sandhall Farm, Holmes Lane. To retain garage and stable accommodation.	Council objected as they didn't believe the accommodation was stables.
PA2009/1400	Land South of 11 West Street, Winterton.	No objection.
PA2009/1340	Detached dwelling with integral garage and access at plot 56 – 58 De Lacy Way.	No objection.
PA2009/1416	61 West Street, Winterton. To erect 4 dwellings.	The Council objected to this on the grounds that they had previously objected on .
PA2009/1415	61 West Street, Winterton. To demolish dwelling.	Bungalow of unique architectural interest and should not be demolished.

#### 179/09 **TO CONSIDER PROGRESS REPORTS**

- 1 **BIFFA SITE – ROXBY.** Winterton Residents have reported and complained to the Clerk and Councillors about bad smells, which they felt were from the BIFFA site at Roxby during November, than the past 2 months.
- 2 **CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.** Posters have been erected to advertise the Christmas Carol Service at 6.30 pm on Christmas Eve. The Police have agreed to block off the Market Place for 30 minutes during the service. The Barton Salvation Army Band has confirmed their attendance. The Mayor has agreed to bring the Hymn Sheets. The Rev A Nunn has been invited to lead the service and the Speakers have been arranged courtesy of Mr Hoefl.
- 3 **ALLOTMENTS.** As the council had started to split some of the allotments, there had been some confusion by some allotment holders as to how the allotments were going to be marked out. Cllr D Johnson confirmed that the allotments would be marked out by posts initially so that they were all of equal size. This will show 26 numbered allotments. Action: Cllr Johnson and Cllr Fletcher to look at this in the new year. *(Cllr K Powell declared an interest and took no part in discussion)*
- 4 **MAYORAL FUND RAISING - BRASS BAND AT THE RANGERS.** The Mayor Cllr Cawsey and Cllr Johnson, along with members of Rangers held a joint funding raising event at Rangers. The event made a loss and the Town Council has agreed that half the loss could be underwritten from the Council's Arts fund. Proposed by Cllr Harrison, 11 councillors voted for this, one was against, and Cllr Johnson and Cllr Cawsey abstained from voting. **Resolved:** The Council agreed to pay half of this

which amounted to £130 from the Arts Fund.

- 5 **CCTV** – The CCTV electric meters will be put in around the **23 Dec**, so things are moving very slowly. If the town council agree to have internet connection for the police and a company to monitor the CCTV the Council will have to put money aside for a Broadband connection. BRENT who supply CCTV will be connecting early January 2010. The tree in the Market Street near the CCTV has been trimmed back and should make clearer viewing for the CCTV unit.
- 6 ARK. The new windows will be fitted in the Ark towards end December 2009.
- 7 WEST STREET PARK. The “Sharps” protective gloves for the Park Keeper have been ordered. Cllr A W Smith asked that the Park Keeper sign for them because they are so expensive.
- 8 CEMETERY AND CHAPELS REFURBISHMENT. Godson the builders have started refurbishment inside the Chapels. It is anticipated the rebuild of the Arch will commence early January 2010. A claim has now been made from the LEADER FUND for £5,500 to pay towards the Stone for the Arch.
- 9 CHURCHFIELDS (Bonby Fancy) Winterton. The application to establish a right of way in this area has been submitted by North Lincolnshire Council and is with the Secretary of State at the moment. No further action will be taken by Winterton Town Council on this.
- 10 COUNCIL INSURANCE. The Clerk has made enquiries for quotes for the council insurance.
- 180/09 **WARD COUNCILLOR REPORTS.**

The tragic incident of a young girl who was allegedly knocked down on Earlsgate was briefly discussed. The Winterton Council had concerns about the lighting on this road for some time and the council has stated in the past that visibility on this road is very poor during the winter months.

(NL) Cllr A Smith said that Highways and the Police did not have all the evidence and that perhaps the council should wait to see what the circumstances were before commenting further. However, the Councillor’s thoughts were with the family of the young girl and they hoped that she would recover soon. Cllr Cawsey said she may hold a meeting with the Highways about Earlsgate.

The Mayor Cllr Cawsey said she wished to point out that the article in the telegraph about extremist groups in Winterton was not correctly reported and that North Lincolnshire Council Press Office was dealing with the issue.

181/09 **POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE “PRECEPT” MEETING - minutes for approval and recommendations made.**

The committee had made two recommendations to the full council. One of the recommendations was to precept £110,000.00 and another was for £125,000.00. The first one was by removing £15,000.00 from the proposed Marmion Drive Budget. The Council had also set aside another £30,000.00 which is to be used for the establishment of a Sports Pavilion on Newport Drive Sports Field. Some councillors felt in this current economic climate that even £110,000 was too much – but they could not see how it could be brought down without reducing the Park and Sports Budget.

Some councillors felt that if Marmion Drive was given a grant and the council needed money to support that scheme – then they would have to borrow the money from the Newport Drive fund – or from elsewhere. It is not thought that the whole of the Newport Drive Project could be completed in a year, so there was an option to borrow money from that account. Cllr A W Smith – said he felt the Newport Drive account should be ring fenced. It was also agreed that the council would try and obtain more funding for projects this year which would help subsidise some of the things the council hoped to do.

**North Street Verges.** Cllr Fletcher said she would like to see the verges cut on the North Street entrance to the Town. A quote was obtained for 14 cuts, and as this would have to go in the precept if agreed the council voted on this. Cllr Fletcher proposed the council agree to cut these

verges. Five councillors voted for 2 voted against and 4 abstained.

**Industrial Vacuum to clean up glass in the park.** The council did agree to purchase an industrial vacuum to lift all the small pieces of glass from the grass in the park – to increase the safety aspect for children playing in there. However, it was agreed that the council should try and get funding towards the cost of this equipment – which is around £1300. Five councillors voted for the vacuum, 2 were against, 4 abstained.

For a full copy of the minutes – please contact the clerk or see the Appendix at the back of these minutes. (See Appendix I).

RESOLVED: It was agreed to ask for £112,000.00 (One hundred and twelve thousand pounds) for the precept for this forthcoming year. Cllr Cawsey and Cllr Hawley both abstained from voting.

**182/09 TO CONSIDER ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT FOR DECEMBER 2009.**

Accounts for DECEMBER were considered for payment by the council.  
Cllr K Powell and Cllr Fran Fletcher declared an interest and did not vote.  
**Resolved:** Accounts were approved for payment see (Appendix I).

**183/09 TO CONSIDER PROGRESS FROM THE OLD SCHOOL HALL.** There was no progress at present on this.  
**184/09 TO CONSIDER NAT MEETINGS AND POLICING ISSUES.**

Cllr Johnson gave a progress report from the Neighbourhood Action Meeting. He stated the Winterton Park Keeper attended along with the Winterton Town Clerk because of the problems that occur in the West Street Park. He said the West Street Park was a priority with the police at present, and had been a priority for over 3 months. The Neighbourhood police patrol were talking with the youths and were starting to build up a relationship with them. The Police felt the Youth Club on Chapel Lane should be open on a Friday night. The hard work done by the Group at the Ark was mentioned, but it was felt the Ark needed refurbishing inside and that if a bigger venue was used more kids could be targeted.

The Lions in Winterton are supporting a “grass track” project being considered by PC Bartlett and Joy Buckley. More information will be available on this in the new year. The next meeting is on the 4 February at 7 pm in Winterton. Venue to be confirmed.

Cllr Pat Smith asked if lighting could be put down the snicket from the School off Wesley Close as it was particularly dark in this area at night. It was thought that this could be looked at but that it depended whether it was school property or not.

**185/09 TO CONSIDER HIRING SPEED CAMERAS.** It was agreed it was a good idea but that it cost £250 a month to hire with a minimum of three months hire agreement. This scheme is to be put on the Winterton Council's five year plan. The Council did not feel they could add any more to the Precept this year, but it was agreed that the NAT group should request them via North Lincs Council.

**186/09 COUNCILLORS ISSUES AND PRESS FORUM.**

- a) Telephone Exchange to be considered as a community building or library. A resident had contacted Fran Fletcher to see if the council could make the telephone exchange into a library when it has stopped being used. Cllr Fletcher said she had spoken with Mr. P Jackson who worked for BT who had stated that it was not available at the moment.
- b) North Lincolnshire Council Library in Winterton. Smells of Sewerage. The Council to be asked to look into this.
- c) Noise from Newport Drive to North Street. North Lincs had been contacted about this. Cllr Fletcher said it probably came from her daughters 18 Birthday Party and that it was just a one off.
- d) History of the War Memorial in the Church yard. Cllr Johnson said it had been moved from the Top

Road in Winterton to the Church about 40 years ago, due to the widening of the A1077 and it was felt to be too dangerous to hold a service at the side of that road. It was suggested that anyone wishing to have information on War Memorials should contact the British Legion.

- e) Cemetery Footpath needs re instating on the left hand side.
- f) NDPF – and Winterton Council's agreement to pay for boundary repairs. The Mayor said the issue was whether the council paid for future repairs or retrospective ones. The Clerk explained that no decisions could be made under this heading and that it was just informative. Cllr Pat Smith said the Clerk was right and that this issue would have to go onto the next agenda for discussion. The Council will need to discuss where this money will come from if they agree this at the next meeting.

**Everyone was wished a Happy Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.**

**Meeting closed at 10.00 pm.**