

WINTERTON TOWN COUNCIL
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Minutes of the Meeting
held in the Old School Hall Community Centre on 16 June 2009 at 7.00 pm



PRESENT:

Cllr L Cawsey (Chair/Mayor)	Cllr F Fletcher (Deputy Mayor)	Cllr R Bridge
Cllr M Foster	Cllr M Harrison	Cllr L Hopkins
Cllr L Langton	Cllr F Marritt	Cllr V Mumby
Cllr A W Smith	Cllr P Smith	

Prayers were said by the Rev A Nunn.

Standing orders were suspended 7:05 pm

This allowed several representations to be made to the Council.

Mr. Richardson thanked the council for carrying out some good work and asked the Council to look at the Corner of Market Street and High Street congestion. He felt there could be an accident here involving buses. The Council discussed various ways that this might be dealt with but It was agreed to report this to Highways and write to the bus company to ask their opinion about this. It was stated that this has been raised in the past and a parking bay had been taken out. A request was also made for speed cameras to be erected on North Street.

Mr. John Summerfield, Chair of the Old School Hall Committee, addressed councillors to explain why there was a delay with the building works. He stated several problems had arisen such as the necessity to underpin the Ark and re-route some gas mains but he said the problems were not insurmountable. As a result of the extra work involved it is likely there will be a shortfall of £20,000.00 but the council was assured the Old School Hall would cover that.

Standing orders were resumed 7:25 pm.

89/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE RECEIVED FROM:

Cllr Hawley, Cllr Hotchin, Cllr Powell, Cllr Price, Cllr H Rowson and Cllr A Smith

90/09 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cllr D Johnson Cllr L Langton and Cllr R Bridge in regard to Newport Drive PF.
Cllr L Hopkins in regard to the Old School Hall.

91/09 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON THE 19 MAY 2009 AS A TRUE RECORD

Minute 73/09: Cllr Johnson said, he asked Cllr Rowson to apologise to the Mayor for her remarks, and Cllr Pat Smith said she had also commented that Cllr Rowson's remarks were not acceptable. These comments to be added to the paragraph.

Cllr Rowson had submitted a paragraph stating it was important that the minutes were accurate and what she actually said was very different to what was recorded; her account of the minutes are as follows: *Cllr Rowson asked Cllr Cawsey if she felt she could remain impartial and non-political when representing this council and the people of Winterton and with the current problems concerning MP s expenses and the possibility of an election being called within the next year, she would not be seen out canvassing."*

Cllr Cawsey replied, “*She was honest and hardworking*” Cllr Rowson recalled Cllr Johnson stating, “*he was very disappointed in Cllr Rowson and that she was being political.*” Cllr Rowson then said, “She did not feel comfortable sitting around the table with Cllr Cawsey as Mayor and that she was not resigning but she had to leave”.

Cllr Hotchin recalled the minute, and sent in her version of the remarks, which were – “*After the appointment of Cllr Cawsey as Mayor, Cllr Helen Rowson asked the mayor to swear that she would carry out her mayoral duties with all honesty and wouldn’t use the mayoral office as an advantage for canvassing (for her husband)? The way Cllr Rowson requested this left no one present in any doubt that she was questioning the Mayor’s integrity. Cllr Cawsey answered that she had always carried out her duties as a councillor honestly and with the best of intentions. Cllr Johnson interrupted and said that he thought that the comments made by Cllr Rowson were totally unnecessary. A member of the public, Mr. Kimberley-Scott remonstrated and asked if he could speak; he was told he couldn’t. In answer to Cllr Johnson’s objection, Cllr Rowson stood up and said she was not resigning but that she could not sit around the same table as Cllr Cawsey, while she was Mayor and left the meeting.*

Cllr A W Smith said he had said she was out of order. Cllr Pat Smith said she spoke to remonstrate with Cllr Rowson and that this should be noted.

It was stated that the current political reporting of MPs expenses were possibly upsetting for Cllr Cawsey but that it was felt Cllr Cawsey could carry on with her role as Mayor without regard for this.

RESOLVED The Council agreed, after the above discussions, that the minute 73/09 did adequately cover what was said with the addition of comments made by Cllrs D Johnson and P Smith.

92/09 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Minute 87/09 Ley’s Lane – Cllr Johnson said he thought it was spelt “Ley’ s Lane”. **Action:** Highways are looking into this to confirm this.

93/09 TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Mr Neville Tong – Winterton Cycle Champion.** A Mr Walker emailed the clerk to say he was surprised the Council had not put anything on the Web site about Mr Neville Tong - Cllr Harrison said she could obtain some photos. Cllr Marritt said he won the Commonwealth Games in 1958, and thought it would be nice if the Council could put some information on the Web Site. Mr Walker also offered to write an article for the web site on Winterton’s contribution to the reduction of O2 emissions. **Action:** Cllr Harrison to try and obtain photos for the council website.
- 2 Allotments letter.** Permission requested to erect a 6 x 4 ft shed on an allotment and some 3 ft fencing. The Council gave permission for the shed - but Cllr Johnson said some of the allotments needed marking out properly as they were not an overall uniform size and he was concerned that if the holder was given permission to put up fencing, it could cause problems.
Action: Cllrs D Johnson and F Fletcher to have a site meeting at the Allotments and subsequently make recommendations to the council.
- 3 Winterton Twinning Association.** The Association ask if the council would give a donation towards the cost of promoting the Twinning Association to more families and younger members. The Winterton Twinning sign on Appleby Lane is missing.
Action: The Clerk to pursue replacing this.
Resolved: The Council agreed to donate £100.00 towards the Twinning Association’s promotions.

- 4 **ERNLLCA.** Cllr Pat Smith was congratulated for her achievement in advanced Chairmanship and was presented with a Certificate by the Winterton Mayor.
- 5 **SITA** has presented a plaque to the Town Council for the Marmion Drive Project.
Action: The plaque to be displayed on the site.
- 6 **CCTV Training.** Cllr Cawsey said she would provide training on the 25 June on CCTV and wanted as many people as possible to take the training. This will commence at 6:30 pm.
- 7 **Business Cards.** The Council suggested the clerk liaise with the Mayor for Business Cards for the Show Stand.
- 8 **Flooding in Winterton.** North Lincolnshire Council liaises with the Town Clerk and the Mayor whenever there is the risk of a flooding. This information also goes on to the Winterton Council web site. It was reported in June that there was a 20% likelihood of Winterton being flooded in certain areas.
- 9 **Humberside Police – Barton.** Neighbourhood Panel Meeting being held Monday 6 July at Baysgarth House Museum at 7:00 pm. Winterton issues that were mentioned in the minutes covered speeding on North Street/West Street.
PC Amanda Barnett and 2 PCSO's are serving the Winterton and Burton area.
The lighter nights and resulting increase in young people on the streets has driven North Lincolnshire Council to re launch the “**20 is plenty**” campaign.
- 10 **De Lacy Way Parking Issues.** Senior citizen's bungalows on De Lacy Way - North Lincolnshire Council state there is nothing they can do relating to others parking on a lay-by initially set up for the elderly residents. The police can't enforce parking for residents only as there are no parking restrictions on that area.
- 11 **Friends of Winterton Garden Festival.** Thank you letter to the council for their support of the park and ride. (Cllr Johnson declared an interest).
- 12 **Dale Park Football Association.** The Group are asking when it is likely that they will be able to use the new area. Cllr Johnson said fantastic progress had been made on the site, and the grass was well established. The Mayor thanked Cllr Johnson for the hard work he had put into this project and also said she would like to thank all the other councillors who worked hard on the various projects.
- 13 **Winterton Senior Citizens** group thanked the council for their kind donation and Cllr Harrison was thanked for being the Town Council's representative on the group.
- 14 **Panda Play** has asked the Council if they could give something towards the summer play schemes and trips for the children of the Town. They have also applied to the Lions Group. Cllr A W Smith proposed the council give £100.00.
Resolved: £100 to be given to the Panda Play Scheme. (Cllr Hopkins declared an interest.)

94/09 TO CONSIDER THE PROGRESS REPORT

- 1 The Clerk reported on the Biffa Site Meeting. Biffa Site at Roxby is doing what they can to reduce smells from the site. A gas extraction system is now in place to take away any gas, which is emitted. If the wind blows directly towards Winterton or Roxby the waste is buried at the far side of the site and covered. The issue they are trying to deal with now is the smell from the waste when the containers are opened. A newsletter had been circulated to residents to the North of Winterton and an article submitted in the Town Council newsletter.

The Wind Farms created at Bagmoor will not affect the direction of smells from the landfill site. Wind Farms are driven by the wind, therefore would not affect the direction of the wind. The Environment Agency has confirmed this.

- 2 **Leader Funding Application for the Cemetery Chapels and Arches.** This has now gone in and the Clerk has asked groups for supporting letters which would really make a difference to the application.
- 3 **CCTV – Brent** is being taken over by another company. The Clerk has been told that nothing will change and the service and charges will remain the same. The Clerk met with the Director and Mr F Anderton to show them where the new CCTV monitor will be sited. They pinpointed the area for the receiver mast at the Ark. Planning application will go in for this shortly. McCanns will be siting the columns on the Grangefield estate shortly. A rota for CCTV was passed around the Councillors at the meeting.
- 4 **Tour of Britain – Bike Race.** Winterton and other groups were invited to a meeting to look at the Tour of Britain bike race, which will be going by Winterton on Saturday 12 September. The Town Council did not think it would go through Winterton but by pass it, so most councillors did not feel the need to do attend. However, a buffet had been put on to accommodate those who may attend the meeting. The clerk sent a letter of apology to both North Lincolnshire Council and Rangers as there was no representation from Winterton Council.
- 5 **Marmion Drive Playing Field – Open Day.**
Action: The Clerk to contact Scunthorpe United to see if someone will come and officially open the Ball court – preferably Paul Hayes.
Action: The Council agreed the Clerk could site a new bin on Marmion Drive Playing Field and also in the Market Place near the seat.
- 6 **Co-operative Bank.** The mandate to be completed and sent off to open the new account.
- 7 **CILCA Course.** The Clerk has now sent this information off to the verifier and asked the Council if they would ask the Personnel Committee to consider paying the Clerk for some of the hours that she had put in. The Clerk to obtain evidence that other councils had done this. **Resolved:** The Personnel Committee to meet to look at this.
- 8 **Freedom Of Information.** The Council agreed that this information should go on the website.
- 9 **Standing Orders.** Cllr Hotchin had gone through the standing orders, and it was felt that they should be okay now but it was agreed that the council should go through them again so that if there were any issues the onus would not be placed on one councillor.
Resolved: Working Party Meeting to be arranged to look at Standing Orders.
- 10 **Anti-social Behaviour – West Street Park.** The Clerk had received several complaints about anti-social behaviour in the West Street Park. This was affecting adjacent residents who were not able to sleep at night for the noise, which continued until 3 and 4 am in the morning. Cans and bottles were thrown over the fencing and walls, which stopped adjacent residents being able to sit in their gardens. Cllr Johnson said the police had said they prefer the youths to be in one place as it makes it easier for them to deal with the issues.
Action: This issue is being reported to the police and the neighbours are being encouraged to phone the police on a regular basis so that issues can be catalogued and action taken. Councillors D Johnson and R Bridge will bring this up at the NAT Meeting.
- 11 **Trods and Footpath 158 to Appleby Lane.** Cllr A W Smith reported to the Clerk that vandals had tried to burn down the trees that create a small wooded area on footpath 158. This has been reported to the police.

12 Ark – Security Lighting. The Mayor thanked the Clerk for arranging for the security lighting to be fixed at the rear of the Ark.

13 Planning Applications. There were no applications this month.

14 Locked door for CCTV. The existing lock is problematic and a joiner is being asked to change the locks for easier access.

95/09 TO CONSIDER WARD COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Trees in Market Place. . The CCTV view is restricted at present because of the trees. Cllr Cawsey spoke with Andrea Brocklebank of North Lincs Council who said she would not do any work on the trees until the pea lighting had been removed from the tree. Cllr Cawsey had explained the council would like to replace the tree with another, but A Brocklebank said she would still object to the tree being removed. Cllr Johnson said he had looked at growing Xmas trees, and agreed to obtain prices for a Christmas Tree, which could be planted there and would be a better shape.

Action: Clerk to follow this up and speak with A Brocklebank.

96/09 TO CONSIDER THE TOWN COUNCIL ACCOUNTS TO BE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

A Bank Reconciliation and copy of Accounts for Payment, to be considered by the Town Council.

Cllr Fletcher declared an interest in the accounts as Fletchers had put a bill in for mending park equipment. One or two questions were asked about the bills for the Ark. The Electric bill for the Ark covered 2 quarters.

Resolved: After the above issues, it was agreed to approve the accounts for payment. (See Appendix I)

97/09 NAT MEETING

The next NAT meeting is to be held on the 9 July at 7.00 pm in West Halton Village Hall. The Council reported problems on Southfield Road with anti-social behaviour, and that someone had been spray painting obscene language in the park. Someone is camping near the Trods. It is thought they may be the same people who are setting fire to the trees in the copse on Sawyer's Land.

Action: Clerk to email PC Amanda Barnett about the issues.

98/09 TO CONSIDER PROGRESS ON NEWPORT DRIVE SPORTS FIELD

It is anticipated that the field may be ready for use towards the winter of 2009. Cllr Johnson said the field has grown very well, but stones could be a problem and needed removing.

99/09 TO CONSIDER PROGRESS AT THE ARK

Cllr Cawsey reported mice in the Ark. Cllr Price had contacted the Environment Team to get rid of them. A new security lock is being fitted at the top of the stairs. CCTV training is to take place shortly. Cllr Harrison asked if the Ark had considered applying for grants through the North Lincs Leader projects and confirmed that there should be funding to help them out. Cllr Cawsey said she would speak with other members of the Ark about this.

100/09 TO CONSIDER AND REVIEW TOWN COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS

Resolved: To hold a working party meeting to look at the standing orders.

101/09 TO CONSIDER THE GRANT TO THE OLD SCHOOL HALL TOWARDS THEIR RUNNING COSTS

The Town Council agreed to give £2,000 towards the Old School Hall running costs.

Resolved: The Clerk to pay £2,000 to the Old School Hall Management committee.

It was agreed that expenditure earmarked in the precept for certain groups, such as the Newport Drive Playing Field and Winterton Show should be placed on the agenda in April and paid at the beginning of the financial year. The Council had earmarked £2,000 for the Winterton Playing Field Association and the Council resolved that the Clerk pay this money to them.

102/09 TO CONSIDER WINTERTON TOWN COUNCIL CIVIC SERVICE

The dates being considered are 20 September and the 4 October.

103/09 TO CONSIDER INFORMATION FOR THE COUNCIL SHOW STAND

The council asked if Phase II of the Marmion Drive Project could be displayed on the stand.

104/09 COUNCILLORS ISSUES AND PRESS FORUM

1 Banking – Cash Machine on King Street.

Cllr Cawsey said that Ian Cawsey MP was still looking into the provision of a cash machine and is to approach several banks to see if others would make this provision. Mr. M Joyce stated he was prepared to have a cash machine in front of his businesses if necessary.

2 Issues on Cliff Avenue and access road to the back of Earlsgate houses.

Letter to be sent to residents asking them to tidy up the area around their houses.

3 Young people who stopped vandalism in the Park.

Councillors felt this was a very positive story where two young girls reported some boys who were vandalizing the skate ramp. The Police commended the young girls for their efforts. The Council agreed to send a letter of thanks to the young people for their efforts.

4 Personnel Committee Meeting.

A Personnel committee meeting to be called as soon as possible. Relevant information to be sent to the personnel committee beforehand to enable them to make an informed decision concerning the item raised in paragraph 94/09, item 7.

Meeting Closed 9:00 pm

Signed: _____Chair/Mayor of meeting