

Wickersley Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting 6.30pm 16th January 2017 held at Wickersley Community Centre

Members: Cllrs:- S Ellis (Chairperson), J Barber, P Beighton, E Bowmar, G Forster, M Godfrey, C Grimes, B McNeely, K Phillips, R Postlethwaite, P Thirlwall, T Wallace, A Wright

In Attendance: Mrs R Chico (Clerk), Sgt M Worrall, PCC Alan Billings, Mel Staples (Engagement Officer), Kevin Chapman, Mark Beavers, Luke Herring (Harron Homes)

5398 To receive apologies for absence

Cllrs J Barber, P Beighton, E Bowmar, G Forster

5399 To note any declarations of interest on items to be discussed at this meeting

None

5400 To meet with Police and Crime Commissioner

The PCC was thanked for attending the meeting. The PCC gave an overview of his role, the police and crime plan is currently being drawn up to set priorities but it was made clear that the Chief Constable runs the force. The aims are protecting vulnerable people, tackling crime and anti-social behaviour and fair treatment. It was commented there is a changing nature to crime, for example technology which changes methods and skills.

The issues of structure and policing were raised, with temporary nature of officers and PCSOs in the area. The Council are aware Wickersley is a lower crime area however it was noted that hidden crime is across all areas, in particular CSE and social abuse.

In terms of Neighbourhood Policing – the aim is to combine uniformed officers and neighbourhood team. This has pulled all officers onto responsive work. The neighbourhood policing is being re-designed to look at place based neighbourhood policing district by district. The Council emphasized longevity is important; that it is critical for people to have a name contact.

CSE – action taken against the Police. The case has been referred to IPCC complaints and there are officers in the system awaiting their judgement. A discussion took place with regard to blame re the issue of CSE. The cases are with national crime agency and over 100 detectives are working on the cases, it was stated this is a huge operation / investigation. A discussion took place regarding claims which have started to be received for CSE and Hillsborough; they are looking into possible further funding from the government.

The lack of trust in the police force was explained by the Council, the need for public to have re-assurance that correct decisions are being taken and issues are being dealt with. The PCC confirmed that in April 2016 he suspended Chief Constable Crompton and it will be going to judicial review in March 2017. An overview of the events leading up to the suspension were given and PCC confirmed he followed due process, took legal advice and the P & C panel were in agreement. A new chief constable has been put in place following a review which highlighted a lack of strategic leadership in the force.



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Off-road bikes – the local issues with regard to off-road bikes was summarized. It was stated this is a country wide issue. The main problem areas are formulating the evidence. It was confirmed the force do have blitzes on the issue but have no real means of stopping the bikes. The force is reliant on information from the public and has to have evidence beyond reasonable doubt to prosecute. Officers are permitted to make one attempt to stop but cannot put other members of the public at risk, for example high speed chase. The necessity of neighbourhood policing was highlighted again in the need for obtaining information from local area, having trust in the force, sharing information and local intelligence.

Cllr A Bates raised if the balance between resources and funding is correct. The PCC confirmed budget pressures had created redundancies as funds are being cut year on year. It has been highlighted that the force requires analysts and thinkers. They are in the process of understanding demand through analysis. The issues of lost intelligence was again raised through the lack of local policing. The PCC confirmed numbers have reduced but they are looking at involving partners more for a more cohesive approach, working with Councils, NHS, social workers, fire etc. He stated that 80% of police officer time is spent on non-crime related activity.

Cllr P Thirlwall raised an assault which had taken place on a resident, the perpetrators were arrested within minutes but released on bail, and the victim has received no update with regard to the situation. He confirmed he had written to the PCC with regard to this case, the PCC confirmed this had been passed directly to the Police, which was two weeks ago. The process with regard to charging criminals was explained highlighting it is not always a police decision, crown prosecution procedure regarding requiring enough evidence.

The lack of response on the 101 service was raised. The PCC confirmed he had ordered a review of the service which uses a 15 year old system; which is not fit for purpose. A more sophisticated system is to be implemented and more staff added to the call centre, some changes are in place and an average call time now is 2 mins and 30 secs.

5401 To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19th December 2016

Resolved : The minutes of the meeting were approved.

5402 To receive a report from the Police

Sgt Worrall updated the Council regarding the structure of the force and local policing which is still not confirmed.

It was confirmed the off-road bike incident is still undetected.

With regard to lost property – Maltby Police station is not public facing. Rotherham station is weekdays 8am to 8pm or a 24 hour service at West Bar in Sheffield.

A discussion took place with regard to the pedlar's licence for cystic fibrosis. The licence is issued from RMBC and the specifics of the licence would be required to know the type and how and where it can be used.

Resolved : The Council requested a response in writing from the police legal services.

5403 To note any issues from members of the public in attendance

None



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5404 To Appoint Councillors to Committees

Resolved : M Godfrey to join Recreation Ground Committee. Full review at the May 2017 meeting.

5405 To consider any community matters from Councillors

Cllr A Gibson raised the defibrillator being out of action due to the Tanyard refurbishment. The Clerk confirmed a sign had been erected and the emergency services informed not to direct people to the site whilst it is out of use.

Cllr M Godfrey asked about public involvement in cleaning the streets. Cllr P Thirlwall gave a background regarding appointing people to fine and the council not wishing to pursue this. It was confirmed the new handyperson had commenced employment from 28th Dec 16.

5406 To note matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting of 19th December 2016

HS2 is now in consultation the deadline is 9th March 2017. Responses can be sent from each person in the property which can be completed by calling, emailing or letter. The next consultation is to be held in Thurcroft.

5407 To request volunteers for the four Wickersley Walks

Resolved : To ask for volunteers in the next newsletter.

5408 To consider financial matters, including: -

5407.1 The authorisation of payment of accounts since the last meeting

Resolved : That the following payments be approved: -

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APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS SCHEDULE - PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 16th January 2017			
Date	To Whom Paid	Description	Value
12-Dec-16	Rapid Electronics	Bubble machine - Winthrop Grant	£69.97
12-Dec-16	The Fenetic	Wheelchair - Winthrop grant	£85.49
12-Dec-16	Viking Direct	A-Boards Winthrop - Celebrate Grant / Stationery	£217.12
13-Dec-16	Masons	Christmas staff meal, remainder on M.Goodge expenses	£6.78
13-Dec-16	Get brolied	Winthrop - Umbrellas - Celebrate Grant	£35.57
13-Dec-16	Tayna Ltd	Battery - Tool store Winthrop	£56.32
14-Dec-16	N.Power	Tanyard Toilets	£38.51
15-Dec-16	Cancelled	Cancelled	£0.00
15-Dec-16	Youngstars	Switch on event	£50.00
15-Dec-16	Rotherham School Brass	Switch on event	£100.00
15-Dec-16	HM Revenue	PAYE	£1,161.65
15-Dec-16	SYPA	Pension	£442.84
16-Dec-16	Wages	Wages	£3,464.62
22-Dec-16	Morrisons	Thank you gifts - light switch on	£50.00
22-Dec-16	N Power	Bob Mason	£220.23
23-Dec-16	Game	Thank you gift - light switch on	£20.00
23-Dec-16	N Power	Christmas lights	£70.82
28-Dec-16	Veolia	Waste Collection	£222.00
19-Dec-16	PW Property Repairs	Handymen Services	£345.15
03-Jan-17	T.Farnsworth	Grass cutting	£844.99
04-Jan-17	LBM	Handymen materials	£7.65
04-Jan-17	M.Goodge	Gas - winthrop / Xmas lunch	£200.14
04-Jan-17	R.Beat	Tree work - Wickersley Park	£180.00
04-Jan-17	B.Roddis	Wood Warden Honorarium	£55.00
04-Jan-17	G.Woodcock	Gorse Warden Honorarium	£27.50
04-Jan-17	P.Paddock	Gorse Warden Honorarium	£27.50
04-Jan-17	B.Pateman	Toilet Honorarium	£131.25
10-Jan-17	Cancelled	Cancelled	£0.00
10-Jan-17	HM Revenue	PAYE	£1,111.67
10-Jan-17	SYPA	Pension	£448.71
11-Jan-17	Skyline Ecology	Re-issue	£789.48
11-Jan-17	Wel Medical	Def pads and starter packs	£101.64
12-Jan-17	N Power	New xmas light supply	£44.51

5409 To consider any general correspondence and publications

Wentworth Valley Area Assembly – Wednesday 25th January 2017 7pm at Wickersley Community Centre

Area Housing Panel – Wednesday 1st February 2017 – Mark Grove Community Centre

An invitation had been received for the Chair of the Parish for the Royal Garden Party 1st February.

Resolved : To see if the place can be substituted with a different attended if so to consider Cllr P Bighton and Cllr P Thirlwall.

5410 To consider planning and licensing matters including new planning applications in Wickersley

A discussion took place with regard to the LDF and the process of inspector's letter expected towards the end of February with a possible summer adoption.

5410.1 To meet with Harron Homes regarding two possible site plans in Wickersley

Large scale drawings of the plans were presented to the Councillors of the two proposed sites in Wickersley. One plot with 108 properties and the other with 46 properties. It was confirmed Harron have formal tenure on both plots. 25% is allocated as affordable housing. The large plot off Second Lane, discussions are taking place to have two routes of access, one from Second Lane and the other from Nethermoor drive. A discussion took place with regard to CILS, which is estimated to be around £100k to the Parish Council. Works in kind

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were discussed as options and discussion took place regarding playgrounds. It was confirmed a viability argument is not required on either site.

A discussion took place with regard to transport routes, Wickersley roundabout and any consideration regarding HS2.

A discussion took place regarding affordable housing and needs list. It was confirmed a registered provider is on-board and part is shared ownership and part rental. It was confirmed there was no request or requirement highlighted from the RMBC housing needs survey regarding bungalows.

The access via Second Lane was explained by the contractor that they are proposing a throttling system, widening part of the lane and giving a priority junction.

The Parish Council emphasised they would always encourage good quality builds.

Discussion took place regarding the size of the properties which are predominately family sized detached homes. There is one type of 2.5 story properties on the site; the Council confirmed this would be better allocated to the center of the development.

Cllr M Godfrey raised the landscaping of the site especially on the boundary; the contractor confirmed that this is work in progress.

5411 To receive draft reports from Committees and other meetings not previously considered.

5411.1 Finance meeting

This meeting was commented upon in the December parish council meeting; however the full minutes were distributed to full Council.

5412 To note dates of future committee meetings and events

- WCCA – 17th January 2017 7pm
- Winthrop Park – 18th January 2017 09:30am
- Parish Council budget meeting - 23rd January 2017 7pm
- Wickersley Gala meeting – 25th January 2017 09:30am
- Recreation Committee – 6th February 7pm
- Parish Council meeting – 13th February 7pm
- Environment Committee – 27th February 7pm
- WCCA – 14th March 7pm
- Parish Council meeting - 20th March 7pm
- Winthrop Park opening event – 25th March 17

The meeting closed at 8:55pm.

Signed  (Chairman) Dated 16th January 2017

