

# Wickersley Parish Council

## Minutes of the Council Meeting 7.00pm 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 held at Wickersley Community Centre

Members: Cllrs:- S Ellis (Chairperson), A Bates, G Forster, A Gibson, M Godfrey, C Grimes, B McNeely, K Phillips, R Postlethwaite, P Thirlwall, T Wallace

In Attendance: Mrs R Chico (Clerk)

**5446 To receive apologies for absence**

Cllrs J Barber, P Beighton, A Wright

**5447 To note any declarations of interest on items to be discussed at this meeting**

None.

**5448 To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

5426 to add a 'd' believed

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5444.2 To be altered to Cllr P Thirlwall to purchase a plaque and two mirrors

**Resolved :** Subject to the above amendments the minutes were approved as a true record.

**5449 To receive a report from the Police**

No police in attendance.

Cllr S Ellis notified the councillors of the next Area Assembly meeting where the new Chief Constable will be available for questions and discussion. As item 5455.5.

**5450 To note any issues from members of the public in attendance**

No residents in attendance.

**5451 To note the resignation of Cllr E Bowmar**

**Resolved :** The resignation of Cllr Bowmar was noted, a letter of thanks to be sent and RMBC to be notified.

**5452 To consider any community matters from Councillors**

Cllr B McNeely raised an anti-social behaviour issue of people leaving drinks glasses around the village. Discussion took place regarding being a post box and who's responsibility. Item to be emailed to the police.

Cllr G Forster raised the publicising of unapproved minutes on the website.

**Resolved :** Previous resolution to not post unapproved minutes on the website remains.



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Cllr G Forster raised the toilets being blocked at the Tanyard, discussion took place regarding the disposal of nappies.

Cllr C Grimes has received a compliment from a resident regarding the bike track.

Cllr P Thirlwall reported an issue at Wickersley Gorse with regard to trees being cut down and fires. Lock to be replaced at Air mount close. A resident has written in about issues, to reply to invite him to meetings and explain the role of the wardens.

## 5453 To note matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Post office to be followed up  
5444.5 – Job advert wording to be looked back on and communicated to Councillors

## 5454 To consider financial matters, including: -

### 5454.1 The authorisation of payment of accounts since the last meeting

**Resolved :** That the following payments be approved: -

WICKERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL			
APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS SCHEDULE - PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 24 April 2017			
Date	To Whom Paid	Description	Value
07-Mar-17	B&M	Winthrop	£1.98
08-Mar-17	B&Q	Winthrop / Handymen	£52.88
13-Mar-17	Bob Crosby AG	Winthrop	£123.84
13-Mar-17	Nisbets	Winthrop	£131.66
13-Mar-17	York Catering	Winthrop	£158.11
14-Mar-17	Amazon	Winthrop	£3.15
14-Mar-17	Amazon	Winthrop	£39.96
15-Mar-17	Currys	Winthrop	£28.50
15-Mar-17	Viking Direct	Winthrop / Stamps	£312.53
16-Mar-17	Daiya	Winthrop	£7.92
16-Mar-17	B&Q	Winthrop	£52.20
21-Mar-17	Ideal	Handymen materials	£15.45
21-Mar-17	Russoms	Aprons - Winthrop Grant	£109.56
21-Mar-17	Nisbets	Pots etc - Winthrop Grant	£160.43
22-Mar-17	Morrisons	Winthrop Sim Cards	£1.98
22-Mar-17	The Range	Card etc Winthrop - Grant	£6.49
22-Mar-17	Nisbets	Pots etc - Winthrop Grant	£13.43
23-Mar-17	Costco	Winthrop	£42.88
23-Mar-17	Costco	Winthrop	£243.22
24-Mar-17	N Power	Bob Mason	£287.06
24-Mar-17	M.Goodge	Winthrop	£486.61
24-Mar-17	M.Goodge	Winthrop	£13.98
27-Mar-17	Twinings	Winthrop	£35.59
27-Mar-17	SKR One-train	Health and Hygiene training Winthrop	£90.00
27-Mar-17	N Power	Xmas lights	£80.03
28-Mar-17	Paypal DFDL	Winthrop	£13.28
28-Mar-17	Carphone Warehouse	Phone	£40.00
28-Mar-17	Amazon	Winthrop - coffee	£45.00
28-Mar-17	Carphone Warehouse	Phone credit	£49.99
28-Mar-17	Viking Direct	Winthrop Stationery	£118.02
28-Mar-17	Dunelm	Material Winthrop	£143.00
28-Mar-17	Morrisons	Winthrop	£161.47
28-Mar-17	FurnitureMaxi	Furniture Winthrop	£850.00
28-Mar-17	Veolia	Waste collection	£192.48
29-Mar-17	Aldi	Winthrop	£8.65
31-Mar-17	R.M.Hill	PAT testing Winthrop	£58.00
31-Mar-17	Enhanced Energy Solutions	Winthrop boiler	£312.00
31-Mar-17	RMBC	Bob Mason - Gully cleaning	£150.57
31-Mar-17	Wharcliffe TWC	Tree inspections	£330.00
31-Mar-17	Aldi	Winthrop	£9.49
31-Mar-17	Morrisons	Winthrop	£20.21
06-Apr-17	SYPA	Pension - April 2017	£388.57
06-Apr-17	SYPA	Pension deficit	£3,000.00
06-Apr-17	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE	£1,346.12
06-Apr-17	LBM Ltd	Handymen materials	£5.36
06-Apr-17	South Anston Fire	Winthrop Extinguishers Service	£50.40
06-Apr-17	J.Smith	Newsletter delivery	£240.00
17-Apr-17	Wages	Wages April 17	£4,124.11

*See [Signature]*

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## **5454.2 To appoint Yorkshire Internal Accounting Services as internal auditors and BDO as external auditors for the accounts 2016-17**

It was noted the Finance Committee are reviewing internal audit during the summer.

**Resolved : To appoint Yorkshire Internal Accounting Services as internal auditors and BDO as external auditors for the accounts 2016-17**

## **5454.3 To discuss and approve financial regulations**

**Resolved : To be passed to Finance Committee for review and update**

## **5455 To consider any general correspondence and publications**

### **5455.1 Emergency Planning Training**

Emergency Planning Training Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 7pm to 9:30pm Todwick Village Hall

### **5455.2 Resident email regarding communication**

A discussion took place with regard to communication and the fact newsletters are available on the website in the community centre, library and post office.

Cllr S Ellis thanked everyone for their conduct at the last meeting.

### **5455.3 Grant request Rotherham Holiday Aid**

Discussion took place with regard to the impact / benefit on Wickersley Parish residents.

**Resolved : Clerk to ask for clarification of benefit to Wickersley Parish residents. If confirmation is provided to grant £150.**

### **5455.4 Grant request Radio Nightingale**

**Resolved : To give a grant of £100 but to note more up to date accounts are required.**

Discussion took place around grants in general and the Clerk explained the new application form as previously agreed.

### **5455.5 Area Assembly meeting**

Wentworth Valley Area Assembly, Wednesday 26 April 2014 6.30pm Maltby Full Life Church, High Street, Maltby S66 8LF

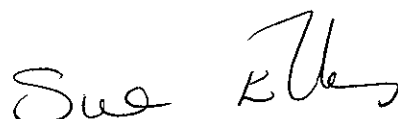
## **5456 To discuss Neighbourhood Plan**

**Resolved : Meeting to be arranged with Andrew Towleron**

## **5457 To consider planning and licensing matters including new planning applications in Wickersley**

The following applications were noted :-

**RB2017/0377 – 11 Moorlands Wickersley**



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**RB2017/0435 – 24 Lindum Drive Wickersley**

**RB2017/0053 – Wickersley Wood, Wood Lane**

**RB2017/0303 – 306 Bawtry Road, Wickersley**

**RB2017/0560 – 33 Bawtry Road, Wickersley**

**RB2017/0610 – 44 Goose Lane, Wickersley**

**The Council objected to the following applications:-**

**RB2017/0311 – 284 Bawtry Rd Wickersley**

The Parish Council have no objection to the proposal subject to the external enclosed area being used only as a restaurant (A3) and not as an area used primarily for 'drinking ( A4) which would require a change of use consent.

It is also understood that the additional external seating area in front of the enclosed terrace is not covered by the recent permission for the extensions and should therefore be included in the description of development unless it is removed from the plans at this time. Would you kindly let me know as soon as possible if you are happy with this suggestion because it is intended that the application be determined under delegated powers in the middle of next week.

**RB2017/0373 – 37 Gillott Lane Wickersley**

Whilst not formally objecting to the application the Council has a general policy of opposing applications to fell trees unless they are diseased, damaged, dangerous or causing an actionable nuisance. As such, the Council was happy to support the advice from the RMBC Arboriculturist.

**RB2017/0413 – 48 Wood Lane Wickersley**

The Parish Council object based on the plan being too large and wide for the plot size and the building reaching the boundary at both sides of the site.

**RB2017/0461 – May Flower House Morthen Road Wickersley**

The Parish Council would wish to see restrictions in place with regard to outside noise and have concerns regarding the number of parking spaces available to the unit in relation for the use.

**RB2017/0514 – Land off Second Lane Wickersley**

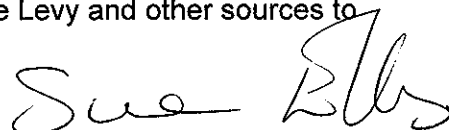
Wickersley Parish Council appreciate that this site, together with land on the south side of Second Lane, is proposed for housing development in the Rotherham Local Plan. However, that Plan has not yet been adopted and therefore the land is currently designated as Green Belt whereby such development should not be permitted at this time in accordance with advice in National Planning Practice Guidance. This application should therefore either be refused at this time or a decision delayed until the Local Plan Sites and Policies document is approved later this year.

There is substantial concern in the local community regarding this proposed development and that on the south side of Second Lane and those objections must be addressed by the Council in determining this application.

The Parish Council have significant concerns regarding this application as set out below:

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- It is essential that the access arrangements for this site are considered in conjunction with the proposed development on the south side of Second Lane and not independently. The narrow stretch of Second Lane up to the proposed access into the larger housing site must be widened to take two way traffic and with a separate footpath in the interests of highway and pedestrian safety given the traffic flows involved. As stated in our objection to the larger development, it is not acceptable to provide a one way system that would be unenforceable and likely to be breached due to its inconvenience. Furthermore, the proposal to leave a stretch of road without a separate footpath would create a danger to pedestrians walking to the larger development. In addition, Second Lane already has significant pedestrian use by people walking their dogs, visiting Winthrop Gardens (many of whom are elderly) and using the public footpath linking up with Wickersley Wood.
- The location of the affordable housing in a prominent location fronting onto Second Lane is unacceptable. The view of the development from Second Lane would be one of a substantial area of car parking and a terrace of blandly designed terraced housing. This is inappropriate especially given that Second Lane is proposed as an access to the larger development and therefore merits a high quality of development in that location. The affordable housing should instead be broken up within the heart of the development and its design improved to make it more in keeping with the rest of the development. There is also no provision made for delivery vehicles to access the affordable housing without blocking the highway and no turning provision. Furthermore, any visitor parking that cannot be accommodated within the parking area would spill out onto Second Lane which should be kept clear if it is to access the larger development to the south. This is therefore another reason why the affordable housing should be relocated.
- It is essential that a strong landscape buffer is provided along the eastern boundary of the site where it will abut the Green Belt especially given its visibility from the public footpath that runs between Second lane and Wickersley Wood. The retention of the existing hedgerow is therefore welcomed but should be strengthened by additional tree planting and a larger stand-off between the boundary of the site and the housing to create a soft transition with the open countryside. Furthermore, the amount of landscaping within the development itself is minimal and should be addressed by creating additional pockets of planting throughout the development which will also help to provide the opportunity for habitat creation to help compensate for the loss of an existing wildlife habitat.
- The Parish Council would want to ensure all mature trees are retained within the development. The Council has a general policy of opposing applications to fell trees unless they are diseased, damaged, dangerous or causing an actionable nuisance. It is therefore of concern that the site layout involves the removal of two mature oak trees (T2 and T13) that are identified as being healthy and which are both highly visible from public vantage points. The Parish Council therefore strongly objects to their loss and the site layout should be amended accordingly.
- The Parish Council supports the provision of 25% affordable housing which is in high demand in Wickersley. However, the market housing comprises only 4 and 5 bedroom detached housing which does not reflect the housing needs of many local people. It is therefore considered that there should be a greater variety of house types and sizes, including housing suited to the increasing number of elderly residents.
- The provision of 48 houses, together with a further 109 houses on the north side of Second Lane will put additional strain on the local highway infrastructure and existing services. The Mason's roundabout already has long queues at peak times; the comprehensive school is already at capacity and medical practices are overloaded with long waiting times. It is therefore essential that the impact of this development is mitigated by funding from the Community Infrastructure Levy and other sources to



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improve the roads and services to meet the additional pressure generated by these large developments.

Given the concerns raised to this development and the site to the south, the Parish Council would request a meeting with the Planning Officer to discuss more fully the matters raised.

As we assume this application will not be determined until the Local Plan is adopted by the Council later this year, it is important that the intervening time is used productively to ensure that any development on these sites is of an appropriate type, layout and design to make a positive contribution to the character of Wickersley and which takes account of their sensitive locations abutting the Green belt.

## **5458 To receive draft reports from Committees and other meetings not previously considered.**

### **5458.1 Finance Committee – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

The finance committee are reviewing investments and spreading funds with different financial organisations.

### **5458.2 Woodland Committee – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

Thanks to Councillors that attended the Easter egg hunt, next year to be 12 – 1pm.

#### **5458.2.1 Rollover budget request**

**Resolved : To rollover 2016/17 budget underspend**

### **5458.3 WCCA – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

Reviewed fire procedure and are installing led lighting. Also discussions taking place re the 10 year anniversary.

Cllr A Bates requested the broadband signal be looked at.

### **5458.4 Recreation Ground Committee – 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017**

The meeting was not quorate and did not proceed

### **5458.5 Neighbourhood plan – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**Resolved : To hold a meeting with Andrew Towleron.**

## **5459 To note dates of future committee meetings and events**

Winthrop Park Committee – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017 1pm

Annual Meeting of the Parish - 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 6:30pm

Annual General Meeting - 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 7pm

WCCA – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017 7pm

Environment Committee – 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**The meeting closed at 8:55pm.**

Signed .....(Chairman) Dated 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017

