

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Winterton-on-Sea Wednesday 4 May 2021 6.30pm Virtually on Zoom

Present: Mark Bobby (Parish Council Chairman for the meeting)
Marina Carr
Dawn Clegg
Nigel Coe
Norman Parcell
Emma Punchard
Stacey Kent (Parish Clerk)
Borough Councillors Noel Galer and James Bensly
12 members of the public

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from PC Gary May, Cllrs Marie Hartley, John Smithson, Liam McMahon and County Councillor Ron Hanton.

Minutes of the Previous Annual Parish Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 May 2019 were **agreed** and will be signed at a later date by the Chairman. Please note there was no meeting for 2021 due to the onset of the Coronavirus pandemic.

Parish Council Reports

Chairman's Report

Due to the virtual format Mark Bobby gave a verbal report which will be added to the annual report for publication on the website. He added that virtual meetings were no longer permissible under the legislation (The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020) which took effect on 4th April 2020. This legislation remains in place until 7 May 2021 only. The Chairman's seat is currently vacant and to be elected out of the current Council which is now at full capacity. Cllr Mark added that transparency is encouraged as well as working as a team with parishioners. As a consensus the Parish Council hope to achieve what is best for the village as a whole. Challenges around parking and erosion were ongoing and the impact this has had on the Dunes Café. Work is still ongoing which has been managed with some solutions such as the cones. He added it is recognised that there is further work needed and welcomed more contributions to Parish Council meetings as a collective approach.

Covid-19 – Thanks was given to Cllr John Smithson who had formed the Covid Emergency Response Group in response to the pandemic and to help those most vulnerable. The group will continue to keep supporting people within the community which had included dog walking and shopping. Cllr Bobby recognised that further thanks was needed for this groups to recognised with their continued hard work.

Allotments – work was near to completion with some planned testing. Cllrs had erected some new fences as replacement for older ones removed as part of the water installation work.

Planning – had been monitored and continues to be raised when required.

SAM Sign is also a responsibility and the Chair wanted to encourage more people to help contribute to the work of the Parish Council and welcomed volunteers as this is a community in the village.

Looking forward: to the reduction of covid restrictions. Call for 'respect' from visitors towards local residents in relation to litter, parking and dog-walking.

Financial Report

Stacey Kent, Parish Clerk added her report will be added to the annual report and published on the website after the meeting for residents to view.

Reports from Village Organisations

GYBC Councillor Noel Galer – highlighted that despite the challenges encountered the Council had made some great achievements with the Emergency Response Group, the improvements to footpaths and also the allotments project to improve village life.

GYBC Councillor James Bensly took the opportunity to thank the Clerks and Parish Councillors personally for each parish at this time during this unprecedented year. He added that Parish Councils have been the bedrock of our communities and he cannot thank everyone enough. He thanked everyone for their hard work and help as we move out of this unprecedented time and look forward to the future of our town and communities.

Winterton On Sea Primary School and Nursery - Mrs Hannah Waters, Assistant Academy Head reported that the school has 60 children on roll which is steady increasing with 9 more to intake in September which is a really good number. Attendance is 95% and close to the National target. Despite Covid-19 a good attendance has been met with very good virtual and online attendance. Excellent attendance recorded overall.

Trust – the previous Head had moved within the Trust so CEO Andrew Dunthorne has been supporting Hannah as the Assistant Academy.

Staff - recent advertising for a new Early years Teacher will see a new team member starting in September.

Field Study Centre was due to open in March 2020 but postponed due to the pandemic and is now opening in July 2021. They are test driving it at the end of June with the school having a field study centre. The Children are excited about staying overnight. In July more schools and groups are attending during the summer holidays.

Toddler Group - 'Little Nippers' to start from September with interest received from local areas which is encouraging.

New planters being built to go outside the school wall from pallets kindly donated. Winterton in Bloom are donating some flowers for them.

Facebook is receiving good feedback with regular updates

Engagement – the double spread in the village Newsletter was well received with more planned regular updates.

Looking forward to engaging with the community more in June and welcoming volunteers back in and involved which has been missed.

901 Troop Cadets reported that Zoom has been useful in keeping the Cadets engaged. In September an outside event was able to take place. Their armoured car was overhauled and staff were able to drive. East Coast Medical Practices were able to deliver the flu jab with some support from the cadets. In January the mini-bus fund raiser was launched in a small amount of time raising just under £10,000 in eight weeks. Rachel gave thanks to all of those who donated funds. This year a training officer has spent over 400 hours bringing training packages up to date. A new website has been launched with numbers now increasing. An advert for staff to help has also been published. 80% of band members have been lost due to covid which is now being rebuilt. The troop are now open again

and looking forward to the future.

Cinema Club - Geoff Roper added that last year two films were shown but then ceased due to the pandemic. Thanked Peter (advertising) and Post Office 'Gino and Jean (with their support with tickets). Opening again on 26 June with social distancing hopefully ceasing as the film 'Knives Out' will be shown.

Cricket Club – Ben Utting 'Chairman' of the Cricket Club reported that it was an interesting and shorter season than usual with some fixtures taking place. This season started last Saturday. Concerns were initially raised regarding numbers as 'Golf' was seen as a sport which could be played within the restrictions. The club is growing with some 40-50 adult members and ladies supported by links from local schools. The club had signed up to some national programmes the first year to obtain free kit and is still offering some with minimal contribution needed. Changes over the summer and winter has included receiving external funding for an electronic scoreboard and protective door covers to take the club to the standard required across the county. More site boards have also been replaced with external funding. Winds had been a challenge with blowing cricket equipment over the Bowls Club fence which is now repaired. Sponsorship has been received from local companies from 'Aldreds', a haulage company outside of the county and 'Richardson's' (Hemsby) who have agreed to be the main sponsor. Some junior and ladies kit can now be updated. Funds can now be allocated for contribution to the new playing field facilities improvements. The first team play in division 4 of the Norfolk Alliance, and the seconds in division 4 of the Norfolk League. The ladies team has 6 Sunday morning games. Junior coaching is every Monday evening, and senior nets occur on Tuesday evening. The playing strength is good with several new additions and the club is in a healthy position.

In Bloomers were not present so the Chair added how the improvements across the village had been well received with recognition of the continued hard work by the group.

Newsletter – Peter Robbins reported that the next issue was due towards the end of May or early June.

Standing orders were reinstated.

Resolutions where Notice has been given

None.

General Parish Comments

None.

The meeting closed at 7.25 pm.

CHAIRMAN
