

Minutes of the Meeting of Winterton-on-Sea Parish Council
Monday 2nd September 2019 7.30pm Cricket Pavilion, Somerton Road

Present: Mark Bobby
Nigel Coe
Marie Hartley
Alec Sutton
Catherine Moore (Parish Clerk)

Also attended: 4 members of the public.

1. Election of Chairman

There were no nominations for the permanent role of Chairman. It was **agreed** to elect Mark Bobby as Chairman for the meeting, proposed by Nigel Coe, seconded by Marie Hartley, all in favour.

The Chairman noted that Eric Lund, John Allen and Roger Jarvis had resigned since the last meeting. He also reported that the Fete the previous day had been an excellent success, and thanked and congratulated Claire Thompson, Elaine Hillier and all others involved in the running of the day.

2. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

3. Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensation

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Co-option to two vacancies

There were no co-options made.

5. Public Participation

Standing orders were suspended to allow Borough and County Councillors, and members of the public to speak.

a) Public Participation

A member of the public noted that she was disappointed that the Council had lost Eric Lund as a councillor and chairman, noting his commitment and expressing a hope that he would return. She noted that she was considering her position on the Village Hall Committee at the moment.

Nigel Coe noted that there had been some tensions between the Parish Council and the former members of the Village Hall Committee who had decided not to continue in their role after May 2019, which was due to the new members of the Committee having different ideas for the Hall, as well as disagreements around the process of ensuring that financial and legal procedures met with the Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. He noted that he was not happy with parts of the communication which went out regarding the Garage Sale, and felt that a private discussion before the last meeting to brief councillors may have been beneficial. He did not feel that he could fully comment at the last meeting as he did not feel fully informed. It was felt that the last meeting collapsed because of the single issue, and that councillors had the right to question what had happened.

A member of the public noted that the Village Hall felt like it was being run for the

benefit of particular groups rather than the wider community, and that the new members of the Committee had taken steps to improve the facilities and make them welcoming for casual and new hirers, while still offering things like storage space to the long-standing groups. The aim was to make the Hall competitive with others in the area.

A member of the public noted that he had felt harangued by members of the public in his own personal time, and as a volunteer did not feel that he wanted to be subjected to this and had decided to stand down from the Committee.

6. **Moving forward**

a) Village Hall Committee

It was noted that there was one vacancy for a member of the public on the Committee, as well as two councillors. An expression of interest had been received for the public vacancy and it was **agreed** that the person would be invited to the next Parish Council meeting to introduce himself with a view to co-option to the Committee.

It was suggested that a working group of the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee could be set up every four months to discuss the Village Hall and ongoing work.

It was **agreed** that the September meeting would be moved to Monday 16th September 2019 at 10am, and that Mark Bobby and Alec Sutton would represent the Council in September.

b) & Councillor Responsibilities and Current Projects

c) i. Playing Field Management Committee

It was noted that the issue of the changing rooms needed to be addressed as a priority. It was **agreed** that Marie Hartley would review the specifications and budget quotations for the project with the Clerk ahead of the next Playing Field Management Committee meeting in October, where the final specification would be chosen ahead of sending out for full tender and submission of planning permission.

MH / Clerk

ii. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

It was **agreed** that Mark Bobby would join the Group for the meeting on 4th September 2019.

MB

iii. Bank Signatories

It was **agreed** that Marie Hartley, Nigel Coe and Alec Sutton would be added to the bank mandate.

Clerk

iv. SAM2

It was **agreed** that Mark Bobby would take responsibility for changing the battery and charging, and noted that the machine needed to be moved to the new location on Somerton Road.

MB

v. Notice Boards

Elaine Hillier confirmed that she was happy to continue to put notices up at the Village Hall. Mark would discuss with the Post Office whether they still wished to charge the Council £30 per month for notices to be displayed, and if not would see whether this could be reinstated. It was **agreed** that there was no appetite to pay to display notices in that location.

vi. Newsletter

It was **agreed** that Marie Hartley would proof read the September newsletter, and that Alec Sutton would receive the printed copies and distribute them to the deliverers.

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vii. Recruitment of Caretaker

It was **agreed** to put dates out for interview to all councillors, and to choose a councillor to join the Panel according to availability.

Clerk

viii. Changing Rooms Electrical Inspection

The Clerk was asked to chase the electrician about this.

Clerk

d) Recruitment of Councillors

It was **agreed** that the vacancies would be advertised using posters, an article in the Mercury, notice boards, and by word of mouth. Written applications would be invited, then the candidates would be invited to the next meeting to introduce themselves, with councillors making a decision regarding co-option.

Clerk

7. **Planning**

a) Applications Received

i) 06/19/0458/F 1 High Barn Farm, Edward Road: Reposition and alterations to approved garage - planning permission 06/18/0121/F.

MB

It was **agreed** to delegate comments on the application to Mark Bobby.

8. **Final Matters**

It was **agreed** that the Clerk could book a disposal company to collect the tyres from the allotments.

Clerk

It was **agreed** that Nigel Coe would become the Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel representative.

9. **Date of next meeting:**

- Wednesday 18th September 2019 7.30pm Winterton Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

CHAIRMAN