

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINGATE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY, 13th JANUARY 2019**

**Present:** Councillors K McGonnell, (Chair), E Mason, J Higgins, S Williams, P Mason, J Bradley, P Daly

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Hogg and Cairns.

2020/01/13/01

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

The Chairman welcomed three members of the public who enquired about using the park facilities for an under 13 football team which involved a number of young people from Wingate. The request involved thirty minute each way games on Saturday morning. Councillor Higgins confirmed he had been contacted directly about the request.

Following general discussion it was **RESOLVED** that approval be granted in principle subject to further checks to be undertaken by the Clerk.

2020/01/13/02

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING** held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 were **AGREED** as a correct record.

2020/01/13/03

**POLICE MATTERS**

The Clerk presented a written police report which included details of crimes up to the period ending 6 January. The Clerk advised that in addition to the report the Police had advised it was targeting anti-social behaviour from youths particularly at weekends. This had been raised at the previous meeting in relation to particular incidents on Friday 6 December. It was also noted that two individuals were being investigated in relation to certain crimes. The Police was noted as advising that youths are gathering in the vicinity of Bobby Gs and a number of them are wearing hoodies and balaclavas.

Crime statistics were note as including:

13 reports of anti-social behaviour including 5 youth nuisance ad 4 relating to off road bikes  
 7 burglaries  
 2 thefts  
 10 criminal damage including a number relating to items being thrown at passing vehicles

The Clerk reported that the PCSO for Wingate had left to take up another role elsewhere and a new sergeant had been appointed for the area. The Clerk had requested an introductory meeting with him although it was suggested that anti-social behavioural issues be escalated to a higher level. It was suggested that assurances given to the Parish Council by the then acting Crime Commissioner had led to nothing.

**RESOLVED** that the information given be noted and the Clerk seek a

meeting with the Police regarding anti-social behavior in Wingate.

2020/01/13/04

## **PROGRESS REPORT**

### (1) Nursery/Community Interest Company

The Clerk advised that he had spoken to a representative of the Community Interest Company (CIC) who advised that further discussions had taken place with Durham County Council regarding use of the Nursery reserves to create the new facility at the former Park Keeper's cottage. Representatives of the Nursery had confirmed that this would now allow them to proceed although as yet a timetable for signing a lease and taking occupation of the building had not yet been agreed. The Clerk suggested that along with the Chair and Vice Chair he meet with representatives of the CIC/Nursery to progress matters.

Following general discussion it was **RESOLVED** the information given be noted and the Clerk, Chair and Vice Chair meet with representatives of the CIC/Nursery to discuss progress and report back.

### (2) Woodmans Cottage Allotments

The Clerk reminded Members there was a special meeting to be held on 15 January when management and ownership of allotments was to be discussed specifically. He advised that details were still awaited from Durham County Council regarding the transfer of the land in its ownership to the Parish Council and until that was complete nothing could be progressed in relation to a sale to the tenants. He stated that further fly tipping had taken place on both Parish Council land and Durham County land although the County Council area had been cleared.

The Clerk added that in the Chairmans absence he had visited the site with the Vice Chairman and County Councillor Higgins. The site remained untidy and exposed to further and continued fly tipping. One of the tenants of the site was noted as offering to fence off the exposed area of the site prior to the sale of the site to the tenants. The Clerk suggested this would potentially limit the risk of further fly tipping at no cost to the Parish Council although there was some rubbish including gas bottles and asbestos sheeting that needed removing by the Parish Council adjacent to the site.

Following general discussion it was **RESOLVED** that:

- (a) The information given be noted;
- (b) A tenant of the site be authorised to fence off part of the exposed site at his cost and risk on the basis of the sale of the land completes; and
- (c) Should the sale of the land to the tenants not complete then the tenant has to right to occupy the piece of land fenced off.

**RESOLVED** the information given be noted and further progress be awaited.

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## **SECTION 106 MONIES**

The Clerk reminded Members of previous discussions regarding the potential to access future Section 106 monies subject to new developments

taking place in the village. He stated that the developments were a number of years away from being completed and so the monies could not be accessed until then however consideration and agreement of schemes now could help pre-applications to be submitted. The Clerk added that while perhaps outline proposals could be identified they would need require supporting evidence to help justify them.

The Clerk gave examples of potential schemes including play equipment, a skate park and improvements in the park. It was suggested that some initial informal consultation be undertaken to seek views from residents perhaps by way of a survey to be issued at the Community Centre. It was also suggested that information could be posted on the Parish Council notice board and web site when they were in place.

Following general discussion it was **RESOLVED** that:

- (a) the information given be noted;
- (b) Members give further thought to potential Section 106 schemes; and
- (c) the Clerk undertake initial informal consultation to seek ideas from residents.

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#### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

There were no planning applications to consider.

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#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Royal Garden Party  
**RESOLVED** that details of the Royal Garden party in May be noted.
- (b) Holocaust Memorial Day  
**RESOLVED** that details of the Holocaust Memorial Day on 27 January 2020 be noted.
- (c) Peterlee Urgent Treatment Centre  
**RESOLVED** that details of changes to the opening hours of the Peterlee Urgent Treatment Centre be noted.
- (d) East Durham Area Action Partnership Board Meeting  
**RESOLVED** that details of the next meeting to be held on 15 January 2020 be noted.

2020/01/13/08

#### **PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- (a) Authorisation of Payments

**RESOLVED** that authorisation be given for the following payments:

UK Fuels- Petrol

Cheque No. 405401

£11.75

BT- Broadband at Park	
Cheque No. 405402	£70.80
Durham County Council- November Diesel	
Cheque No.405403	£58.25
Harbro Electrical- Xmas Lights	
Cheque No.405404	£23.16
Durham CC- Machine Repairs	
Cheque No. 405405	£2008.56
Print Centre- Xmas Printing	
Cheque No. 405406	£140.00
1A Shutters and Grills- Roller Shutter Repairs	
Cheque No. 405407	£288.00
Orbis- Security Shutter Hire	
Cheque No. 405408	£171.81
Npower—Xmas Tree Lighting	
Cheque No. 405409	£81.23
Steadfast Security- CCTV Monitoring	
Cheque No. 405410	£169
Clerk- January Office Allowance	
Cheque No. 405411	£50
TSL- Pitch Marker	
Cheque No. 405412	£115.20
Horns Garden Centre- Misc Supplies	
Cheque No. 405413	£33.15
Durham County Council- Machine Repairs/Service	
Cheque No. 405414	£840.58
LITE – Xmas Decorative Lighting	

Cheque No. 405415 £10620.00

TMJ Legal Service – Allotment Advice

Cheque No. 405416 £120.00

Steadfast Security- Intruder Alarm Annual Monitoring and Mtce

Cheque No. 405417 £549.12

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## **REPORTS**

(a) **The Clerk**

There were no reports from the Clerk.

(b) **Members**

(1) **Community Seating Adjacent to Wingate Tandoori**

A Member reported a request for the seating to be removed due to youths gathering in the area.

**RESOLVED** the Parish Council support the continuation of the seating.

(2) **Walkway Bungalows to Moore Lane**

A Member reported the poor condition of the walkway from the OAP bungalows near to the Community School to Moore Lane. It was noted that Durham County Council was looking into this. The existing footpath was to be closed temporarily due to works going on at the school.

**RESOLVED** the information given be noted and further updates be awaited.

(3) **Nursery**

A Member stated they had received an email from a member of the community in relation to the nursery and concerns which although considered serious by the author were not stated. It was noted the email had been copied to the Clerk. The Member stated he was meeting representative of Durham County Council the following on other matters relating to the nursery.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** the Member refer the matter to the Education Department at Durham County Council for information and its consideration.

(c) **County Councillor**

County Councillor Higgins gave a detailed update on his activities relating to the County Council. It was noted that a report was to be considered by a relevant committee at the end of January on a regeneration project proposed for the village.

It was noted that public consultation was about to start on yellow lines to be

installed. Bollards were to be installed opposite Shah's shop to help with parking and congestion issues. Lights which were noted as not working on the front street area were noted as now working. A meeting was noted as having taken place that day regarding pot holes and damage to the highway on the front street. Further investigation was to be undertaken but repairs were to be planned. It was highlighted that paths needed regular sweeping as debris from the road was impacting on footpath areas.

It was noted that a meeting was to take place on 15 January regarding the pit heaps area and works planned to limit unauthorised access.

A Member raised the fact that the flashing school sign was not working and County Councillor Higgins agreed for this to be looked into although suggested it should also be reported to the school.

County Councillor Higgins stated that a deprivation survey had shown Wingate to be in a worse situation than the previous survey five years previous.

Following general discussion County Councillor Higgins was thanked for his report and it was **RESOLVED** the information give be noted.

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**SCHEDULE OF ONGOING MATTERS**

**RESOLVED** that the schedule of ongoing matters be noted.

**CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD**

CHAIRMAN .....

DATE .....