

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINGATE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 10th JULY 2023

Present: Councillors S William (Chair) E Mason, P Mason, C Ryan, J Bradley, A Ogle

Ms Susan Kelly, Community Development Officer

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Higgins

2023/07/10/01

CO-OPTION TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Chairman welcomed Alison Ogle who signed her declaration of acceptance of office and was co-opted on to the Parish Council.

2023/07/10/02

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The Chairman welcomed Jim Gorton from Heritage North who was in attendance to discuss a pre-planning application relating to a proposed residential development on behalf of Robinsons on land to the rear of the front street.

Mr Gorton outlined details of the proposal which included 58 affordable bungalows with access from the front street. It was noted that an existing property was proposed to be demolished to facilitate access to the site.

The Chairman outlined that as a planning application had not been received the Parish Council was not able to offer a view on the proposal but he did allow questions to be asked.

Following general discussion it was **RESOLVED** the information given be noted and a planning application be awaited.

2023/07/10/03

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 12th June 2023 were agreed as a correct record.

2023/07/10/04

POLICE AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS

The Clerk presented a summary of crime and anti-social behavioural issues during the period 1st to 30 June as follows:

Criminal damage- 3 incidents
 Damage to a vehicle- 6 vehicle fires
 Anti-social behaviour- 7 incidents
 Burglary- 1 shed burglary

It was noted that the Police had advised that they did not believe the vehicle fires were related and investigations into them were ongoing. Work was noted as being ongoing into off road bike incidents.

Following general discussion it was **RESOLVED** the information given be noted and further progress be awaited.

2023/07/10/05

PROGRESS REPORT

(1) Covid Plaque

RESOLVED it be noted that a grant of £1300 had been received which was for the full cost of the plaque recently installed.

(2) Play Equipment

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council had received a grant of £20k from the Towns and Villages Partnership fund for new play equipment at the park. He advised that he intended to develop a process for appointing a supplier and would report back accordingly.

RESOLVED the information given be noted and further progress be awaited

(3) X21 Arriva Bus Service

Discussion followed relating to the X21 bus service which was noted has having been removed by Arriva due to a commercial decision. It was also noted that the village had no Sunday service which was a cause of public concern. Durham County Council was noted as liaising with Arriva regarding its service provision.

Following general discussion it was **RESOLVED** the Clerk arrange for a further social media update advising that the County Council was dealing with the issues .

(4) Summer Playscheme

The Clerk reminded Members that the playscheme was taking place from 14 to 25 August with the away day to South Shields being on Saturday 26 August. The Community Association has advised the Parish Council was need to provide funding of approximately £700 for the playscheme with the rest of the funding coming from Durham County Council's fun an food programme.

RESOLVED the information given be noted.

(5) Park Storage

RESOLVED it be noted that an additional storage container at the park was to be ordered at a cost of approximately £2900.

23/07/10/06

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER UPDATE

The Chairman welcomed Susan Kelly, the Parish Council's Community Development Officer. Ms Kelly circulated details of proposed summer activities including a picnic in the park event on 23 July and 6 weeks of children's activities. Other potential picnic events were noted as being proposed. A fun and food grant of £2325 was noted as having been obtained which left a shortfall of approximately £4k for the remainder of the summer programme. Following a meeting with Hutton Henry and Station Town Parish Council it was hoped it would meet 50% of the shortfall.

The Clerk advised that if Hutton Henry Parish and Station Town Parish Council made a contribution as expected then total of summer activities to be funded by the Parish Council would be Approximately £5k which was within the £6k budget

It was noted that subsequent picnic events were subject to the 23 July event being a success. Members were asked to attend and help on the day with arrangements.

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

- (a) the information given be noted;
- (b) authorisation be granted for the Clerk and the Community Development Officer to proceed with implementing the summer programme subject to a financial commitment from Hutton Henry and Station Town Parish Council; and
- (c) further progress be awaited.

2023/07/10/07

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED that no objections be made in relation to the following applications:

- 8 Burdon Crescent- change of use of public open space to the construction of a bungalow
- 27 Salters Lane- front and side garage extension.

2023/07/10/08

CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence to consider.

2023/07/10/09

PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

- (a) Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED that authorisation be given for the following payments:

Steadfast Security- Alarm Call Out	
Cheque No. 406064	£38.40
UK Fuels- Petrol	
Cheque No. 406065	£6.30
LITE- Xmas Lighting	
Cheque No. 406066	£3017.52
Durham CC- Trade Waste	
Cheque No. 406067	£314.82

BT- Broadband at Park	
Cheque No.406068	£93.04
AMJS Electrical- Pit Wheel Lights	
Cheque No.406069	£1000.00
Clerk- Line Rental and Calls	
Cheque No.406070	£45.00
Park Keeper- Line Rental and Calls	
Cheque No.406071	£45.00
Community Development Office- Line Rental and Calls	
Cheque No.406072	£45.00
Horns Garden Centre- Misc Supplies	
Cheque No.406073	£92.69
Anglian Water- Park	
Cheque No.406074	£524.24
J Dinning- Internal Audit	
Cheque No. 406075	£400.00
Smith of Derby- Clock Service	
Cheque No. 406076	£312.00
Durham CC- Licence for Land at Nursery	
Cheque No. 406077	£1.00
Orangebox Training Solutions- First Aid Training	
Cheque No. 406078	£288.00
Holy Trinity Church- Away Day	
Cheque No. 406079	£250.00
UK Fuels- Petrol	
Cheque No. 406080	£6.66
Clerk- Refund for Postage	

Cheque No. 406081	£45.00
PB Skip Hire- Skip	
Cheque No. 406082	£300.00
EON Next- Football Changing Room	
Cheque No. 406083	£402.96
S Jones Containers- Steel Container Purchase	
Cheque No. 406084	£2927.00
Wingate Community Association- Bingo Event 27/6	
Cheque No. 406085	£52.38
Chairman- Refund for Tables for Park	
Cheque No. 406086	£50

2023/07/10/10

REPORTS

(a) **The Clerk**

There were no reports from the Clerk.

(b) **Members**

(1) **Web Page**

Following general discussion it was **RESOLVED** the Clerk update the Parish Council's web page.

(2) **Allotments**

RESOLVED the Clerk arrange an allotment site meeting.

(3) **Football Gates**

A Member reported that a representative of the Over 40s team had requested permission to local gates during training. Following general discussion it was **RESOLVED** the Clerk liaise with the individual and a further update be awaited

County Councillor

In the absence of County Councillor Higgins there was no County Council report.

2023/07/10/11

SCHEDULE OF ONGOING MATTERS

RESOLVED that the schedule of ongoing matters be noted.

2023/07/10/12

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the following item of business due to the disclosure of financial information.

2023/07/10/13

WNGATE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Chairman welcomed representatives of the Community Association, Mrs Collins and Mr McGonnell who were in attendance to give an update on Association’s activities and finances.

It was noted that work was ongoing to change the Association’s legal entity to a community interest organisation (CIA) following which Collins planned to retire. The new CIA would have all Trustees included on the building lease.

Discussion followed on the Association’s finances with it noted it had approximately £53k available cash which equated to a year’s running costs. Various funding grant applications had been submitted including one for new radiators and solar panels.

Members of the Parish Council suggested that marketing activities at the centre and better use of social media needed to be considered.

Following general discussion Mrs Collins and Mr McGonnell were thanked for attending the meeting and it was **RESOLVED** the information given be noted and further quarterly meetings continue with any prearranged questions submitted to the Association in advance.

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN

DATE