

Minutes of the Wintringham Parish Council Annual Meeting and Parish Council Meeting.

Wintringham Community Hall, Thursday 24th April 2024, 7.30pm.

1. The Chairman, Mr. Witty opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed everyone present. There were apologies from Annie Ali.

Present were: Peter Witty, Jennifer Leefe, Mike Grayston, Tracey Ireland, Ken Harvey, Nick Waddington and Philip Clark (Clerk).

2. Acceptance of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 22nd May 2024. Proposed: Mrs Leefe, Seconded: Mr. Grayston. Carried unopposed.

3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair. Mr. Witty said he was prepared to carry on in the role of Chair. Mr Witty for Chair: Proposed: Mr. Waddington, Seconded Mr. Harvey. Carried unopposed. Mr Grayston agreed to stand for Vice Chair again: Proposed: Mr. Harvey, Seconded Ms. Ireland. Carried unopposed.

4. The clerk read out the questions and his answers to the 'Governance Statement' in the annual return for year ended 31st March 2025. Approval was proposed by Mr. Harvey and seconded by Mr. Waddington. Carried unopposed. The statement was signed by Mr Witty.

5. The clerk presented the accounting statements for the year ended 31st March 2025. Approval was proposed by Ms. Ireland and seconded by Mr. Grayston. Carried unopposed. The statement was signed by Mr Witty.

6. Approval of AGAR Certificate of exemption 2024/25.

Proposed by Mr. Harvey and seconded by Mr. Grayston. Carried unopposed.

7. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 10th October 2024

Proposed Mr. Waddington, Seconded Mrs. Leefe. Carried unopposed.

8. Action Plan from the meeting of 10th October 2024:

(1) Mr Witty to move the dog waste bin away from the War Memorial. Mr. Witty said that he had done this in time for Remembrance Day last November. CLOSED

(2) Mr Waddington said he did write to object to planning appeal ZE23/05617/FUL regarding biomass boilers at Linton Mill. He also said that any objections had been overruled by the Secretary of State on the following conditions: 1. Only wood of approved dryness to be burned. 2. No fuel to be stored outdoors. CLOSED

9. Review of GDPR status. Mr Waddington, GDPR officer said that there have been no breaches of the regulations, no change in the data held by the Parish Council and no changes to the privacy statement.

10. Items from Parish Councillors:

From Annie Ali. Can the path near the Millenium pond have stones added to counteract the very muddy surface? This was discussed and it was generally thought to be a seasonal problem as the path is now dry. However Peter Witty said he would bring some gravel (similar to the Church Paths) and spread it in the area.

From Nick Waddington. Could the footpath between The Old School and Grange Garth (north side) be cut back/cleared as the path is now very narrow. (There was also a similar request as part of an e mail from a village resident – see below).

11. Correspondence. The Clerk said that there had been an e mail from village resident Tracey Coffey. She made three main requests:

(1) The path between Grange Garth and the Old School has become very narrow and difficult to walk down. Also, this is a general problem on all the village paths but not quite as bad.

(2) Could the paths be periodically be swept particularly at the top end of the village where pine cones collect and are a trip hazard

(3) Could some better gates be installed at the ends of the back lane to prevent dogs off the lead escaping onto the road.

After discussion, the following decisions were made:

(1) Rob Witty to be asked to cut back the path between The Old School and Grange Garth as soon as possible.

(2) Rob also to be asked to sweep away the pine cones at the top of the village as part of his regular mowing programme (at extra cost of course).

(3) The Parish Council has no control over the gates. The are managed by the Estate and the Wolds Way.

12. Any other Business.

There was a discussion regarding long term parking of vans on the road in the village. The 'layby' outside the Forestry Houses is usually occupied by the vehicles of one nearby residence to the detriment of other residents and delivery drivers etc. There is a 'Hall' van parked outside Kiddles farm and hasn't seemingly moved for weeks. There is also van which is regularly parked on and off near Green Gables / Forge Cottage. This van has been checked online by a Parish Councillor and it is on SORN, not taxed so shouldn't be on the road. He has reported this but not heard anything. Nothing can be done about the other vehicles as the are taxed and on a public road with no parking restrictions.

Mr Witty closed the meeting at approximately 8.15pm