

Wickersley Parish Council

Minutes of the Winthrop Gardens Committee Meeting held at 9am on Wednesday 28th June 2023 at Winthrop Gardens

Members present: Cllrs:- John Barber (in the Chair); Chris Grimes; Pat Beighton;

In attendance: Anna Chester (Winthrop Organiser); Mick Briggs;

443 Apologies for absence

Cllr Marie Woodhead, Cllr John Robinson, Cllr Pat Whitworth, Glenna Briggs, Tony Sarjeant, Elenore Fisher

444 Declaration of Interest

None

445 To resolve if members of the press and public are to be excluded from any agenda items of the meeting due to the nature of the business to be transacted. (Under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1(2))

None

446 Thurcroft and Wickersley South Ward Local Community Fund

The success of the grant application was reported - £1904 received for garden power tools.

Resolved: Cllr Barber proposed and Cllr Grimes seconded the proposal to authorise the Winthrop Organiser to purchase the tools as described in the application. It was also agreed that in the event of any price increases that could be covered from the Garden Infrastructure and Maintenance Budget

447 Preparation for the Wickersley Parish Council Meeting at Winthrop on 17th July 2023

After discussion it was agreed as follows:-

- Meeting timings :-
 - Cllrs arrive for 5.30 meeting start – and Business planning session until 6.30
 - 6.30pm – Cllrs taken for 15 min tour of Winthrop (buildings)
 - 6.45pm Reconvene in Atrium for refreshments and opportunity for questions / discussion
 - 7.00pm Start of WPC meeting
- Winthrop Organiser to prepare briefing note for guided tour

448 Winthrop Development – next steps

Cllr Barber updated the meeting as follows:-

- The Parish Council had been updated at the meeting held on 19th June and had agreed to the continuation of work to progress the project plan
- Having the options of traditional build, modular and log cabin type - the modular option was looking most favourable on the grounds of cost, ease of maintenance, longevity, speed of delivery and project management.
- Identified need to source 2/3 other modular building companies and ‘visit’ where possible to further develop our understanding.

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- Communication of our proposals to ‘neighbours’ and the local community before any formal consultation is done by the Planning Dept. 2
- Three further strands of work identified which he hope can be developed in parallel
 - Planning application – Michelle Taylor to lead
 - Updating of the Business Case with a view to this going to the WPC meeting on 18th September– Cllr Barber and Winthrop Organiser
 - Preparing the Tendering Document – Cllr Barber to discuss with (Temp) Asst Clerk
- A further meeting of the Development Working Group to be held in early August to feedback on progress – particularly feedback from the Communication work and any issues arising and particularly to focus on the planning application with a view to submission in early September

449 Dates of future meetings

Friday 1st September 2023

Friday 1st December 2023

Other dates for your diary

Sunday 9th July 11am – 2pm Open Event for St Albans School Gardening Club Fundraiser

Wednesday 19th July – OPEN EVENT on Winthrop Development 10.30am – 4.00pm

Sunday 23rd July - OPEN EVENT on Winthrop Development 10.00am – 12 noon

Saturday 29th June – Second Lane Action Day 10am – 1pm

Tuesday 1st August – YORKSHIRE DAY at Winthrop

The meeting closed at 3.15pm

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