

Wickersley Parish Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary Winthrop Gardens Committee Meeting held at 9.30am on Wednesday 8th February 2023 at Winthrop Gardens

Members present: Cllrs:- Sue Ellis (in the Chair); Pat Beighton; Chris Grimes; Patricia Whitworth;

In attendance: Anna Chester (Winthrop Organiser); Mick Briggs; Glenna Briggs; Tony Sarjeant; Michelle Tuxford for Winthrop Development item 2;

413 Apologies for absence

Cllr John Barber; Elenore Fisher ; Carol Lavell (standing apologies)

Peter Thirlwall was not present at the meeting having recently resigned from the Parish Council.

The Chair noted that former Cllr Thirlwall had made an enormous contribution and brought a range of skills and expertise to the work of the Winthrop Committee which would be much missed. It was agreed to discuss former Cllr Thirlwall's contribution in more detail at the next regular meeting of the Committee in March 2023.

414 Declaration of Interest

None

415 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))

Winthrop Development and Organiser hours

416 Winthrop Development – taken in private session – see ‘yellow pages’

417 Winthrop Organiser Hours – taken in private session - see ‘yellow pages’

The meeting closed at 11.15am

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It was resolved to exclude members of the press and public from the following item pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1(2)

Item 416 Winthrop Development

The Parish now has a Lawful Development Certificate for Winthrop.

Members discussed the next steps, particularly having regard to the feedback given following the submission of the pre-application enquiry.

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Resolved –

416.1 To engage in discussions with the author of the response to the pre-application enquiry to outline suggestions as to how we might modify the plans to respond to issues raised. It is hope this can proceed without the need to submit a new pre-application enquiry but if this is required it was resolved that this could be done and the necessary fee incurred.

416.2 To explore the possibility of establishing a volunteer workforce to undertake work to improve the appearance of Second Lane.

Item 417 Winthrop Organiser Hours

The Chair provided a resume of the issue of the Organiser hours and duties – fixed in 2017 when Winthrop was operating at a very different level to currently; growth in scope and volume of duties and discussions by the HR Committee on 18th January 2023.

Following discussions it was resolved to accept the recommendations of the HR Committee as follows:-

417.1 The Parish Council continue to fund the 15 hours per week of the Organiser post to cover core activities;

417.2 That a budget of £10,000 from the Winthrop predicted surplus can be drawn on to cover the additional hours required to fulfil the Core Plus day-to-day activities which contribute to income generation and relate to the scale of the operation – no of volunteers, volume of communication work alongside the additional hours needed to sustain the programme of income generating events;

417.3 These additional hours to be allocated as necessary by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Winthrop Committee in conjunction with the Organiser;

417.4 This arrangement to be subject to review and operate for an initial period of 12 months with regular updates to be reported;

417.5 To welcome the principle established at the HR Committee that cover as required for the Winthrop Organiser absence (planned and unplanned) be provided by the Parish Admin Team;

417.6 To enable the Organiser to carry forward 93 hours of unused annual leave outstanding from 2022/23 to the 2023/24 financial year

The meeting closed at 11.20am