

WINSCALES PARISH COUNCIL (048-NOV)

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General Meeting of the Winscales Parish Council numbered (048-Nov) was held on **Monday 20 November 2023, 6.30pm**, at the **Hunday Manor Hotel, Workington**.

Attendees: Cllrs Carole Armstrong, Peter Gaston, Michele Twiss (Chair), Christopher West (Vice Chair), Representative Cumberland Councillor for Winscales, Cllr Rollo. Clerk Mrs A Meek

MINUTES

1. The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and there were no apologies for absence received.
2. There were no Co-options to note. No Declaration of Pecuniary Interests to note. There are currently two Parish Councillor vacancies.
3. There were no members of the Public in attendance.
4. Discussed were the minutes of the General Meeting held on 18 September 2023 – all accepted as being of a true record and the Chair signed the minutes – there were no matters arising from the minutes held on 18 September 2023.
5. **Funding and Projects**
6th June 2024 will mark the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings along the Normandy coast during World War II – to mark the occasion it was agreed to begin the process of getting permission from planning from Highways to add two lone tommie's on the bottom roundabout at Distington opposite directions to the current lone soldiers on the Lillyhall roundabout –
(A) the clerk to contact Highways to see if the lone soldiers can be sited on the roundabout.
6. **Business relating to Parish Matters**
 - The plaques will be delivered to the Academy within the next few weeks.
 - Bench ownership not found – reasons for not taking ownership of the bench were discussed, increase in insurance (A) the clerk to contact the insurance to ask the cost of putting a replacement bench in the same area. The parish council would need to have the broken bench removed (A) Rep. Cllr Rollo will have a team remove the broken bench at no cost to the Parish. Permissions for a new bench would need to go through Highways and planning (A) Rep. Cllr Rollo will talk to Planning and Highways. Rep. Cllr Rollo will email the clerk with outcomes of enquiries.
 - **Caravan Park Lodges update** – it was reported that a proceed decision had been made. The parish council asked the clerk to note again that they have objected to the extra lodges due to access on entry and exit. (A) Rep. Cllr Rollo to talk to Planning regarding the position on lodges. On agenda for the January meeting.
 - **Historic Recordings** - The clerk has tried to place the recordings on the WPC website, but the recordings are too large, she has attempted to reduce the size, but this is detrimental to the recordings. Having contacted the Host Administration, the issue has not been resolved. – the clerk has not approached the Helena Thompson Museum until a decision as to another approach. The data stick was handed over to Cllr West to see if he could do anything to reduce the size. Rep. Cllr Rollo will ask the Comms team in CC if Cllr West cannot reduce the size. On agenda for the January meeting. (A) Cllr West to follow up.
 - Remembrance Sunday was observed on 12 November 2023 – the Clerk placed a poppy wreath at the foot of each Lone Soldier on the roundabout to mark the day.
 - Speeding cars through Winscales was reported by a resident who was concerned about the safety of oncoming cars or pedestrians – (A) Rep. Cllr Rollo will request a speed box which will collect and record speeds for a 2-week period. On agenda for the January meeting.

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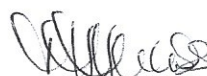


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- Bus Shelter on Branthwaite Road by the golf Course – the parish council has investigated this within the last two years – Highways informed the council that the verge, path and road are too narrow to enable a shelter to be sited on both sides of this road and therefore planning permission would not be granted. Discussions were to ask the farmer for a piece of land which will allow for the bus shelter to stand back a little, or to infringe on the care home removing part of the walled area to accommodate the bus shelter **(A)** Rep. Cllr Rollo to complete a site visit with a Highways Officer and report back to councillors.
7. **Correspondences received** from 18 July 2023 to 18 September have been forwarded to councillors with nothing to action and to note:
Cllr Twiss attended Q&A session held at Hunday. Parish councillors thought the wind farm would be better visually rather than the wind turbines.
8. **Planning Notifications: applications/decisions received since last meeting.**
- Planning Application **FUL/2023/0056** - Proposal: development of vacant land for the provision of a proposed vehicle rental centre, Lillyhall - Councillors had no objections and planning permission was given.
 - Planning Application **WTPO/2023/0032** – Tree works at Hunday Manor Hotel – councillors agreed the work was radical but gave no objections for safety reasons.
9. **Financial Review/Accounts/Payments:**
- Bank Statement dated 26 October 2023 – start balance £10,494.70, end balance £13,143.18 - Money in £3,500.00 and £251.58 VAT Refund - Money out £15.00 Room Hire, £870.48, and HMRC tax £217.62, Total £1088.10.
 - Donation support to two charities were discussed, the Great North-West Air Ambulance Service £500.00, Hospice at Home £250.00 proposed Cllr Gaston, Seconded Cllr Armstrong a vote of 3-1 for the donation was carried – a cheque was written out and signed at the end of the meeting.
 - Schedule of payments and Cheques signed on the night were Chq No. 092 Royal British Legion £45.00, payment for two poppy wreaths. Chq No. 093 Hunday Manor Hotel £40.00 Room Hire/refreshments. Chq No. 094 the Great North Air Ambulance Service £500.00 Donation. Chq No. 095 Hospice at Home £250.00 Donation.
 - Financial report of spend and income to November was reviewed, and all accepted they were of a true record.
 - National pay award for 2023/2024 announced – the clerk's salary has been raised within inflation bringing it from £13.95 to £14.95 per hour, back dated to 1st April 2023. The cost to the parish council is £312.00 per annum. – the clerk will take this amount at the end of the financial year and prepare a letter for the bank to raise the bank transfer in time for the 1st quarter payment of the next financial year.
 - The clerk has changed her internet contract due to it being unreliable, parish councillors can keep a land line although the clerk doesn't require this, the cost would be £10.per month with WPC and possibly LPC – Great Clifton has declined from having a land line. The clerk informed councillors that should they reframe from having a landline the current mobile although used for parish council work would not be available on the website or any paperwork being sent out.
 - I am negotiating with the hotel regarding the increase in Room Hire for meetings.
10. **Items for the September Agenda:**
As above.
11. **Date of next meeting** - [Dates in advance 3rd Monday by-monthly]
(GM) 15 January 2024 – (GM) 18 March 2024

Meeting closed at 20:00

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