



**A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on
Monday, 25th March 2019,
Sidcot School, Old Library at 7.30 p.m.**

Those present at the meeting:

Parish Cllrs Present: Mr M Boddy, Mr A Forbes (Vice-Chairman), Mr G Lloyd, Mr C Lomas,
Mr G Paterson, Mr V Slater, Mr J Westlake and Mr M Williamson (Chairman)

Members of the public: Four
Clerk: Mrs L Rampton

Parish Cllrs Absent: Mr C Ballard, Ms C Boase, Ms J Corry, Mr K Joyce, Mr I Kilpatrick,
Mr G Lockett and Dr P Watkins

187. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (*Agenda item 1*) were received from Parish Councillors Ballard, Boase, Corry, Joyce, Kilpatrick and Watkins.

188. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (*Agenda item 2*). No declarations had been received.

189. TO CONSIDER & DECIDE UPON ANY REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION FROM MEMBERS TO ALLOW THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN A DISCUSSION OR VOTE ON A MATTER IN WHICH HE/SHE MAY HAVE A DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST (*Agenda item 3*).

Dispensations are granted to Parish Councillors under section 33 of the Localism Act 2011 and the Parish Council delegated the power to grant dispensations (s 101 of the Local Government Act 1972) to the Clerk or appointed Deputy (see PC meeting 23.07.12 min 52 iv.)

As no declarations had been received, there were none.

190. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25TH FEBRUARY 2019 (*Agenda item 4*)

The minutes to the meeting were approved as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr A Forbes Seconded: Cllr J Westlake

All members present at the last meeting were in favour.

191. MINUTE UPDATE FROM THE FEBRUARY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES AND MARCH CLERK'S REPORT – Annex 1 (*Agenda item 5*)

Min. 177, Climate Emergency Motion – the matter would be further considered by the Environment Working Group with local proposals to be submitted to a future Parish Council meeting for consideration.

Min 178, Cricket Club Lease – a meeting with the Club Chairman and Trustee had been arranged. Suggestion and recommendations from that meeting would be submitted to the council for consideration.

Min 180, Woodborough Road Public Conveniences Refurbishment – the contractor had been appointed with works likely to commence late August 2019. Members preferred a slight delay to that date to avoid closure of the toilets during the school holiday period.

192. CRIME REPORT FOR THE LAST MONTH PERIOD (*Agenda item 6*)

There was no report available. A member advised of a routine police visit to the Award Land.

193. RESPONSE TO MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL (*Agenda item 7*) None required.

194. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (*Agenda item 8*) *The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow public participation and stated that this was the only time during the meeting members of public present would be allowed to address the Council.*

a. To receive a presentation from TrueSpeed - Ultrafast Broadband for Winscombe and Sandford
A representative from the privately owned company outlined the necessity for ultra-fast and reliable broadband now and in the future. Truespeed provide an independent network and claimed a guaranteed minimum 200Mbps download and upload speed 24/7 directly into every household or

business through individual fibre network connections. The company was now partially 'live' in Churchill and Sandford, but as a demand led company, would need a 30% sign-up commitment to an 18 month contract from homes in Winscombe to bring ultrafast broadband to the remainder of the parish.

- b. **Dementia Awareness and the Alzheimer's Society.** With an ageing population, and 29% of the parish residents being aged 65 or over (2011 Census results), it was requested that an evening event is held, to be attended by representatives from the Alzheimer's Society to consider raising dementia awareness in the parish. The meeting could include residents and local businesses and consider ways to improve simple signage in the parish. Publicity for the event would be arranged by the Alzheimer's Society.

With no further members of the public wishing to speak, the Chairman re-convened the meeting.

With the agreement of the council, the Chairman varied the order of the agenda to allow consideration of agenda item 11 at this time. For the purposes of the minutes, items are recorded in the order they appeared on the agenda.

195. TO RECEIVE A NSC PARISH LIAISON OFFICER UPDATE (Agenda item 9)

There was no update. Members did not have any matters they wished to be raised with the Liaison Officer.

196. TO AUTHORISE BILLS FOR PAYMENT Annex 2 (Agenda item 10)

Direct payments, cheques, direct debits and standing order payments as detailed totalling £9,303.75 (incl. vat) were authorised for payment.

Proposed: Cllr J Westlake Seconded: Cllr A Forbes All in favour

197. TO RECEIVE A REQUEST TO SPONSOR A DEMENTIA AWARENESS EVENING (Agenda item 11)

It was proposed that the Parish Council hire the main hall at the Winscombe Community Centre and fund light refreshments for the event likely to be held in June/July 2019. A total budget of £50 was agreed.

Proposed: Cllr C Lomas Seconded: Cllr M Boddy All in favour

An article could be included in the June edition of The Occasional Newsletter to publicise the event.

198. AURORA PLANNING APPEAL - to consider and approve a statement to be read by the Planning Committee Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council and in support of the Sandford Neighbourhood Group in opposition to the development Annex 3 (Agenda item 12)

With comments objecting to the planning application already having been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate, the Council agreed a short statement in support of the Sandford Neighbourhood Group. This would be read at the Appeal Hearing (commencing on 2nd April) by either the Parish Council Chairman, Planning Committee Chairman or Planning Vice-Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr V Slater Seconded: Cllr G Lloyd 6 in favour, 2 abstentions

199. TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR REFRESHMENTS AT THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY TO BE HELD ON 1ST APRIL 2019 (Agenda item 13)

It was proposed that wine and light snacks are available following the Annual Parish Assembly on 1st April to allow parishioners to mingle and talk with speakers. A budget of £150 was agreed for the refreshments.

Proposed: Cllr G Lloyd Seconded: Cllr A Forbes All in favour

200. TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT A REPORT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL AUDITOR FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31ST JANUARY 2019 Annex 4 (Agenda item 14)

The report was received and accepted by the meeting

Proposed: Cllr M Boddy Seconded: Cllr C Lomas All in favour

It was noted that following a recent change in legislation, the Council is now required to review and document its investment strategy. This is now a statutory requirement under s15(1)(a) para 14 of the Local Government Act 2003 for local authorities with investments of over £100,000. Guidance defines 'cash in bank accounts' as an investment for these purposes.

201. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT WORKING GROUP HELD ON 4TH MARCH 2019, AND TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THAT MEETING (Agenda item 15)

- a. **Purchase of a grit bin to be located at the junction of Parsons Way and Barton Road.**

It was proposed that NSC be asked to install a highway grit bin at this location at a cost of up to £200
Proposed: Cllr M Boddy Seconded: Cllr G Lloyd All in favour

b. Replacement of the planter opposite Butterflies.

With it having been agreed within 2019/2020 budgets, five replacement planters for opposite Butterflies, Sidcot Lane and to the front of The Woodborough Inn (Village Green) should be purchased at a cost of up to £500.

Proposed: Cllr G Lloyd Seconded: Cllr A Forbes All in favour

202. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CHAIRMAN'S COMMITTEE HELD ON 21ST MARCH 2019 AND TO APPROVE THOSE AS A CORRECT RECORD OF THE MEETING – Cllr M Williamson Annex 5 (Agenda item 16)

The minutes to the committee meeting were approved as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr J Westlake Seconded: Cllr A Forbes

All members present at the meeting were in favour.

Members were both pleased to be awarded a grant of £769 towards high street improvements, but dismayed at the time scale of some three working days in which to make a decision on the spend of this. From suggestions received from members, a decision had been made to purchase 25 litter bag hoops (to assist volunteer parish litter pickers) with the remaining grant monies to be used to fund recycle box net covers. These would be distributed 'free of charge' on a 'first come, first served' basis. Distribution of the nets should be limited to 2 nets per household.

203. A REMINDER THAT PARISH COUNCIL RELATED ARTICLES ARE REQUIRED FOR THE NEXT (JUNE) EDITION OF THE OCCASIONAL NEWSLETTER (Agenda item 17)

Members were reminded that articles should be submitted to the Editor by mid-April for inclusion in the June 2019 edition of the newsletter.

204. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION (Agenda item 18)

- WinSpace – those present at the meeting were reminded that there would be an open meeting on 28th March to allow parishioners to hear about the current status of the project to re-develop the Winscombe Community Centre.

With no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.30 pm

Signed..... (Chairman)

Date.....

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