

# Winkleigh Parish Council

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### **DRAFT Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting Held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015 7.30pm in Winkleigh Community Centre**

#### **1.15 PRESENT**

Cllr Alan Jacobs (Acting Chairman), Melanie Borrett (Parish Clerk)

Cllr Bowers, Cllr Mondy, Cllr Kane, Cllr Howes, Cllr Northcott  
6 Members of the Public

#### **2.15 APOLOGIES**

Cllr Pearce

#### **3.15 MINUTES OF THE LAST APM 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2013**

Minutes approved and Cllr Jacobs reiterated the TDC local plan part 3 for an additional 54 houses for Winkleigh within the Plan Time (until 2031). The Community can consider taking less than TDC's recommended 54 homes and could push for a 5% growth (27 homes) rather than the 10% proposed provided they have robust justification.

#### **4.15 CHAIRMANS ANNUAL REPORT**

Gail Flockhart was invited to read out the Chairman's Annual report she compiled as outgoing Parish Chairman 2015.

- Over 40 Planning consultations, enforcement issues, appeals, Inspectorate site visits and new Permitted Rights rules.
- The Joint Local Plan is out for final public consultation and should be adopted in Spring 2016
- The Parish bungalow has undergone further works and continues to provide housing for a local family and income for the Parish
- On the last Asset inspection, 3 litterbins went missing and have had to be replaced at Parish expense and several grit bins have now been installed throughout the village.
- Community Plan published October 2014 and distributed to every household in the Parish. The Community Plan Action Group (CPAG) is moving forward and will release periodic updates on progress
- Patient Participation Group (PPG) and Wallingbrook (WHG). Bow practice has agreed a temporary 12 month contract
- Highways and Traffic, due to budget cuts, Winkleigh is a low priority for improvements, however, WPC and CPAG are lobbying DCC for a meeting
- Precept 2015/16. WPC authorised a precept request for £13903 with the additional Council Tax Support Grant at £376.71.

- Grants and Donations 2014/15, a total of £750 was awarded in addition to £1000 from a fund held by WPC for the benefit of Youth Projects. Grant applications are now invited for 2015/16
- Winkleigh now has a Defibrillator sited in the square beside the Kings Arms, there will be 2 further training sessions in the summer.
- The school continues to work within “The Two Moors Learning Partnership” giving cost savings where packages can be shared between schools. The pre-school building will shortly expand via a portakabin
- The Village Hall received £2k from Dist Cllr Lausen’s Community Fund towards new projection and audio equipment
- The Community Centre has been fitted with secondary glazing to the main hall
- The Sports Centre has a play area on the old green.
- All Community buildings URGENTLY NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS
- WPC now have a dedicated website to improve public accessibility.
- Nicki Bullen retired as Parish Clerk after 19 years’ service and WPC thank her for her dedication, and welcome new Parish Clerk Melanie Borrett
- Following elections in May 2015, MP Geoffrey Cox, Dist Cllr Betty Boundy and currently 4 members of WPC, Cllr Bowers, Cllr Mondy, Cllr Northcott and Cllr Jacobs and is now undertaking co-option with Cllr Pearce, Cllr Kane and Cllr Howes becoming members with 4 further vacancies.
- Under-grounding of over-head cables by Western Power
- Thanks to all who have contributed to the well-being of our Community and to all Parish Councillors for their resolute commitment to keep Winkleigh functioning.

Member of the Public spoke on behalf of the Community to express thanks to Gail Flockhart and previous Councillors for their hard work over the last 4 years and they all deserve the appreciation of the residents of Winkleigh

#### **5.15 COMMUNITY PLAN ACTION GROUP (CPAG) – Collin Gibson**

The plan is on the WPC website and was 2 years in the making and represents the hard work of 20 local volunteers. It is a comprehensive view of the hopes and aspirations of the electors of Winkleigh. 3 Main areas in summary are Traffic - volume, speed and parking, the need for sustained and focused development within the Community both Business and Housing and the need for maintaining and improving services in education, health and emergency. This plan has a detailed action plan to be taken forward and depends upon local volunteerism.

Cllr Mondy expressed thanks on behalf of WPC for the compilation of the CPAG report, and on its clear and concise being easy to read and understand and for the group’s very hard work

CPAG will meet twice a year with several members on WPC to ensure close working relations

#### **6.15 VILLAGE DESIGN GUIDELINES – Penny Griffiths**

First implemented in 1990s but were never ratified therefore planning objections do not carry any weight. The guidelines need to be brought up-to-date to include new estates and talking to people who live there and identify local community concerns and wishes and listening to their suggestions and take forward and ratify at District level with Dist Cllr Boundy. It is part of the Community Plan to update the Village Design statement.

There needs to be good communication with WPC as the Village Design Group can only raise awareness of issues.

#### **7.15 PUBLIC FOOTPATHS – Philip Griffiths**

Various problems have been reported with footpaths in Winkleigh and Hollocombe and several conversations have taken place with Roz Mills and John Baker TDC footpaths

department. One or two have been resolved but there are still outstanding issues with some footpaths.

It is very important that residents of Winkleigh and Hollocombe need to keep their eyes on the footpaths and report any issues to WPC as they arise

A link to local walks in Winkleigh has been added to WPC website

#### **8.15 PUBLIC MATTERS ARISING**

- i. Member of the public raised concern of boundaries and access surrounding Vinhayes and planning applications. In particular Shute Lane which is a protected ancient green lane but has become rundown and used for fly-tipping. The land is unowned because it is a complex issue and is on the heritage list. The hedgerows on either side are also listed by the environment agency. Suggestions that Shute Lane be signposted as an Ancient and historical site with intention to draw local attention to and pride to it.  
WPC to look into the matter in bid to resolve all issues amicably.
- ii. Member of the public raised concern that there needs to be better communication between WPC and Community with better use of current technology to include social media and public events.  
WPC already use Distinctly Winkleigh, notice boards and website, and will take the suggestions forward for discussion

Meeting concluded 8.30pm