

DRAFT Minutes of the Winsford Annual Assembly

Held on Tuesday 9th April 2019 at 7.30pm in Winsford Village Hall

Present: Colin Wilkins (Chairman of the Parish Council), Nic Kemp (Clerk to the Parish Council) and 35 parishioners and guests, including all parish councillors

Colin Wilkins (CW), welcomed everyone and introduced Mickey Green (MG), of Somerset Waste Partnership, who gave an informative presentation on recycling. MG took several questions from the floor.

CW thanked MG for attending. MG left the meeting
CW accepted Apologies from David Godsall and Tony Faulkner

CW introduced Keith Lyndop (KL) who gave a presentation on the Henry Leigh Trust, which offers small grants to young people living in the parishes of Withypool & Hawkrigde, Exford, Exmoor and Winsford, and encouraged those present to spread the word of this Trust.

CW thanked KL and introduced Patrick Watts-Mabbott (PWM) who gave a presentation on the work of the Affordable Housing Working Group and how it is looking to support those identified in the 8 parish Housing Needs Survey. PWM also gave a short presentation on Invasive Species of plant and asked those present to spread the word on how to report them.

CW thanked PWM and introduced Richmond Harding (RH) who gave a presentation on the George Joyce Trust, which supports the three parishes of Winsford, Cutcombe and Wooton Courtenay.

CW thanked RH.

CW requested all to look through the minutes of the meeting from 2018. John Riley proposed (Kevin Connell sec) them as a true record. CW signed the minutes.

CW then gave his annual report. He introduced the new Clerk, explained that 6 of the current 7 councillors had stood for re-election, and the council would be looking to co-opt one member. He introduced each councillor, and ended by thanking Steve Hunt for his 6 years on the Council as he was not standing again. CW welcomed new arrivals to the village and requested a short silence in memory of the passing of Robin Hayes, Fred Cass, and Paul Lawson. CW mentioned the work done by the parish council over the last year, including improved communication with a monthly entry in the parish magazine and better use of the noticeboard. He gave an update on the defibrillator, on delapidated buildings, new Highways signs in the village, work being done on the Leat in Halse Lane, the project to increase the 30mph speed limit area, the work required on the swings, and gave an update on shooting. Looking forward, the Parish Council is

considering a noticeboard in the bus shelter, replacing the old waste bins with new, and a donation box in the car park.

CW closed by reminding all that the annual litter pick was on Sunday at 10.30am, and thanked the Royal Oak, the shop and tea room for bringing visitors to the village.

Questions from parishioners:

What is the financial situation? CW replied the Parish Council's finances are in good order, with various further projects to consider, including what action to take with the skittle alley, and also advised that a new dog waste bin had been requested to be installed in Ash Lane.

The blue vehicle length signs in Halse Lane are causing concern to the owner of Halse Farm Camp Site. CW requested their concerns be put in writing. The owner advised they had to Highways. The Clerk asked the owner to send a copy to the Parish Council.

What is the problem with the Leat in Halse Lane? CW referred to Mel Mileham (MM) who explained that the ownership and maintenance responsibilities are being investigated. ENPA have worked on it in the past, repairing and maintaining. The problems are, as water leaks onto the road, it freezes, and as it is close to the road, it gets damaged by vehicles.

With no further questions, CW thanks all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.25pm.