

Minutes of the meeting of Winsford Trust

Held Monday 25 July 2022

PRESENT: Councillors: Colin Wilkins (CW) – Chair, Kevin Connell (KC), Bryany Neal (BN), Mel Mileham (MM), Ian Brooks (IB), Mike Hillier (MH) and Parish Clerk Jennifer Yates (JY)

CW opened the meeting at 21.37 pm

- 1. Apologies for Absence** – Sarah Little
- 2. Minutes of the last Meeting and Outstanding Actions** – approved – proposed MM, seconded KC. JY has been looking into the issue of the current constitution. It is not in the papers JY holds, CW agreed to look into the ones stored in Winsford. KC has done some research and will put together a proposal re how business is conducted as a Trust.
- 3. Financial Report** – Progress is being made with the Aegon account, contact is now established re the financial advisor. A form is to be completed by the signatories at the end of the meeting re the self certification for tax purposes on the account.
- 4. Maintenance of the Village Green** – Weed killing has been taking place at the war memorial site. The rhododendrons need to be trimmed at the end of the bird nesting season in September.
- 5. Removal of Wooden Swings / New Swings Fund Update** – It is agreed that it is safer to leave them in place/roped off as removing will leave deep holes which need to be made safe. Sue Hayes is doing a tremendous job in fundraising for replacements and has now raised more than £4,000. With ongoing investigations into the constitution and the conservation area consultation due next month it was agreed to put this on hold until the situation is clearer re options for replacement swings.
- 6. Revamp of Green – Grants** - It was suggested that locally grants have been received from Hinkley Point, and potentially they could be approached. IB has looked at legislation re dogs being allowed near play areas. Banning them would involve fencing and signage, so it was decided that the priority should be the swings and then the siting and associated issues would be attended to.
- 7. Wooden Slates on Bridge** – MM has been in contact with Mr Mann and is waiting on his response
- 8. Arrangements for events taking place on the Village Green** – It was agreed to take further advice from the insurance company re events, risk assessments etc. BN agreed to follow up on this. It may be necessary to provide signage to advise that the area is being used at users' own risk. Concern was raised re groups holding events without risk assessments and it was felt that it was necessary to clarify the liability of the Trust committee should an issue arise/accident happen.
- 9. AOB** - none
- 10. Next Meeting: Monday 26th September 2022.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 22.13.