

# Minutes of the meeting of Winsford Trust

**Held Monday 28 Febuary 2022**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Colin Wilkins (CW) – Chair, Kevin Connell (KC), Patrick Watts-Mabbott (PWM), Mel Mileham (MM), John Bray (JB) and Parish Clerk Jennifer Yates (JY)

Also in attendance Jane Orchiston.

CW opened the meeting at 15.00pm

1. **Apologies for Absence** – David Luscott
2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Outstanding Actions** – The minutes from the meeting 22 November 2021 were accepted.  
Action – KC offered to investigate how other Trusts are organised/managed to assist in recommendations for revisiting the constitution. JY to locate current constitution.
3. **Financial Report** – JY gave a verbal update on balances of accounts she has access to. Discussion was held re whether the financial advisor would be willing to meet with Councillors for an update. Action JY to contact.
4. **Maintenance of the Village Green** - Winn Brook is being cleared. Volunteers support the maintenance on the Green with jobs such as keeping beds tidy and cutting back shrubbery. MM is taking the lead in coordinating this work.
5. **Report on Swings** – The back post of the swings is rotten and needs replacing. The cross bar is also in poor condition. New metal swings would cost approx. £7,500 and would be similar to those which have been installed at Wheddon Cross. Sue Hayes has commenced fundraising and a visitor to the village recently donated £60 to the fund.  
The report recommends that the bins and bench become fixed to prevent vandalism.  
Action – JY to explore with the District Council whether the new style bins installed in Exford and other sites (separate compartments for different types of waste) would be available for Winsford. CW to discuss with Mr Barry the practicalities of fixing down the bin.  
Further discussion was held with regard to funding improvements of the current facilities (bin/bench/swings/skittle alley) and whether any grant or lottery funding could be secured. It was suggested that Mr Luscott could be approached with a request for him to explore these options
6. **Wooden Benches** –These will need to be replaced at some point. It was discussed that if possible they would in future be stored indoors over winter to help preserve them.
7. **Wooden Gate** – ENPA completed the work on both the gate and the Village Noticeboard and they are of a good standard. Action – JY to send an email thanking Mr Mann at ENPA.
8. **Skittle Alley Repairs** – A quote has been obtained and it would cost £2,800 to dig up and start again with the alley. It was agreed to pursue funding for this in the grant bid (section 5 above).
9. **AOB** – The planks of the bridge are starting to rot. These will need replacing at some point. JB recommended Aluminium plates on top of the wood. MM recommended

talking to Mr Mann at ENPA and will approach him. It was also mentioned that tree maintenance is costly and money should be kept in reserve in case any other trees need to be taken down or trimmed.

10. **Date of next meeting** – 29<sup>th</sup> March. 9.30 or earlier.