



WINTERTON-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

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FULL Minutes of the Winterton-on-Sea Parish Council EXTRAORDINARY Meeting held on Wednesday, 7th January 2026 at the Village Hall

Councillors present: Liam McMahon (Chair), Nigel Coe, Dawn Clegg, Rachel Tooke,
Mark Shepperd, John Smithson, Roy Burrows

Public present: 0 members of the public,

Minutes taken by: Mark Shepperd

Cllr. L. McMahon welcomed everyone to the meeting & thanked them for their support

1. Apologies and Quorum determined.

- 1.1 Apologies received and ACCEPTED from *Cllr. M. Bobby* and *Cllr. R. Tunbridge*
- 1.2 Quorum was determined

2. Declarations of Interest

- 2.1 Councillors should declare any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest on any agenda item. *Cllr. Roy Burrows* reminded members of his role in the Church and the budget contribution to Churchyard grass cutting.
- 2.2 To consider any dispensation requests received. NONE RECEIVED

3. Public Participation and Reports (20 minutes maximum)

- 3.1 To receive a report from Great Yarmouth Borough and Norfolk County Councillor James Bensly if present. NOT PRESENT / NO REPORT RECEIVED
- 3.2 To receive a report from Great Yarmouth Borough Councillor Noel Galer if present. NOT PRESENT / NO REPORT RECEIVED
- 3.3 Open forum for members of the public. NONE PRESENT.

4. . 2026 - 27 Budget and Precept Demand

- 4.1 Revised budget papers had been circulated on Tuesday 6th January 2026 which all members had received and reviewed. There was a minor change to %'s when compared to the papers circulated originally. The parish is requesting a precept of £46,122 which is an increase of £1,560 compared to last year (a 3.5% increase). At the time of the meeting GYBC had not been able to confirm the number of houses, last year this was 645 houses. There was a brief discussion concerning the number of Band D properties / holiday rentals and until we heard more detail from GYBC it is not possible to confirm the impact on households at this time. It has been suggested by media, that NCC, GYBC and others are likely to ask for the full 5% increase therefore our precept is likely to be less than other agencies. Members agreed this approach is the right thing to do for residents.

- 4.1.1. Members unanimously agreed with the budget for 2026-27 prepared by the RFO.
- 4.1.2 Members unanimously agreed to the precept increase recommended by finance committee.

5. Other Council Business

- 5.1 Following discussion, Councillors unanimously AGREED to renew the SLCC Membership @ £210 per year.
- 5.2 Following discussion, Councillors unanimously AGREED to renew to CAN Membership @ £50 per year.

6. . Any other Business for Future Meeting

- 6.1 Brief discussions took place regarding
 - If the information provided for the Bowls grant was sufficient or if further information was required.
 - Concerns raised about children climbing on a tree which previously had a warning notice “not to climb” and brief discussion about whether it should be replaced and if yes, what that would mean for other public trees in the village.
 - Request for additional Gritting Bin at George Beck Road / Ackland Road.
 - Rain ingress to Gritting Bins on the Holway and adjacent to the Village Hall.
 - Suggestion that we have an item in the next newsletter regarding placement of Gritting Bins and need for volunteers should additional bins be requested.
 - Consideration of a live Christmas Tree and the need for drainage.

7. . The date of the next meeting

The date of the next council meeting is CONFIRMED as Wednesday, January 28th, 2026, at 7pm in the Village Hall.