



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 22 APRIL 2025 at 7.30 PM**

Present:

Parish Councillors: K Barker, I Parr, D May, W Shirley, V Hollis, T Fearn, D Smith and S Schmidt

Ward Councillors

Parish Clerk N Morris

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs R Casson and because of a clash with another engagement

and from Unitary Councillors Gibbon, Wright and Marshall and from PCSO Wiggins

Resolved to accept the apologies

Proposed: Cllr Shirley

Seconded: Cllr Schmidt

1. Minutes of the Parish Annual Assembly Meeting on Tuesday 16 April 2024.

Resolved that the Minutes for the meeting held on Tuesday 16 April 2024 be confirmed as a correct record.

Proposed Cllr Parr

Seconded Cllr Schmidt

2. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting.

No reports were received.

1. The terms and purpose of the Annual Assembly were noted.

2. Contributions from residents were invited.

3. The Chairman delivered a report on the past year, during which he thanked all who had contributed to the well-being of Wincham residents and the improvement of the facilities and environment of the parish.

*Chairman's Report to the Wincham Annual Parish Meeting
22nd April 2025*

Good evening everyone, and welcome to our Annual Parish Meeting.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an update on what we, as your Parish Council, have been doing over the past 12 months. It's also an opportunity for you to ask questions about the services we offer or raise any issues that fall within the Parish Council's remit.

I am now pleased to present the Annual Report on the activities of Wincham Parish Council for the 2024/25 Local Government Year.

Over the past year, there have been some changes to the membership of the Parish Council. We have been pleased to welcome new members:

- Val Hollis*
- Terry Fearn*
- Dave Smith*

At the same time, we said goodbye to Debbie Kelly, Sam Bethell, and Peter Broder. On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to thank them sincerely for all their support and hard work during their time with us.

We continue to encourage community involvement by keeping residents informed through our quarterly Parish Magazine, Wincham Word, our Facebook page, and our website. This year, we explored new methods of communication and consultation, including the use of QR codes in surveys and participation at the village school fair.

I'm pleased to report that we maintain a strong and constructive relationship with our three local Cheshire West and Chester Councillors.

Heartfelt thanks must go to the volunteers in our community, including Brenda Yates, Tony Psaila, and Carolyn Wall, as well as all the members of our working groups and those who deliver Wincham Word. Their efforts make a real difference in enhancing the environment and community spirit in our village.

The Parish Council's Working Parties and Sub-Committees have been busy over the past year, organising a number of village events. These include the Christmas Lantern Parade and hosting the Rotary Club Santa, as well as a very successful and increasingly popular Remembrance Sunday service.

One of our major focuses this year has been securing grants and beginning pre-contract work for the proposed fitness track. This initiative stems from a priority highlighted in the Wincham Parish Plan, which identified a need for improved sports and exercise facilities. We've carried out consultation in various forms:

- Articles in Wincham Word*
- Posts on Facebook*
- Attendance at the School Summer Fayre, where we gathered signed support*
- Online surveys using QR codes*

This project will continue to be reviewed in the coming year, and we acknowledge that some grant funding may need to be returned, depending on the final outcome.

Looking ahead, we will be reactivating the interactive speed sign, supported by the newly re-established Road Safety Working Party. This will allow us to gather valuable data to help us push for further safety measures.

A special mention goes to the Water Working Party for their tireless efforts in putting pressure on United Utilities. We remain hopeful that the works—albeit reduced—will still lead to improvements that benefit our residents.

Finally, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to all our Parish Councillors for their commitment. Their dedication goes beyond simply attending meetings; they also give generously of their time to support and serve our community. As the first tier of local government, our work is both vital and valuable, and I truly appreciate the efforts of everyone involved.

Thank you.

*Kenton Barker
Chairman
Wincham Parish Council*

The Annual Assembly finished at 7.39pm

*Naomi Morris
Parish Clerk
1.5.25*