

WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at Bend Oak Junior School, Winshill on Thursday, 26 May 2005.

Present:

Councillors D F Fletcher (Chairman), D Bartram, M Fletcher, M Gale, J Muir, R Patel, P Rose, J Scotland and A White.

Also present:

Borough Councillor P A Hancox, Mr S Taylor (Clerk) and three members of the public were also present.

Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor F Bartram and M Costelloe due to illness. Members agreed to formally approve Councillor Costelloe's continuing absence.

161/05 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2005/2006

Councillor D Fletcher was proposed and seconded as Chairman. In the absence of any other nominations Councillor Fletcher was duly elected Chairman for the year.

162/05 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2005/2006

Councillor J Scotland was proposed, seconded and on a vote elected Vice-Chairman for the year.

163/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Muir declared an interest with regard to agenda item 10: Planning Applications.

164/05 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs Dean of 194A Newton Road raised her concerns with regard to the outline planning application to a bungalow on land at the rear of 293 Newton Road. Her main concern was with regard to the proposed use of the existing access road to her property and three other dwellings. The ownership of this road was being questioned and Mrs Dean was therefore advised to get in touch with her solicitor over what is effectively a legal rather than a planning matter.

Mrs Carpenter of 12 Jacobean Court wanted assurances that something would be done about parking problems in view of the proposed new infants and junior school. (At this point Councillors D Fletcher and Scotland declared an interest and left the meeting). There is already a problem each day with parents blocking the road and parking across drives when collecting children from school. It was accepted that this was a national problem with attempts being made to tackle it through the Safe Routes to School initiatives. Mrs Carpenter was advised to write to the new Governing Body, whilst the Parish Council would also take the matter up.

Resolved:

That the Parish Council write to the school regarding the problem of parent parking and County Councillor Muir contact the Director of Development to see what measures can be introduced in conjunction with the formation of the new school.

Mrs Carpenter also raised concerns regarding young people hanging around in the footpath between Jacobean Court and Nelson Street late at night causing a nuisance. (At this point Councillors D Fletcher and Scotland returned to the meeting). There was also a problem with litter and cyclists not dismounting. Mrs Carpenter was given the number of the Community Police Support Officer to contact regarding the problem of young people congregating in the footpath. It was agreed that the Parish Council Lengthsman would deal with the litter problem and Councillor White agreed to contact the Borough Council with a request for staggered guardrails to be installed at the end of the footpath.

165/05 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th April 2005 were approved and signed as a correct record provided that Buckingham Court replaces Elizabeth Court in minute 146/05.

166/05 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

167/05 **COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

The Parish Council Members congratulated Councillor Muir on his re-election to the County Council. Councillor Muir thanked them and advised that the Annual General Meeting of the new council had taken place that day.

168/05 **REPORTS OF BOROUGH COUNCILLORS**

Councillor White informed the meeting that there would be a meeting in June to consider the need for a fence around the Methodist Hall and that the request for a bus shelter outside Buckingham Court had been added to the Borough Council's list of sites for consideration.

The Borough Council's plans for relocating the council offices and leisure centre in Burton were raised. Members expressed grave concern that decisions appeared to already have been made, for example the size of the new pool, without any public consultation on issues that will have an almost daily effect upon residents. It was agreed that a letter should be sent from the Parish Council expressing most strongly the concern felt over the lack of any consultation and asking for the opportunity for the Parish Council to respond on behalf of the people of Winshill.

Reference was made to the meeting to discuss the future of the former Trent and Dove area office. The meeting had been attended by many local groups with there being a good mix of people. The future of the building would be determined by the Borough Council in consultation with Trent and Dove following applications for it's use/running - to be received by the end of June. It was considered that the Parish Council might be best placed to manage the building as a community resource to be hired out to various groups. In order to consider the matter in more detail it was considered necessary to set up a small working group to report back to the next meeting.

Resolved:

That a working group comprising Councillors D Fletcher, M Fletcher, M Gale, J Muir and J Scotland look into the implications of running the former area housing office including the process of making an application and report back to the 23rd June meeting with recommendations.

169//05 CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman reported details of the following correspondence:

- a) J Gaunt Solicitors – Licence Transfer Application for the Sump PH;
- b) SCC – Winshill Infants School declared surplus to requirements;
- c) ESBC – Agenda and notes for planning applications committee held at Burton Town Hall at 1400 on Monday 23rd May 2005;
- d) SCC – Notes of Highways Forum held on 5th April 2005;
- e) SPCA – Details of services, future meetings and training opportunities;
- f) ESBC – Copy of the fifth Forward Plan giving information on Key Executive Decisions likely to be made over the next four month period;
- g) Janet Dean MP – List of surgery dates.

With regard to the Winshill Infants School site, members agreed that the Parish Council respond asking to be kept abreast of any developments in order that it can make its views known.

170/05 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Chairman reported on the following:

- a) Applications that have been decided under delegated powers;
- b) Applications for which time to respond has now passed;
- c) Applications to which we can respond.

There was discussion on OU/4866/004 Outline Application for the for the erection of a Single Storey Dwelling and alterations to the Existing Access – Land rear of 193 Newton Road, Burton Upon Trent. In addition to Councillor Muir, Councillor White also declared an interest with regard to this application and took no further part in its consideration.

Resolved:

To write to the planning authority regarding OU/04866/004 raising objections on the grounds of the intensified use of a substandard access, inadequate turning facilities, height, scale, bulk and lack of garden space in accordance with planning policies T3, EN16, EN17 and H24.

171/05 CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF OPEN SPACES AND PLAY AREAS TO THE PARISH

There was no progress to report on this item. It was agreed that the agenda item should remain on all future meetings.

172/05 MOBILE SKATE PARK

Members considered the initiative being put forward by the Borough Council's Community Safety Co-ordinator for the hire of a mobile skate park for young people during the summer holidays. The cost was £350 per 3-hour session. It was considered that Newton Road Recreation Ground would be the most suitable location.

Resolved:

That the skate park be hired for three session during the summer holidays with the costs being shared between the Parish Council and the Borough Council's WASPS budget.

173/05 **PROPOSAL FOR RESIDENTS HOME SUPPORT SCHEME - PROGRESS REPORT**

A copy of the discussion paper has been sent to the Staffordshire Parish Councils Association and Social Services for their general comments and advice on the legal position in order that the details of implementing the scheme can be discussed at a future meeting.

174/05 **GRANT AID**

The Chairman reminded members of the procedure for organisations wishing to apply for grant Aid. It is necessary for an organisation making an application for a grant to demonstrate how it will be of benefit to the community of Winhill.

175/05 **FINANCE**

Members were presented with The Statement of Accounts for the 2004/2005 Financial Year and the financial position at 26th May 2005.

Resolved:

To accept the accounts for 2004/2005 and to make the necessary arrangements for internal audit.

176/05 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

			Cheque No.
Mr J Scotland	Lengthsman's Equipment	£33.96	26
Mr S Stone	Mileage Claim	£20.38	27
SPCA	2005/2006 Subscription	£670.00	28
SPSA	Seminar	£18.75	29
ESBC	Salaries/Admin - April	£1117.66	30

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts are confirmed.

177/05 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

The Chairman's Report had already been presented to the Annual Parish Meeting prior to the Parish Council Meeting.

The Clerk reminded members of the next meeting of the Parish Councils' Forum at Burton Town Hall on Wednesday 8th June 2005 at 6.30 pm. Articles for the next edition of the newsletter should be e-mailed to the Clerk by the 15th June if possible.

178/05 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

That the next Meeting be held on Thursday 23rd June 2005 at 7.30 pm.

Chairman