



**WINSHILL PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL**  
**Chairman: Michael Norton**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Youth Council held at Winshill Youth Club at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 11 October 2011.

**Present:**

Councillors J Bailey, A Horton, S Pastre (Youth Club), H Duckworth, T Henningham, F Khalid, M Norton (Abbot Beyne), N Hurst, J Lowe, J O'Toole (Holy Rosary), L Higgs and T Parker (Tower View).

**Also present:**

S Taylor (Clerk), Councillor D Fletcher (Winshill PC), W Pryde and S Robson (Youth Club), Mrs Sylvester (Holy Rosary), Councillor D Leese, K. Realff, Corin O'Hare (ESBC), D Munro (Police) and C May (Burton Canoe Club).

**Apologies:**

Apologies for absence were received from Winshill Village School.

38/11 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 JULY 2011**

These were agreed and signed as a correct record.

39/11 **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

There was no correspondence to report.

40/11 **FUTURE PROJECTS**

The community police initiative to build a skate park for skateboards and bmx bikes on the Washlands was explained. It was considered that this would be used by the youth from the Uxbridge, Burton, Stapenhill and Winshill Wards. This would represent a good chance to have a joint initiative and would be a lot nearer than Shobnall. The design had been completed and it was estimated to cost £75,000.

It was hoped that the scheme which would be done in partnership with the Borough Council and the Youth Service could be completed by next summer. To-date around £4,500 has been raised through fundraising and donations and it is proposed to seek further match funding from the Lottery, Neighbourhood Working, the Staffordshire Environmental Fund as well as possible planning contributions.

Mrs Realff explained that the Borough Council has a sum of £120,000 available for the whole of East Staffordshire with potential schemes being discussed at the Neighbourhood Forum on 22 November 2011. Priorities for funding have been requested on a first come first served basis. These could be for anything provided that they make a difference to the community. It was noted that Wheatley Lane Recreation Ground was already listed as a priority, although

more details were now required. It was agreed that this could be developed at the next meeting of the Youth Council in December following the recent visits to view equipment on several local parks.

It was pointed out that the lighting to the Canterbury Road play area was already happening subject to a quote being received from E-on.

**Resolved:**

That the Parish Youth Council supports the Washlands Skate Park and agrees to the principle of making a financial contribution in due course.

41/11 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

It was reported that the Youth Council currently has funds of approximately £5,800. This could be used as part of any joint funding of future projects.

42/11 **REPORT FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Mr May gave a presentation on Burton Canoe Club. This now has around 300 members and is the third biggest in the UK. It has lots of coaches of both national and international standing. As it is located in Winshill they would like to see young people from the area come along to one of the sessions which cost £1 with all the equipment being provided.

Several of the members agreed to go along on Saturday 15 October 2011 between 1.30 and 4.00pm.

The Borough Council's Development Officer for Green Spaces advised that a new play area was being provided at the Newton Road Recreation Ground to replace the previous one which was considered unsafe and had been removed. A consultation exercise was being carried out for this part of the masterplan for the park which would be located closer to the car park. The consultation forms circulated at the meeting needed to be returned by 18 November 2011.

43/11 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Duckworth tendered his resignation as a result of his family's impending relocation to Dorset. The members thanked him for the contribution he had made as Vice-Chairman and wished him well for the future.

44/11 **DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

It was agreed that future meetings be held once every half term on a Tuesday afternoon starting with 6 December 2011 followed by 31 January 2012 (Neighbourhood Resource Centre), 20 March 2012 (Town Hall), 22 May 2012 (Winshill Infants) and 10 July 2012 (Tower View).

**Resolved:**

That the next meeting of the Parish Youth Council be held on Tuesday 6 December 2011 at 2 pm at Abbot Beyne School.

The meeting concluded at 2.50 pm.

Chairman