



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre on Thursday 24 November 2011 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

D Fletcher (Chairman), I North (Vice-Chairman), S Edmonds, M Fletcher, M Key, R Patel, P Perry, P Rose, J Scotland and K Smith.

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk).

Apologies:

Apologies were received from J Muir.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

PART I

171/11 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor North declared an interest with regard to minute no. 183/11 and took no further part in the discussion or decision making.

172/11 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meetings held on 20 October 2011 were agreed and signed as a correct record of events.

173/11 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported details of the following correspondence:

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| a) ESBC | Problem of Dog Fouling Enforcement |
| b) ESBC | Transfer of Allotments to the Parishes |
| c) ESBC | Parish Precepts 2012/2013 |
| d) NALC | The Localism Act |
| e) LG Boundary Com. | Final Recommendations for the Electoral Review of Staffs |
| f) SCC | Election of Governor at Holy Rosary Catholic School |
| g) ESBC | Recharge for Local Elections in 2011 |
| h) ESBC | Refuse Collection Arrangements over Christmas |
| i) ESBC | New Neighbourhood Warden – Mr Mohammed Yousaf |
| j) Imprint Media | Quotation for Printing the Newsletter |

It was noted that the current price charged by Reflex Print Solutions for printing the newsletter was significantly less than that quoted by Imprint Media.

Resolved:

That the Parish Council continue to use Reflex Print Solutions for printing the newsletter.

174/11 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Clerk reported on the following:

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

175/11 **MANAGEMENT AND RUNNING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**

The Chairman of the Strategic Partnership Group/Advisory Committee reported that at the last meeting Trent & Dove had agreed in principle to contribute towards the funding of a social enterprise and the matter would be discussed again in January 2012 for a start of April 2012. It was now necessary to go to ESBC and the other agencies concerned with the centre. It was reported that the Winhill for Wishes Group had taken off at the centre and as such there was a need to keep the centre diary up to-date to avoid clashes when booking rooms.

176/11 **PARISH PLAN**

Councillor M Fletcher advised that the questionnaires would be going out in the Newsletter with the street consultation taking place around March, April and May 2012. This could then be followed up by a stand/display at the Summer Fayre in June with the final draft being produced in July. Subject to further consultation the New Parish Plan would be published and advertised by way of a press release in September 2012.

It was agreed that one of the aims of the plan should be to attain "Quality Parish Council" status.

177/11 **PARISH FAYRE**

Saturday 2nd June 2012 was agreed as the date of next year's Parish Fayre. It was suggested that other groups looking to do something in conjunction with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Weekend should be invited to the next Parish Fayre meeting in mid January 2012.

It was agreed that the Committee should also look into the possibility of organising a mini fun run in conjunction with the event.

178/11 **PARISH DESIGN STATEMENT**

The Chairman explained that ESBC had made a bid on behalf of the Parish Council for additional funding to support drawing up a Neighbourhood Plan. Apparently there were 18 bids for a total of £120,000 available. The results would be known towards the end of 2011. It was suggested that liaison should also take place with Trent & Dove, who also have a Neighbourhood Plan.

179/11 **NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE**

It was reported that the winter edition of the newsletter had been printed and would be circulated in the next few weeks.

180/11 **REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

There was a brief discussion following which it was agreed that the Parish Council should in future enter the Heart of England in Bloom completion in its own right separate to Burton upon Trent. This approach was supported by the Horticultural Centre. It was suggested that a press release be made in due course nearer to the event.

Councillor Perry had attended the Staffordshire Parish Council’s Association AGM and briefed the meeting on the issues raised. In particular money was available from the Queen Elizabeth II Playing Fields Challenge to dedicate areas of open space in perpetuity for community use. It was suggested that the area off Vancouver Drive could be planted up with trees and a seating area provided. It was agreed that ESBC should be approached as the owners of the land.

The possibility of erecting a beacon at Wheatley Lane Recreation Ground was also suggested as Part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in June 2012.

181/11 **PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL**

The next meeting was on Tuesday 6 December at 2.00 pm at Abbot Beyne School. The main item on the agenda was the design of play equipment for Wheatley Lane Recreation Ground.

182/11 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Members were advised of the financial position as at the end November 2011. With the need to set the budget for 2012/2013 next month members were made aware of the additional financial pressures arising from the Government’s Localism Act and in particular the likely need for additional funding associated with taking over the allotments from ESBC, producing a new parish plan, and supporting the Neighbourhood Resource Centre. An increase in parish precept was therefore considered likely in the absence of any external funding.

183/11 **GRANTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

An application had been received from Epworth House for a grant of £384 towards Christmas events for the residents.

Resolved:

That a grant of £400 be made to Epworth House towards the cost of funding Christmas activities for the residents.

184/11 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	cheque no	minute no
Rosebank Nurseries	Winter Bedding	138.00	550	191/10
ESBC	October 2011 Salaries& NI	1254.46	552	191/10
ESBC	2010/2011Plant Watering	3825.02	553	191/10

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

185/11 **PACT MEETING REPORT**

It was reported that there had not been a recent meeting.

186/11 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The County Councillor for Winshill was not present at the meeting.

Members expressed their concern that the continued absence of the County Councillor due to health reasons had contributed towards several issues of concern not being progressed, in particular the traffic situation in Alexandra Road.

It was suggested that a letter be sent to the County Council expressing the Parish Council's concerns should this situation continue. This could be done in conjunction with Brizlincote Parish Council should they have similar concerns.

187/11 **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Councillor North reported that he had attended the meeting on the possible closure of the Margaret Stanhope ward at Queens Hospital. Some 150 people were present and a genuine argument was made for its retention to the Health Authority.

He also referred to the recent correspondence he had had regarding the ownership of the fence at the bottom of Bearwood Hill Road. Whilst he had been unable to make much progress in this respect the area had been tidied up by the Parish Council's Lengthsman.

He had also had a meeting with Trent & Dove in order to try and adopt a multi-agency approach to the current anti-social behaviour problem at Wheatley Lane Recreation Ground.

188/11 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

There were no matters to report.

189/11 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Resolved:

That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Thursday 22 December 2011 at 7.30 pm at The Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

The meeting finished at 21.00 hours.

Chairman

PART II

There were no matters of a confidential nature to discuss.