



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre on Thursday 24 January 2013 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

I North (Chairman), D Fletcher, M Fletcher, M Key, J Muir, P Perry, P Rose and J Scotland.

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk), K Pryde (Lengthsman), K Smith (Centre Coordinator), Mrs H Gaynor, Mr E Starmer and Mrs C Zaman.

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillor R Patel and Mrs C Harcombe.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The issues of dog fouling, filling of grit bins and new sites for planters were raised. The Parish Lengthsman explained the current position with regards to responding to dog fouling and winter gritting in conjunction with the Borough and County Councils respectively. In particular he was working closely with the Highway Authority on their Icebusters Scheme in Winshill. He also reported that he had received requests for more litter bins near the seats on Bearwood Hill.

The members agreed that new sites for planting would be investigated as part of the new Parish Plan. They thanked the Lengthsman with regard to the positive feedback that was being received in respect of his role.

PART I

1/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor North declared an interest with regard to the grant aid request made by Epworth House (Minute 14/13) and left the meeting whilst this was discussed.

2/13 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 December 2012 were agreed and signed as correct records of events.

3/13 FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCIES

The Clerk reported that there had been no request for an election following the Notice of Vacancy being placed on the Parish Notice Board. He advised that it was now up to the Parish to co opt 2 new members from the 4 local residents who had shown an interest in the vacant positions - Mrs H Gaynor, Mrs C Harcome, Mr E Starmer and Mrs C Zaman.

Resolved:

- That the application period for position of parish councillor be closed
- That the four applicants for the vacant positions make a short presentation to the next parish council meeting
- That the Parish Council co opt 2 new members following the presentations made by the applicants

4/13 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported details of the following correspondence:

a) ESBC	Casual Vacancy
b) ESBC	Winhill Allotments
c) SCC	Icebusters Scheme
d) Nation Forest	Friends of the National Forest Scheme
e) Trent & Dove	Neighbourhood Plans Presentation
f) Burton Albion	Community Trust Official Strategy Launch.

5/13 **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.

6/13 **MANAGEMENT AND RUNNING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**

The Co-ordinator reported that she had initiated a face-book page, calendar of events and newsletter for the Centre. Children's parties were going well and bringing in additional income.

Resolved:

That an Activity Fund be set up with the income received by the Centre.

7/13 **PARISH PLAN**

The public meeting arranged for the 16 January had been cancelled and had been re-arranged for Wednesday 6 February at 7.00 pm. Invitations had already been sent out to interested parties and community groups.

8/13 **PARISH FAYRE**

It was reported that several things had already been confirmed including the date of the event – Bank Holiday Monday 27 May 2013.

9/13 **PARISH DESIGN STATEMENT**

It was agreed to progress the Parish Design Statement after the proposed presentation by Trent & Dove had taken place. However, this would not take the form of a Neighbourhood Plan until such time as it becomes clearer as to what resources are available.

10/13 **NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE**

Potential articles suggested for the spring edition of the newsletter were the Parish Plan, winter

gritting and the Parish Fayre.

The web server statistics for the website were circulated at the meeting. These showed a significant number of hits (1,328) over a 3 week period.

11/13 **REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

It was suggested that an ordinary tree as opposed to a Christmas tree be planted outside the front of the Resource Centre due to the problem with existing roots.

Councillor D Fletcher agreed to provide a cost breakdown for planting in 2013 for the next meeting.

12/13 **PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL**

The next meeting of the Youth Council would be on 29 January at Tower View Primary School.

13/13 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Members were presented with the financial position at the end of January 2013. It was noted that the spending to-date was in accordance with the budget.

14/13 **GRANTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

A grant application from Epworth House for £500 towards activities/trips out by their clients to improve their socialising skills was discussed.

Resolved:

That grant aid of £500 be paid to Epworth House to help their clients achieve greater independence.

15/13 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	cheque no	minute no
Time Consortium	Supply & engrave Shields	107.04	633	194/11
Winhill Parish FC	Deliver Newsletters	300.00	634	194/11
Cleaner	Gratuity Payment	50.00	635	204/12
Coordinator	Gratuity Payment	50.00	636	204/12
Lenghtsman	Gratuity Payment	50.00	637	204/12
Clerk	Gratuity Payment	50.00	638	204/12
JRB Enterprise	Supply of poop scoop bags	22.45	639	194/11
ESBC	December Salaries Recharge	2,245.37	640	194/11
Trent & Dove	Loneworker Alarm	31.20	641	194/11
Trent & Dove	Lenghtsman's SLA 3 rd Qtr	4,421.06	642	194/11

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

16/13 **PACT MEETING REPORT**

As nobody had attended the last meeting and the police were likely to consider whether they are worth continuing.

17/13 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The County Councillor was not present at the meeting.

18/13 **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Councillors D Fletcher and North referred to the recent increases in car parking charges and the continuing issues regarding the location of the market.

19/13 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

There was an update on the situation regarding the untidy fence at the bottom of Bearwood Hill. It was agreed to write to the Borough Council regarding their lack of action on the untidy fence at the bottom of Bearwood Hill and also the rubbish reported outside the flats on Ashby Road that back on to Ashley Close.

A further 7 copies of the "Walks around Winshill" books had been sold at £1.00 each making the total sold to-date 143.

20/13 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

That the date of the next meeting be on 28 February 2013 at 7.30 pm at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

PART II

21/13 **EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE**

The committee were in the process of looking into contracts of employment, CRB checks, etc. It was considered that there was a need for somewhere to keep confidential parish information and records generally. It was also agreed that the purchase of IT equipment should be discussed at the next meeting.

Resolved:

That the small office at the rear of the Resource Centre be used by the Parish Council for storing information and as a possible future resource to parish councillors.

The meeting finished at 21.30 hours.

Chairman