



WINSHILL PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL
Chairman: Michael Norton

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Youth Council held at Winshill Village Primary School at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 4 December 2012.

Present:

Councillors S Pastre (Burton Tech), M Norton, E Owen, (Abbot Beyne), J O'Toole (Robert Sutton), B Aisthorpe, N Hurst, J Lowe, (Holy Rosary), L Clements, L Higgs, J Ratcliffe, K Tams (Winshill Village) H Holmes, T Parker, F Stokes (Tower View).

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk), Councillor D Fletcher (Winshill PC), W Pryde (Holy Rosary), A DaSilva (Winshill Village), M Page (Tower View) and S Robson (Youth Club).

Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Bradford, T Henningham and R Jones.

44/12 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23 OCTOBER 2012**

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 October 2012 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

45/12 **NEW MEMBERS**

Councillors Stokes and Tans were welcomed onto the Council having been co-opted onto the Council to replace members who had moved to secondary school.

46/12 **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

There was no correspondence to report.

47/12 **EXISTING PROJECTS – PROGRERSS REPORT**

With regard to the Sports Legacy Project and the progress so far in obtaining the necessary funding it was reported that the outcome of bid made for £50,000 to Inspired Facilities would be known on 14 December 2012. It was also confirmed that the bid made to the Borough Council's Neighbourhood Fund was in the sum of 20,000.

48/12 **YOUTH COUNCIL PROPGRESS REPORT**

The members undertook an exercise in assessing how the Youth Council done to-date. The views expressed were as follows:

How have we done?

Members had enjoyed being on the Council and had found it worthwhile. Achievements included the teen lights, planting and general recognition. Concerns were the slow progress in achieving the end results on projects.

Youth Council Meetings

These were becoming more interesting and needed to be more interactive with more opportunity to speak. Members need to come up with future topics and projects independently of the adult guidance given so far.

Communicating with young people

The use of newsletters and open question style questionnaires were considered helpful. Also Facebook if the obvious problems of age to access it etc could be managed.

Bringing forward ideas

Need for members to be more confident and involved. Consider producing a newsletter following meetings.

Possible future initiative

Stalls at events, more planting, disabled access and finishing the Wheatley Lane project.

Involvement in Youth Council elections

The need to become more engaged with other people and spread the word was identified. This could be done through school assemblies and talking to friends.

Keeping schools informed

This could be done through email, newsletters and uploading the minutes of Youth Council meetings onto the school websites.

In conclusion the members thought it was now time for them to move forward with less direct involvement from adults at their meetings other than when requested to do so with regards to providing information on various issues.

49/12 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

It was reported that the Youth Council currently has existing funds of £7,295.91.

50/12 **REPORT FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

There were no matters to report from other organisations.

51/12 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

It was agreed that a new chairman and vice-chairman should be elected at the next meeting to serve for the period up until the proposed election of new members in October 2013.

43/12 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

That the next meeting of the Parish Youth Council be held on Tuesday 29 January 2013 at 2.00 pm at Tower View Primary School.

The meeting concluded at 3.00 pm.

Chairman