



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre on Thursday 28 February 2013 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

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

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk), K Smith (Centre Coordinator), Mrs H Gaynor, Mr E Starmer, Mrs C Zaman, I Forsyth (PCSO) and Sergeant Chameaux (Police) .

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillors J Muir, R Patel and Mrs C Harcombe.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Sergeant Chameaux reported on the success of the recent Operation Nemesis aimed at defeating the drug dealers in Staffordshire. He explained how the police were committed to tackling major drug dealers and bringing them to justice. He pointed out that the police are not alone in the battle against drugs and was working closely with partners and communities to make a real difference to the lives of those affected.

He explained how crime in the area had already been significantly reduced as a consequence of the action taken to-date and hoped that greater information sharing with the community would help reduce crime and drug related activity further.

He talked briefly about a schools strategy that involved talking to years 8 and 9 in particular and mentioned that from April 2013 that there would be a total of 6 police officers connected to Winshill, with a named officer on each shift in addition to the community support officer.

PART I

22/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor North declared an interest with regard to the grant aid request made by Harvey Girls (Minute 35/13) and left the meeting whilst this was discussed.

23/13 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 January 2013 were agreed and signed as correct records of events.

24/13 FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCIES

The members read the statement submitted by Mrs C Harcombe and listened to the presentations made in turn by Mrs H Gaynor, Mr E Starmer and Mrs C Zaman in support of their requests to become parish councillors.

25/13 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported details of the following correspondence:

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| a) ESBC | Parish Precept |
| b) ESBC | Allotment Transfers to Parish Councils |
| c) SCC | Community Footpaths Scheme |
| d) Nation Forest | Exhibition of Photography |
| e) Trent & Dove | Neighbourhood Plans Presentation |
| f) Staffs Comm. Council | Future Events Diary |

Resolved:

That the Parish Council supports the existing position that further clarification is required before it willingly takes over the allotments in Winshill.

26/13 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.

27/13 MANAGEMENT AND RUNNING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE

The Co-ordinator reported on what she was doing to advertise the Centre to local groups as well as reporting on the current activities at the centre.

With reference to the recent grant given towards the Community Trust Van it was suggested that quotes be obtained for a banner to use on future photo opportunities saying “Supported by Winshill Parish Council”.

The Chairman reported on the public meeting the previous evening to discuss the effects of the Government’s changes to local council tax.

He also reported that the East Staffordshire Citizens Advice Bureau could provide a bespoke gateway advice session for residents of Winshill. The service will include the provision of 6 face to face appointments per week, delivered by a suitably qualified outreach gateway assessor.

The session would be delivered from the Winshill Resource Centre which is centrally placed within the Ward and would be available for use by the CAB at no cost.

This project will be distinct from the generalist advice and gateway service as it will be solely for residents of the Winshill Ward delivered within the Ward to facilitate increased access.

Resolved:

- That a banner saying “Supported by Winshill Parish Council” be purchased at a cost of approximately £100.
- That the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman be authorised to spend up to £50 in respect of specific events organised at the Centre.
- That the Parish Council agrees in principle to engage the Citizen’s Advice Bureau on a trial basis subject to the cost being in the region of £3000 a year.

28/13 PARISH PLAN

Following the public meeting on Wednesday 6 February the Parish Plan had now been finalised. There was a shorter version for public consumption and a larger version called the

“Management Edition” to be left at the Centre. There was also a summary sheet for notice boards and inclusion in the next parish newsletter.

It was suggested that members “own” certain aspects of the Plan as well as involving the Lenghtsman and the Co-ordinator to help achieve overall delivery. The Parish Plan Committee would continue to meet and maybe link the Neighbourhood Plan and future grants to the Parish Plan.

The next meeting of the Parish Plan Committee would be on 25 March 2013.

Resolved:

That the 2013 Parish Plan for Winshill be formally adopted.

29/13 **PARISH FAYRE**

It was reported that the planning was going really well with everyone wanting to be involved. Reference was made to the need to organise a road closure and book the inflatables.

30/13 **PARISH DESIGN STATEMENT**

It was reported that Trent & Dove would attend the meeting on 28 March 2013 and that following their presentation existing draft Parish Design Statement could make reference to a future Neighbourhood Plan.

31/13 **NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE**

Articles suggested for the spring edition of the newsletter were the Parish Plan and the Parish Fayre. The closing date for articles of 22 March was suggested to enable the Newsletter to be printed and delivered in early April 2013.

The Clerk agreed to arrange for the new Parish Plan to be uploaded onto the website.

32/13 **REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

A planting plan for 2013 was presented to the meeting. The question of whether to enter the Heart of England competition as well as organise Winshill in Bloom was discussed. The date of 25 July 2013 had already been set for the judging.

Resolved:

- That a sum of £2000 be agreed for the purchase of plants.
- That the Parish Council again organise Winshill in Bloom and enter the Heart of England in Bloom Competition.

33/13 **PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL**

The minutes of the meeting held in January 2013 had been circulated. The next meeting of the Youth Council would be on 26 March at Winshill Youth Club.

34/13 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Members were presented with the financial position at the end of February 2013. It was noted that the spending to-date was in accordance with the budget. It was agreed not to continue with the Freepost at the Centre due to its limited usage.

Special Resolution:

That it be confirmed that the precept for 2013/2014 be reduced from £56,000 to £50,000 (same as for 2012/2013) following the approval of the £8,180 grant from the Borough Council.

35/13 GRANTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS

A grant application from Winshill Cricket Club for £500 towards new nets and Harvey Girls (Dads 4 Dads) for £1,000 towards musical equipment had been received.

It was agreed that whilst the members were minded to consider these, that they first be referred back to the Grants Committee requesting further information prior to any decision being made.

36/13 REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID

		£	cheque no	minute no
Tesco	Stationary/Stamps	33.00	643	194/11
ESBC	January Salaries Recharge	2245.37	644	194/11
JRB Enterprise	Supply of poop scoop bags	40.25	645	194/11

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

37/13 PACT MEETING REPORT

It was noted that the next meeting would be in April.

38/13 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The County Councillor was not present at the meeting.

39/13 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There was nothing further to report.

40/13 CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS

The Borough Council had not yet responded regarding the untidy fence at the bottom of Bearwood Hill.

The Clerk agreed to contact the Burton Mail regarding their non-attendance at meetings.

The Vice-Chair reported that it was entirely voluntary whether or not members wished to be CRB checked.

41/13 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Resolved:

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

PART II

42/13 CASUAL VACANCIES

The members voted to co-opt Mrs H Gaynor and Mr E Starmer as Parish Councillors.

The meeting finished at 21.45 hours.

Chairman