



## **WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre on Thursday 27 June 2013 at 7.30 pm.

### **Present:**

I North (Chairman), D Fletcher, M Fletcher, H Gaynor, M Key, P Perry, P Rose and E Starmer.

### **Also present:**

S Taylor (Clerk), K Smith (Centre Coordinator), K Pryde (Lengthsman), C Wileman (County Councillor) and a Burton Mail Reporter.

### **Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Councillors J Muir, R Patel and J Scotland.

### **MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Lengthsman gave an update on his current tasks.

There had been a recent incident of vandalism at the Centre. It was agreed that Councillors D Fletcher and M Fletcher discuss this further with the Lengthsman and acquire a more secure container for his equipment.

The contractor had put the hanging baskets up and the watering would now be done by the Parish Council.

It was likely that the Lengthsman would be receiving 2 days support a week through Trent & Dove's apprentice scheme.

It was announced that Winshill Parish Council had received the Civic Society's Environmental Award for 2013 for its planting and generally making Winshill look a much better place.

### **PART I**

#### **109/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

#### **110/13 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 May 2013 were agreed and signed as correct records of events.

#### **111/13 CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported details of the following correspondence:

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| a) ESBC             | Draft Revised Statement of Community Involvement 2013      |
| b) St Mark's Church | Invite to Civic Service on Sunday 21 July 2013 at 11.00 am |

## 112/13 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.

## 113/13 MANAGEMENT AND RUNNING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE

The Co-ordinator reported on the groups using the Centre and recent activities.

In particular a lot of people had been calling for advice on matters such as paying for food and fuel. The CAB is apparently unable to help people as they don't qualify for extra benefits. It was suggested that a lot of people within the Parish were dependent upon food banks. It was agreed that future enquiries be logged and monitored on a regular basis to see what the Parish can provide by way of support.

In response to a recently identified need Councillor Perry agreed to look into the possibility of setting up English speaking classes/forums on a Monday night at the Centre.

It was noted that the Strategic Partnership Board were looking at transferring the main accounts from Trent & Dove into a separate Community Centre account.

Winshill Parish FC was congratulated on its recent promotion to Division II as well as its success in raising money for local charities.

As well as the need for a secure container the need for a digital camera to record events for PR purposes was discussed.

The Centre reported received income in the sum of £242.20 in respect of recent events.

### **Resolved:**

- That following the recent incident of vandalism a sum of up to £300 be spent on providing a secure container at the Centre.
- That a sum of up to £100 be spent on purchasing a digital camera for the Centre.

## 114/13 PARISH PLAN

With the four main areas of the plan agreed, there was now a need to move on and bring in other councillors as appropriate starting with Relationships lead by Councillor M Fletcher. Councillor Perry reported on the progress made in getting quotes to replace the fence at the bottom of Bearwood Hill. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the owner/occupier of the adjacent property notifying them of the Parish Council's intention to repair the fence on a "without prejudice" basis.

### **Resolved:**

That the lowest quote received from Ilkeston Fencing to replace some 17 ft of fencing at the bottom of Bearwood Hill with new concrete posts, timber rails and boards in the sum of £795 be accepted.

## 115/13 PARISH FAYRE

It was agreed that this year's event was the best to-date with the most people attending.

It was suggested that Canterbury Road should be closed next year and that prior visits be made to local schools and churches to encourage them to take a more active part.

116/13 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

There was no further progress with the lack of external funding still remaining an issue.

117/13 **NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE**

The recent edition of the newsletter had been delivered with the next edition due in the winter.

118/13 **REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

It was reported that the Winshill in Bloom competition is due to be judged on 15 July 2013, whilst the judges for the Heart of England in Bloom competition will be visiting on Thursday 25 July 2013. The buffet will be provided by “Wishes for Winshill”.

As previously mentioned part of the theme for the Heart of England competition would be “Winshill Old and New”. In this respect photographs to the value of £60 of old Winshill had now been purchased from the Magic Attic.

Councillor Key had produced a Dalebrook Walk pamphlet to go with the photographs and Winshill Walks booklet.

It was noted that Burton Conservation Volunteers had commenced the scheme to tidy up the area along Newton Road where the fence used to be in front of the school grounds.

**Resolved:**

- That the sum of £50 previously approved to purchase photographs of old Winshill be increased to £60.
- That the Dalebrook Walk pamphlet be adopted as part of a future series of wildlife walks.

119/13 **PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL**

The last meeting of the existing Youth Council had taken place on 25 June 2013 with elections for the new Youth Council due in September/October 2013.

120/13 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Members were presented with the final accounts for the first quarter of the financial year. It was agreed that these were in accordance with the budget.

The Clerk raised the issue of the outstanding invoice from Bloomin’ Gardens from 2010 and provided the further information that had been received.

A refund of £119.25 had been received from the Royal Mail following the cancelling of the Freepost facility.

**Resolved:**

That the outstanding account from Bloomin’ Gardens be paid subject to them providing an updated invoice.

121/13 **GRANTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

A grant request from “Autumn Days” had been received. It was agreed that this was referred to the Grants Committee for further consideration.

## 122/13 REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID

		£	cheque no	minute no
Magic Attic	Photographs	24.00	670	100/13
Nigel Price	Notice Board	240.00	671	204/12
Dads 4 Dads	Grant	640.00	672	103/13
Litchfield Inflatables	Fayre Rides	1122.00	673	204/12
JRB Enterprises	Poop Scoop Bags	80.25	674	67/13
South D. CVS	Printing & Advice	160.00	675	204/12
Trent & Dove	Loneworker Alarm	31.20	676	204/12
ESBC	May Salaries Recharge	2,245.37	677	204/12
Acton Jennings	Personnel Services	858.00	678	82/13

### **Resolved:**

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

## 123/13 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The County Councillor advised that he had asked the Highway Engineer to investigate the blocked gulleys and take appropriate action. He advised that the main local roads would be patched this summer and then surface dressed as part of the 2014 priority list.

He agreed to look into the concerns were raised regarding parking/safety at the Stanhope Street/Highbank Road/Alexandra Road junction together with those at the school entrance off Vancouver Drive. He suggested that these be referred to the East Staffs Joint Parking Committee, which next met on 31 July 2013.

He also agreed to a future meeting with the local Borough Councillors and the police to discuss the problems associated with scrap collectors.

## 124/13 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor D Fletcher reported that he had sought the support of all the members in agreeing that the Parish Council contribute should contribute £500 towards the Victoria Cross Trust's project to improve the grave of William Coltman VC, who was a former resident of Winshill. He also informed the meeting that the borough Council had agreed to rename the Blantyre Room the William Coltman Room.

### **Resolved:**

- That a sum of £500 be donated towards the Victoria Cross Trust's project to improve the grave of William Coltman VC.
- That the Parish Council endorse the principle of the proposed environmental area off Vancouver Drive being named the William Coltman Memorial Peace Wood.

## 125/13 CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS

It was agreed to look into whether the Orbit Housing Handyman Scheme was still operating as well as the options for providing a future luncheon group for elderly residents.

## 126/13 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

### **Resolved:**

That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on 25 July 2013 at 7.30 pm at The Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

## **PART II**

### 127/13 **NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**

The criminal damage recently caused to the Resource Centre building was discussed. This follows a previous incident at the Health Centre. Members considered that a zero tolerance towards such acts should be adopted, particularly with respect to recent experience where restorative justice had failed.

**Resolved:**

That the Police be asked to prosecute those concerned with such wilful acts of vandalism wherever possible.

The meeting finished at 21.30 hours.

Chairman