



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre on Thursday 25 July 2013 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

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

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk), K Smith (Centre Coordinator), C Wileman (County Councillor) and D Green (Burton CAB).

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillors H Gaynor and J Muir.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

PART I

128/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

129/13 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 June 2013 were agreed and signed as correct records of events.

130 /13 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported details of the following correspondence:

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| a) Stroke | Resolution Run 2013 |
| b) Zurich | Annual Insurance Renewal |
| c) SPCA | Councillor Training |

131/13 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.

132/13 **PROJECT WITH BURTON CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU**

Dawn Green outlined the range of enquiries received over the first quarter of the project. In total some 98 people were helped with issues across a range of benefit related matters. Only one of these was related to “food poverty” although this was not considered to be necessarily representative of the real situation. It was reported that SCC are responsible for implementing the Crisis Scheme and that the low take up so far was possibly because people were either unaware of the scheme or too embarrassed to ask for help. Councillor Wileman agreed to find out the criteria for accessing the scheme with a view to making the system simpler for people to access the fund as necessary.

Reference was also made to the future need for people to make applications for Universal Credit on-line.

Resolved:

- That the existing scheme with the CAB be rolled over for a further 6 months from October 2013.
- That a benefit information workshop be organised and held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

133/13 **MANAGEMENT AND RUNNING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**

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

Councillor Perry had printed a poster advertising the English conversational classes to be held on Monday nights at the Centre starting in September.

Whilst the digital camera had been purchased to record events at the Centre there was still a need to identify the best way to go about acquiring a secure storage shed.

Reference was made to problems with the security alarm and the need to call the contractors back if necessary.

134/13 **PARISH PLAN**

It was reported the contractors were looking to start the work to replace the fencing at the bottom of Bearwood Hill with new concrete posts, timber rails and boards soon after the 5 August 2013.

It was agreed that a date be set for the next meeting of the Parish Plan Committee after the meeting.

135/13 **PARISH FAYRE**

It was agreed that next year’s event be on May Bank Holiday Monday and that it has a World War I theme.

136/13 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Councillor D Fletcher reported that the Borough Council had agreed to provide £5000 of funding towards developing a Neighbourhood Plan for Winshill. The next step was for Councillor Perry to meet up with the Planning Officer involved.

137/13 **NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE**

It was agreed that the winter edition of the newsletter should go out in November 2013.

138/13 REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

It was reported that the Heart of England in Bloom competition judging and buffet lunch provided by “Wishes for Winshill” had gone well. The Members made particular mention of Councillors D Fetcher and M Fletcher, who had led the way on the competition.

The awards presentation will take place at Drayton Manor Park on 12 September 2013.

There had been a record 34 entries to the Winshill in Bloom competition including all 4 public houses. The awards night will take place at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre on 19 September at 6.00 pm.

Councillor D Fletcher pointed out that a better site than Vancouver Drive had been located for the Coltman VC Memorial Peace Wood at Mill Hill Lane above the new development. The area was already designated as public open space with paths running through it and occupied a quiet setting.

It was suggested that a Winshill Open Gardens event could be held next year.

Resolved:

- That the Mill Hill Lane site be adopted as the preferred option for Coltman VC Memorial Peace Wood.
- That whilst undertaking an evaluation of the 2013 Heart of England in Bloom entry later in the year, the Council commits to entering the competition next year.

139/13 PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL

There was nothing further to report.

140/13 FINANCIAL REPORT

Members were presented with the accounts for the first four months of the financial year which were on target with the budget.

The Clerk reported that the outstanding invoice from Bloomin’ Gardens from 2010 had now been paid following the receipt of further information.

141/13 GRANTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS

The Grants Committee reported back on the grant request from “Autumn Days” towards the cost of a coach trip to Trentham Gardens and the National Arboretum.

With respect to a letter received from the scouts for funds to repair a flat roof to the premises members suggested that they should apply to the Parish Council for grant aid as well as approach the Burton Consolidated Charities.

Resolved:

That the request for £180 from “Autumn Days” towards the cost of a day’s outing be approved.

142/13 REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID

		£	cheque no	minute no
Trent & Dove	Lengthsman’s SLA 4 th Qtr.	4203.52	679	204/12
Clerk	1 st Qtr. Expenses etc.	79.46	680	204/12
Winshill FC	Newsletter Delivery	300.00	681	204/12
Vice Chair	Photographs and Stationary	26.30	682	204/12
Bloomin’ Gardens	Work to Flower Beds	1269.00	683	204/12
Landscape Group	Hanging Baskets Erection	1035.46	684	204/12
Magic Attic	Photographs	56.00	685	118/13

VC Trust Donation to War Grave 500.00 686 124/13

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

143/13 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The County Councillor reported that the Highways Team was in Winhill patching the roads. He advised that the blocked gulleys were also being scheduled.

The meeting with the local Borough Councillors and the police to discuss the problems associated with scrap collectors had taken place with the police agreeing to check that the operators keep within the law.

144/13 **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

It was reported that the decision by Trent and Dove on the future occupancy of the Hawfield Lane shops was still pending.

Resolved:

That the Clerk write to Trent and Dove expressing the Parish Council's concern over the lack of consultation with the local residents over the future of the community's shops.

145/13 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

It was reported that the Orbit Housing Handyman Scheme had ceased operating in October 2013 after the funding had been withdrawn.

146/13 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on 22 August 2013 at 7.30 pm at The Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

PART II

147/13 **STAFF SALARIES**

The recent 1% increase in pay award agreed nationally for Parish Clerks was considered along with implications for the other council employees.

Resolved:

That the recent pay award be referred to the Employment Committee for further consideration.

The meeting finished at 21.30 hours.

Chairman