

WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre on Thursday, 19 April 2007 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Councillors D F Fletcher (Chairman), D Bartram, M Fletcher, M Gale, J Muir, J Scotland and A White.

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk), Councillor P Hancox, Mr I North and Mrs P Perry.

Apologies:

Apologies were received from J Muir and P Rose.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs Perry raised her concerns that the new fence that Staffordshire County Council was proposing to erect along Newton Road in front of the Abbott Beyne Woodlands would be inappropriate in close proximity to the protected trees. She suggested that a paladin style Of fence rather than palisade would be more appropriate and pointed out that planning permission is also required.

After a brief discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council should write to SCC with a copy to the Borough Council Planning Department suggesting that an appropriate fence be proposed when the planning application is submitted.

55/07 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made. Councillor M Fletcher declared an interest in the above matter with regard to her role as Chairman of the Governors at Abbott Beyne.

56/07 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 March were approved and signed as a correct record.

57/07 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported details of the following correspondence:

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| a) SCC | Staffordshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework |
| b) Postwatch | Post Office Closures |
| c) SPCA | Annual Subscriptions and Updates |
| d) ESBC | Agenda and notes for the planning applications committees to be held at the Town Hall at 1400 on Monday 23 April 2007 |
| e) ESBC | Borough Council and Parish Council Elections |
| f) SCC | Attachment of Seasonal Decorations to Street Lighting Equipment |
| g) Com Coun of Staffs | Annual Membership Subscriptions |

It was noted that there would not now be a Parish Council Election as only 9 nominations had been received.

Resolved:

- To continue to subscribe to the Staffordshire Parish Councils Association.
- To put up notices advertising the two vacant positions on the Parish Council with a view to two further members being co-opted at the next meeting.

58/07 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Chairman reported on the following:

- a) Applications that have been decided under delegated powers;
- b) Applications for which time to respond has now passed;
- c) Applications to which we can respond.

59/07 **MANAGEMENT AND RUNNING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**

The Strategic Partnership Board with a view to developing the services provided and obtaining future funding was drawing up a business plan for 2007 – 2010. This would be a working document enabling targets to be set and progress to be monitored. It would also be used to help secure an extended lease of the building and to provide further information to other organisations providing either funds or grant aid.

Resolved:

To note the action taken by the sub-committee.

60/07 **CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF OPEN SPACES AND PLAY AREAS TO THE PARISH**

Nothing further had been heard from the Borough Council on this issue although the matter had been raised with the Director of Community Affairs.

Consideration would be given at the next meeting to the possibility of applying for a Green Grant to plant up selected sites within the parish.

61/07 **PARISH PLAN**

In response to the trial questionnaire 5 of 10 households selected had responded and 3 of the 5 clubs. This was considered a reasonable response and the sub-committee agreed to meet to decide upon the next stages in the light of the responses received.

62/07 **THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER**

There was nothing further to report at present on the White Paper.

63/07 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Clerk presented the final accounts for the year ending 31 March 2007.

Resolved:

To accept the Accounts for the Year Ending 31st March 2007.

64/07 **GRANTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

The Winshill bowls club and Nightingale Girls had been sent application forms to complete following their enquiries as to the availability of grant aid.

65/07 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	Cheque no
Lengthsman	Mileage Claim	33.72	156
ESBC	March Salaries	1279.45	157
SCC	Feb/March Cleaning	911.80	158
Clerk	4 th Quarter Expenses	74.02	159

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

66/07 **COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

There was nothing to report.

67/07 **REPORTS OF BOROUGH COUNCILLORS**

Reference was made to the number of Polish people now living in Winshill and how their needs might be addressed.

The WASPS event on Newton Road Recreation Ground on 4 April had proved to be very successful with over 100 children attending. Parents had expressed a view that the event, which included sports, arts and crafts, should be repeated more often.

68/07 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

As this was the last meeting of the present Parish Council the Chairman thanked the members for all their hard work over the last four years in helping to make the Council a success. In particular he thanked Councillor White, who was retiring from the Council and wished her well in the future. The members also gave a vote of thanks to the Parish Clerk and the Lengthsman, both of whom had helped the new Council adopt a pioneering approach from the outset.

69/07 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Resolved:

That the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Council be held on 24 May 2007 at 7.00 pm and 7.30 pm respectively.

Chairman