



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre on Thursday 27 March 2014 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

M Fletcher (Vice-Chairman), D Fletcher, H Gaynor, J Muir, R Patel, P Perry, P Rose, J Scotland and E Starmer.

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk), K Smith (Centre Co-ordinator), C Wileman (County Councillor), Laura Hammond (Burton Mail Reporter) and S Beddows and P Small (Local Residents).

Apologies:

Apologies were accepted from Councillor I North due to work commitments.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Small raised his concerns regarding a grassed area adjacent to Berry Gardens that was overgrown and as a consequence subject to dog fouling and litter. Apparently the land is in the ownership of the County Council and the grass had been cut until recently on their behalf by the Borough Council. Councillor D Fletcher reported that he had spoken to the Borough who had agreed for the grass cutting to be reinstated.

Mr Small also raised the untidy area that was formerly the Nelson PH and planning issues generally including applications to extend a nearby property. Councillor D Fletcher agreed to take these matters up with the Borough's planning and enforcement officers.

PART I

39/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Perry and Starmer declared an interest with regard to the grant request from Wheatley Lane Allotment Association (Minute 53/14 refers).

40/14 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 February 2014 were agreed and signed as correct records of events.

41/14 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that the following correspondence had been received:

- a) SCC Changes to Parking Restrictions in Alexandra and Mervyn Road
- b) SCC Proposed 20 mph Zone along Alexandra, Mervyn and Oxley Road and Mount Street

- c) Staffs Police Proposed Closure of Canterbury Road for Parish Fayre
- d) ESBC Revised Sustainability Appraisal Report
- e) ESBC Bearwood House Parking Issues
- f) SDDC South Derbyshire Local Plan Part 1 Pre-Submission
- g) Staffs. Com. C Membership for 2014
- h) Grant Thornton Accounts for Year Ending 31 March 2014

42/14 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Clerk reported on the following:

- Applications that have now been determined;
- Applications to which we can respond.

Members discussed the following applications:

- P/2014/00241 Erection of a rear conservatory at 5 Welland Close
- P/2014/00282 Erection of a side extension at 3 Newfield Road
- P/2014/00344 Felling of 1 Corsican Pine Tree at 3 Ashby Road
- P/2014/00333 Crown Lifting of 2 Beech Trees at 196 Newton Road

43/14 **CASUAL VACANCY**

The members had previously read the statement submitted by Stephen Beddows and listened to his brief presentation in support of his request to become parish councillor.

44/14 **YOUTH SERVICES**

There was a lively debate about the future of youth services in Winshill. Of concern were the lack of information on the future provision and the nature of its delivery by the County Council. Councillor Wileman reported that it was intended to target the 3rd sector although no decision had been made on the details with the matter being called in for a corporate review. Whilst the members deemed the closure of Winshill Youth Centre to be a grave mistake it was suggested that the Resource Centre could access future funds albeit any services would need to be run by volunteers.

It was agreed to keep the item on the agenda and Councillor Wileman agreed to make the take the views of the Parish Council back to those involved in the decision making at the County.

45/14 **MANAGEMENT AND RUNNING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**

The Co-ordinator reported that the Centre was thriving including opening in the evenings to meet the needs of the local community. Amongst the new groups were a luncheon club for the senior citizens and help and advice with regards to domestic violence.

The Winshill Parish FC were congratulated on reaching a local cup final to be played on 4th May 2014 at St George's Park.

With the move towards independent charitable status for the Centre progressing well it was agreed that its relationship with the Parish Council be discussed at a future meeting.

46/14 **PARISH PLAN**

The Parish Plan had reviewed every section of the Plan. It was suggested that it should be treated as a "living" document with the progress being shared with the full Parish Council at the next meeting with the focus being on "Relationships". The completed Winshill Directory was ready to go out with the next newsletter.

47/14 **PARISH FAYRE**

It was reported that arrangements were progressing well and that many of those involved were going to dress-up contemporary with the 1st World War theme.

48/14 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Councillor Perry updated the members on the progress made by the working group. The Borough Council had agreed that up to £5,000 would be available to help produce the Plan. The formal notification of drawing up the plan had been advertised and the next stage was to send out a questionnaire to both residents and local businesses.

49/14 **NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE**

Items for the spring edition of the newsletter included the Neighbourhood Plan, the Open Gardens Event, the Parish Fayre, the Parish Directory and Winshill Bloomers need to be sent to the Clerk by the 31 March 2014.

Resolved:

That a contribution of £500 be made to Winshill Parish FC for delivering both the newsletter and the directory together with the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire.

50/14 **REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

The flower beds had been prepared for planting and the hanging baskets planted up ready. Planters at Bretby had agreed to sponsor the island at the top of Empire Road.

The Lengthsman was reported as being off work due to illness and as a consequence it was agreed to ask Trent & Dove and Viola for assistance. It was also agreed that a local garden service could be employed to help if required.

It was reported that 3 beds had been planted with poppy seeds and wild flowers at the Peace Wood and it was proposed that an application be made to the Heritage Lottery Fund for the signage.

Resolved:

- That £60 be spent on a mobility link minibus for the “Open Gardens”.
- That up to £100 be spent on a trophy for the “adopt a tub competition”.

51/14 **PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL**

The first meeting of the newly elected Youth n Council will be on Wednesday 9 April 2014 at Winshill Village Primary School.

52/14 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Members were presented with the accounts for March 2014 which were in line with the budget.

53/14 **GRANTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

The requests from St Josephs Church for a grant of £679 towards new floodlighting and Sanctuary Supported Living for a grant towards trips out to help with socialising skills were referred to the Grants Committee for further consideration.

The application for a grant of £760 from the Wheatley Lane Allotment Association for 2014 which had previously been agreed in principle was discussed.

Resolved:

That a grant of £760 be made to Wheatley Lane Allotment Association for 2014.

54/14 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	cheque no	minute no
ESBC	Feb. 2014 Salaries	2245.37	727	204/12
Creative Wear	High Visibility Jackets	84.00	728	228/13
Delamore	Plants	1340.70	729	228/13

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

55/14 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The County Councillor reported on the progress of County Highways with respect to the Alexandra Road area and Little Empire Road. The patching had been carried out in the Winshill area prior to surface dressing works in April.

56/14 **BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

It was reported that a review had been undertaken of the waste collection service.

57/14 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Members expressed concern about the recent selling off of local pubs including the Jubilee to a company called New River Retail. There was a fear that these could be turned into food establishments or even sold off for use as a local convenience store.

It was also reported that the post boxes opposite the Sump and at the top of Bretby Lane had recently been removed. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the post office asking that these be replaced.

The Clerk would be absent on leave on the date of the next meeting. Councillor D Fletcher agreed to deputise and take minutes of the meeting.

58/14 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on 24 April 2014 at 7.30 pm at The Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

PART II

59/14 **CASUAL VACANCY**

The members voted to co-opt Mr S Beddows as Parish Councillor until the election in May 2015.

The meeting finished at 9.00 pm.

Chairman