



## **WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 7.30 pm.

### **Present:**

I North (Chairman) M Fletcher (Vice-Chairman), S Beddows, D Fletcher, H Gaynor, J Muir, R Patel, P Rose and E Starmer.

### **Also present:**

S Taylor (Clerk), C Wileman (County Councillor) and Mr J Golding (resident of Queensland Crescent).

### **Apologies:**

Apologies were accepted from Councillors P Perry and J Scotland and K Smith the Centre Co-ordinator.

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

Mr Golding asked for an update on the concerns he had raised at the previous meeting about the parking problems in Queensland Crescent and the lack of dropped kerbs at footpath crossings. It was agreed to request that the County Councillor get in touch with him.

### **PART I**

#### 164/14 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

#### 165/14 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 August 2014 were agreed and signed as correct records of events.

The County Councillor arrived at this point in the meeting.

#### 166/14 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence had been received:

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|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| a) SPCA                   | September Bulletin                 |
| b) Staffs Wildlife Trust  | Use of Notice Boards               |
| c) ESBC                   | Emergency Plan                     |
| e) ESBC                   | Ethical Standards Training         |
| f) Bright Futures         | Invitation to Concert              |
| g) Staffs Com. Council    | AGM – 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2014 |
| h) Staffs Play Fields Ass | AGM – 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2014 |

Councillor Rose expressed an interest in attending the Playing Fields Association AGM, whilst Councillors D Fletcher, M Fletcher and Beddows agreed to attend the Bright Futures concerts at Abbot Beyne on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

#### 167/14 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following were reported:

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

Members considered the following applications:

P/2014/01143 Location of ATM machine on front elevation of Hawfield Lane shops

P/2014/01155 Erection of a front single storey extension at 30 Moat Bank

No concerns were raised regarding the above.

#### 168/14 **MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES**

After a short debate members agreed to leave the decision on whether members should receive allowances to the next Council to consider after the May 2015 Election. On the question of expenses it was agreed that members should be able to claim mileage and other similar "out of pocket" expenses incurred whilst undertaking an agreed task should they wish to do so.

##### **Resolved:**

That the members' mileage rate is paid at 45 pence per mile for a car and 2 pence per mile for a bicycle whilst that for staff continues to be the NJC agreed rate.

#### 169/14 **YOUTH SERVICES**

The County Councillor understood that there would be no further update on Youth Services and the Youth Centre until November 2014. In the meantime, he assured the Parish Council that the Children's Centres at Winshill Village School and the Resource Centre will not be amongst those due to close.

Councillor D Fletcher reported that the Youth Councillors had been given the County's questionnaire on youth services to complete.

#### 170/14 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The County Councillor reported that he had a meeting with the Highway's Officers the next day and the members provided him with a list of issues to take up at the meeting.

The County Councillor left the meeting at this point in the proceedings.

#### 171/14 **BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

It was reported that the new service for blue bin waste commencing in 2015 would generate some income. The Borough Council is currently achieving 99.9% of its targets.

172/14 **MANAGEMENT AND RUNNING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**

Councillor M Fletcher reported on recent events/bookings in the absence of the Co-ordinator. As previously reported, the Centre had been awarded charitable status and the first meeting of the trustees had taken place.

Following a fruitful meeting with Trent & Dove it had been agreed to hand over the financial management of the Centre on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015.

The next meeting of the Trustees was planned for Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 7.30 pm.

173/14 **PARISH PLAN**

There was nothing to report.

174/14 **COMMUNITY/ PARISH FAYRE**

There was nothing to report.

175/14 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Councillor Perry was still away but would be reporting back to the next meeting following a further meeting of the working group on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 7.30pm.

176/14 **NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE**

Items are required for the next edition of the newsletter by 17<sup>th</sup> October 2014. Articles to include overgrown hedges, Heart of England in Bloom, Peace Wood, Youth Services, refuse collection, gardening competition, allotments, WWI commemorations, children's concerts and Christmas parties and some kind of competition.

177/14 **REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

It was reported that Winshill Parish Council had been given a "Gold Award" for their entry into the Heart of England in Bloom with a "Special Community Involvement Award" for the Peace Wood. The awards had been made at the presentation evening which had taken place on 11 September 2014 at Shrewsbury.

The Winshill in Bloom awards evening had gone very well on 18 September 2014, with some 50 people attending and the prizes being awarded by the Mayor.

178/14 **PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL**

The Youth Council had agreed to a team building event in the autumn half term at Alton Towers. Parent consent forms had been sent out and the Clerk reported on the need for a Risk Assessment to be carried out following the completion of the DBS checks and the recently adopted Safeguarding Policy.

179/14 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Members approved the accounts for the year up to September 2014 which were on budget.

180/14 **GRANTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

No requests for grant aid had been received.

181/14 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		<b>£</b>	<b>cheque no</b>	<b>minute no</b>
Various	WWI Commemoratives	40.15	772	228/13
ESCVS	DBS Course	50.00	773	158/14
Epworth House	Grant Aid	305.50	774	228/13
East Staffs ML	Transport for Open Gardens	60.00	775	228/13
Grant Thornton	External Audit	480.00	776	228/13
ESCVS	DBS Checks	111.00	777	228/13

**Resolved:**

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

182/14 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

The Clerk reported on the Local Council Advisory Service Seminar and DBS Training Course, which he had attended earlier that week.

183/14 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

**Resolved:**

That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2014 at 7.30pm at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

**PART II**

**MATTERS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE**

There were no matters of a confidential nature to discuss.

The meeting finished at 9.00 pm.

Chairman