



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre on Thursday 18th December 2014 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

I North (Chairman), S Beddows, D Fletcher, M Fletcher, H Gaynor, P Perry, J Scotland and E Starmer.

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk), K Smith (Centre Co-ordinator), C Wileman (County Councillor and a Burton Mail reporter.

Apologies:

Apologies were accepted from Councillors J Muir, P Rose and R Patel.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members judged the children's Christmas picture competition and quiz for each of which there was a prize of £25. The winner of the picture competition was Mariette Gaynor and Omarion, Elijah and Isaiah Tift won the prize draw/quiz.

PART I

223/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors D Fletcher and M Fletcher declared an interest with respect of the grant application from Shout Out (Minute No 238 refers).

224/14 MINUTES

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

225/14 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received:

- a) ESBC Parish Precept Requirement for 2015-16
- b) NHS Meeting 15th January 2015 at the Town Hall
- c) Wheatley Lane All. Ass. Completed Lease Agreement

It was agreed that a member of the Parish Council be represented on the Allotment Association's Committee.

226/14 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No planning applications had been received.

227/14 **YOUTH SERVICES**

The County Councillor advised that there had been a meeting of the working group following which a survey of the secondary schools had been agreed. He mentioned that there was money available under the County Council grant scheme (£3000 - £5000) which he hoped might be used to set up an after school community cafe. It was also suggested that there could be some shared use of the former youth club building which is now owned by the Pupil Referral Unit.

228/14 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The trial closure of Little Empire Road to through traffic will take effect early in the New Year.

229/14 **BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

There was nothing further to report.

230/14 **MANAGEMENT AND RUNNING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**

The Centre Co-ordinator reported that the parish children's party on Saturday 13th December had been attended by 32 children. The Centre had been very busy on the lead up to Christmas. There had been a very good response to the Salvation Army Food Bank appeal.

231/14 **PARISH PLAN**

The date of the next meeting of the Parish Plan Committee was 16th March 2015 at 3.30 pm.

232/14 **COMMUNITY/ PARISH FAYRE**

There was nothing new to report.

233/14 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Councillor Perry reported that the two consultants interested in helping to produce the plan had been interviewed and had been asked to submit their proposals.

Resolved:

That the working group in conjunction with the Clerk accept the most suitable consultant's proposal subject to it complying with the available funding.

234/14 **NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE**

It was noted that the walks booklet had been sent to the Clerk for loading onto the website.

235/14 **REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

The seeds had been ordered for the wild flower meadow. Quotes had also been sought for the Acer Glade at the Peace Wood. Members were updated of the progress on the proposed feature on Newton Road at the bottom of Bearwood Hill.

It was agreed that Councillor Perry leave a message for the Lengthsman regarding a meeting to discuss the location of the proposed bird/bat/owl boxes be erected along the Dale Brook following a tree survey carried out by South Derbyshire Wildlife Trust.

236/14 **PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL**

There was nothing new to report.

237/14 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Members were presented with the accounts for December 2014 which were on budget. With regards to the need to set the budget for 2014/2015 members were made aware of the Government's Council Tax Support Grant of £5, 938 being cut by £1,097 from previous. It was agreed to set the budget for 2015/16 at £76,880 thus allowing a precept of £54,687.88 to be made, which would result in a Parish Council Tax Rate freeze for Winshill residents. This would equate to the parish tax rate for an average Band D property remaining at £23.72.

Resolved:

That the budget for 2015/2016 be set at £76,880 with the precept for 2015/2016 being set at £54,687.88.

238/14 **GRANTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Requests for grant aid from Shout-Out and Winshill Parish FC were referred to the Grants Committee for further consideration.

239/14 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	cheque no	minute no
Royal B.L.	Wreaths	200.00	790	228/13
Winshill Parish FC	Newsletter Delivery	300.00	791	228/13
Various	Peace Wood Opening	41.94	792	228/13
Moles Seeds	Wild Flower Mead	1249.70	793	228/13

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

240/14 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

It was agreed that the Clerk write a letter of thanks to the vicar of St Mark's, who was retiring at the end of January 2015.

241/14 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Thursday 22nd January 2015 at 7.30pm at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

PART II

MATTERS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE

242/14 **STAFFING MATTERS.**

Resolved:

That all requests to the Lengthman from members in future are entered in the blue book kept at the Centre and that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman liaise directly with T & D regarding the operation and management of the Lengthsman as necessary.

The meeting finished at 8.15 pm.

Chairman

<u>AGREED BUDGET FOR 2015/16</u>	ACTUAL 2013/14 £	LIKELY 2014/15 £	AGREED 2015/16 £	
OPENING BALANCE	26,976.00	32,784.00	37,543.00	
INCOME				
Precept + Gov. CTS				
Grant	58,180.00	61,035.00	60,626.00	*See 1
NRC Recharge	12,760.00	12,000.00	0.00	*See 2
Other Income	29,552.00	6,266.00	5,000.00	*See 3
VAT Return	<u>7,645.00</u>	<u>6,808.00</u>	<u>7,000.00</u>	
Total Income	108,137.00	86,109.00	72,626.00	
EXPENDITURE				
Grants to Organisations S 137	2,900.00	3,500.00	4,000.00	
Development Funds S 137	3,933.00	3,722.00	4,000.00	
Insurance	448.00	450.00	450.00	
Lengthsman's SLA (with T&D)	24,844.00	26,034.00	26,500.00	*See 4
Clerk's Employment Costs etc	11,108.00	12,200.00	12,500.00	
Peace Wood	29,492.00	4,000.00	1,000.00	*See 5
Planting, Maintenance & Equipment	6,058.00	3,000.00	5,000.00	
Travel Expenses	45.00	140.00	200.00	
Training Expenses	0.00	240.00	500.00	
Parish Plan	4,437.00	5,000.00	6,000.00	
Newsletter	1,467.00	1,700.00	2,000.00	
Notice Board	200.00	0.00	200.00	
Office Equipment & Stationary	362.00	250.00	300.00	
Audit Fee	410.00	610.00	620.00	
Subs- SPCA etc	754.00	754.00	760.00	
Election Expenses	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	*See 6
Advertising	0.00	100.00	200.00	
Resource Centre (Including Salaries)	14,420.00	18,000.00	10,000.00	*See 7
Contingency	<u>1,451.00</u>	<u>650.00</u>	<u>650.00</u>	
Total Expenditure	102,329.00	81,350.00	76,880.00	
CLOSING BALANCE (Reserves)	32,784.00	37,543.00	33,289.00	*See 8

NOTES.

1. Assumes tax rate freeze and precept/council tax support grant of £54688/£5938.
2. Community Centre now has charitable status and it is proposed that it employs staff directly so salary recharge no longer necessary (see note 7 below).
3. Other income reduced as a result of financial constraints and completion of Peace Wood.
4. Lengthsman's SLA costs include NI, pension and 20% VAT charge.
5. Allows for minor works and maintenance unless further grants give.
6. Provisional estimate in light of potential Parish Council election in 2015.
7. Contribution towards running of NRC as salaries no longer included from 1/4/15.
8. Reserves do not include YPC reserves of £11,764 (at present).