

WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre on Thursday, 22 November 2007 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Councillors D F Fletcher (Chairman), S Edmonds, M Gale, J Muir, I North and J Scotland.

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk).

Apologies:

Apologies were received from M Fletcher and P Hancox.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

163/07 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

164/07 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 October 2007 were approved and signed as a correct record.

165/07 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported details of the following correspondence:

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| a) | Orbit Hosing | Handyman Service |
| b) | Standards Board | Adopting the Code of Conduct for Members |
| c) | ESBC | Parish Precept Requirements 2008/2009 |
| d) | ESBC | Agenda and notes for the planning applications committee to be held at the Town Hall at 1400 on Monday 19 November 2007 |
| e) | ESBC | Minutes of Parish Councils' Forum held on 19 September 2007 |

166/07 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Chairman 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.

There was a discussion regarding OU/24214/010 for an outline application for 6 detached dwellings to the rear of No. 70 Scalpcliffe Road and PA/17414/007 for the erection of 2 buildings to form 8 apartments at 36 Church Hill Street (former Travellers Rest PH).

Resolved:

- To object to OU/24214/010 on the grounds that the proposed development would be cramped and out of character with the existing linear pattern of development of older terraced property along this part of Scalpcliffe Road. Further the development would be harmful to the existing environment of this area of rear gardens and the adjoining cemetery. It is also considered that the development would be detrimental to the living conditions of the occupants of the properties either side of the proposed access as a result of the noise and disturbance that would result from the access road running alongside the rear garden areas.
- With regard to PA/17404/007, Members suggested that part of the site outlined in red looked to be in the ownership of the church and they therefore asked if this could be checked in the absence of a Certificate B.

167/07 **MANAGEMENT AND RUNNING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**

The sub-committee up-dated the council on the future funding situation and the extent of the insurance cover provided by Zurich Municipal Insurance.

It was considered important to have a member on the Community and Learning Partnership Management Advisory Group with regard to future funding from SCC.

Reference was also made to the role of the Neighbourhood Resource Centre Sub-committee (NRCS).

The need for Christmas decorations was also discussed.

Resolved:

- That due to the number of Parish Council (NRCS) Members on the Resource Centre Strategic Partnership Board (RCSPB), in future the RCSPB should operate as a sub-committee of the Parish Council with co-opted members replacing the NRCS.
- That the Parish Council spend up to £200 on the purchase a Christmas tree and decorations for the resource centre.

168/07 **PARISH PLAN**

Various ways of advertising had been considered in order to invite tenders from appropriate companies experienced in sending out questionnaire and collating the responses.

The next meeting of the Parish Plan Sub-committee would be on 6 December at 4 pm.

169/07 **THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER**

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

170/07 **NEWSLETTER**

The Winter Newsletter would be distributed at the end of November through the Trader, web site, notice boards and the Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

171/07 **WINSHILL SIGNS**

It was agreed that examples be brought to the January meeting for consideration.

172/07 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Clerk updated members on expenditure up to the end of November 2007.

173/07 **GRANTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

No new grant applications had been received.

174/07 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	Cheque no
S&J Business Serv.	Print Cartridges	171.88	204
Chairman	Purchase of Flowers for Planters	207.86	205
Lengthsman	Mileage & Equipment	56.54	206
DSK Eng Serv.	New Gate to Centre	323.13	207
Orbit Housing	Handyman Service	116.19	208
Clerk	July – Sept. Expenses	89.16	209
South Staffs Water	Quarterly Charge	93.62	210
Bizz Energy	Monthly Electricity Charge	77.80	211
Class A Alarms	Annual Maintenance	82.25	212
ESBC	Summer Newsletter	940.00	213
ESBC	October Salaries	1801.81	214
ESBC	Emptying Refuse Bin	105.92	215

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

175/07 **COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

The scrutiny report on care homes had been completed..

176/07 **REPORTS OF BOROUGH COUNCILLORS**

Concessionary bus passes will be valid across county boundaries from April 2008.

177/07 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

The annual precept and budget for 2008/2009 will be discussed at the next meeting.
The Clerk has formally written to Abbott Beyne regarding the design of a logo for the Lengthsman's trailer.

178/07 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Resolved:

That the next Meeting of the Council be held on 20 December 2007 at 7.30 pm.

Chairman