



## WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 7.30 pm.

### **Present:**

I North (Chairman), D Fletcher, J Muir, P Perry and P Rose.

### **Also present:**

S Taylor (Clerk), K Smith (Centre Co-ordinator) and L Hammond (Burton Mail).

### **Apologies:**

Apologies were accepted from Councillors S Beddows, M Fletcher, H Gaynor and R Patel.

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

There were no members of the public present.

### **PART I**

#### 21/15 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

#### 22/15 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 January 2015 were agreed and signed as correct records of events.

#### 23/15 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence had been received:

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| a) ESBC | Civic Pride Awards 2015                                |
| b) NHS  | Improving Lives Event – 19 May 2015 at Pirelli Stadium |
| c) SCC  | Proposed Permanent Closure of Little Empire Road       |
| d) SCC  | Community Paths Initiative 2015                        |

Members agreed to support the closure of Little Empire Road to through traffic provided residents were made aware of the continuing danger to children playing in the street.

#### 24/15 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following were reported:

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

Members discussed the following applications:

P/2014/01541 Change of ancillary accommodation to separate dwelling – 195 Newton Road  
P/2015/00065 Demolition of former health clinic and erection of 10 dwellings – West Street  
P/2015/00131 Erection of two storey rear extension – 89 Ashby Road  
P/2015/00205 Formation of a recycling compound – Clive House, Hawfield Lane  
P/2015/00215 Extension to existing detached garage – 1 Rowbury Drive  
9 2014 1039 Further consultation on proposed 100 dwellings at Bladon Fields (SDDC)  
TPO 309 Abbeyfield House 160 Newton Road

Members agreed to maintain their objections to the proposed development at Bladon Fields in South Derbyshire.

#### 25/15 **YOUTH SERVICES**

There was general concern/disappointment following a recent meeting at the lack of progress being made - in particular, the failure of certain community groups to obtain grant aid from the County Council and strong likelihood that the former youth club premises and facilities now managed by the Pupil Referral Unit will not be available to these groups.

Members also expressed concern that the results of a recent survey carried out of pupils at the local secondary school had not yet been received from County Councillor.

#### 26/15 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The County Councillor was not present.

#### 27/15 **BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

It was reported that the Council Tax was being reduced by 1% for 2015/16 and would be frozen the following year.

#### 28/15 **MANAGEMENT AND RUNNING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**

The Centre Co-ordinator reported that Mount Pleasant Nursing Home were keen to run some activities for the elderly residents.

The trustees of the new Community Centre Charity had had several meetings and will take full responsibility for the day to day running of the Centre from 1 April 2015.

Members also considered a request from the CAB as to whether the Parish Council wished to continue to fund the half day a week consultation service at the Centre from April 2015. It was agreed that there would be even more need for the service when universal benefits are introduced. The Clerk advised that the funds for the service had been allowed for in the 2015/2016 Budget.

#### **Resolved:**

That the Council continue to fund the CAB service for Winshill residents at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre during 2015/2016.

#### 29/15 **PARISH PLAN**

The Parish Plan Committee will report back after its meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 3.30 pm.

30/15 **COMMUNITY/ PARISH FAYRE**

It was reported that the organisation for the event was going well with people from the market hall involved and a DJ and singer signed up. There will be a fairground with kiddie's rides and the Lichfield Inflatables rides had been booked again.

31/15 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Following the meeting with the consultant Lufton and Associates on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2015 it had been agreed to be necessary to go out to public consultation again. Members were shown a proof of the more comprehensive questionnaire proposed in order to achieve a plan that can better demonstrate that it supports the views of local people. The Government had agreed an initial grant of £1,900 to support this work and the production of a baseline plan. This is in addition to the £5,000 promised by the Borough Council.

32/15 **NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE**

It was agreed that the spring edition of the newsletter goes out after the end of April with the closing date for submitting articles of 19<sup>th</sup> April 2015. Suggested articles were the Fayre, the Neighbourhood Plan, the Peace Wood opening, footpaths and youth services.

33/15 **REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

It was reported that Winshill Bloomers had done the planting up and the seeds for the wild flower meadow at Vancouver Drive have been handed over to the Landscape Group who will rotivate the area before sewing them.

It was suggested that a fund should be set up to raise money for some kind of war memorial for Winshill. The members agreed to put this on the next meeting's agenda.

Work was in hand to erect the bird and bat boxes along the Dale Brook. It was agreed to investigate further the erection of information boards at both ends with £ 295 being quoted for each board and £200 for the artwork. It was suggested that the County Councillor be approached for a grant of £1000 or failing that a bid be made through ESBC'S WASPs.

34/15 **PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL**

At the meeting on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2015 the Youth Council had agreed to go ahead at Wheatley Lane Recreation Ground with a scheme from a company called Freemove, who now maintain all the Borough Council's equipment. The "Parkour Training Facilities" entails equipment based on "free running" and has a QR Code System to enable children to download instructions. This could be delivered this coming year with £10,000 coming from the Youth Parish Council, a £5,000 grant from Consolidated Charities and the balance of around £25,000 from the Borough Council's Neighbourhood Fund.

35/15 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Members agreed the accounts for February 2015 which were on budget.

36/15 **GRANTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Members referred a grant aid request from Winshill Preschool for updating their outdoor play areas to the Grants Committee.

Members welcomed the letter of appreciation from Winshill Parish FC for the further sponsorship of its activities.

37/15 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	cheque no	minute no
Winshill Parish FC	Grant Aid	500.00	804	17/15
Armillatox	Raised Beds	2308.13	805	228/13
Lichfield Inflatables	Fayre Deposit	234.00	806	17/15
Shout Out	Grant Aid	489.00	807	228/13
ESBC	Salaries Dec '14	2,608.63	808	228/13
South Derbys CVS	NRC Support/Advice	800.00	809	228/13

**Resolved:**

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

38/15 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Councillor Rose mentioned the problem which he had raised with the County Councillor of pot holes, loose chippings and blocked drains on Bearwood Hill Road following the recent surface dressing works.

39/15 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

**Resolved:**

That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7.30pm at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

**PART II**

At this point the Co-ordinator, press and public left the meeting.

40/15 **THE NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE CHARITABLE TRUST**

Following a report back from the recent meeting of the new trustees the Council members considered that it was in everyone's best interest if the Parish Council remained the main lease holder for the Resource Centre with it then being sub-let to the new charity.

41/15 **REVIEW OF THE LENGTHSMAN'S DUTIES**

It was agreed that it was timely for the duties of the Parish Lengthsman to be reviewed in relation to the future needs of the Parish and in view of the Resource Centre becoming a separately managed charity with effect from 1st April 2015.

The Clerk agreed to undertake this review in conjunction with Trent & Dove and would be assisted by Councillors Perry and Rose.

The meeting finished at 9.00 pm.

Chairman