



## **WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at Winshill Neighbourhood Resource Centre at 7.30 pm on Thursday 14 May 2015.

### **Present:**

The newly elected Councillors present were S Beddows, D Fletcher, M Fletcher, H Gaynor, G Lomas, I North, J Norton, L O'Mahoney, K Smith and E Starmer.

### **Also present:**

S Taylor (Clerk).

### **Apologies:**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor P Rose.

### **MATTERS RAISED AT THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The Chairman's Annual Report and the Annual Accounts were presented to the Annual Parish Meeting which took place at 7.00 pm immediately prior to the Parish Council Meeting. The progress made by the Parish Council during the past twelve months was noted.

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

There were no members of the public present.

### **PART I**

#### **82/15 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2015/2016**

It was unanimously agreed that Councillor North be elected as Chairman.

#### **83/15 ELECTION OF VICE- CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2015/2016**

It was unanimously agreed that Councillor M Fletcher be elected as Vice-Chairman.

#### **84/15 ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2015/2016**

It was agreed that this committee was no longer required as the only directly employed person was the Clerk.

#### **85/15 ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE GRANTS TO ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2015/2016**

Councillors Beddows, Gaynor, Lomas and Starmer were elected as members to the Grants to Organisations Committee. It was agreed that the committee should decide how it would operate.

86/15 **ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE PARISH PLAN COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2015/2016**

Councillors M Fletcher, Gaynor, O'Mahoney, Smith and Starmer were elected as members to the Parish Plan Committee.

87/15 **ELECTION OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO WHEATLEY LANE ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION FOR 2015/2016**

Councillor North were elected as the representative to Wheatley Lane Allotment Association.

88/15 **ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP FOR THE YEAR 2015/2016**

Councillors D Fletcher and Lomas were elected as members to the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, and former Councillor Perry was co-opted.

89/15 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors D Fletcher, M Fletcher, North and Smith declared an interest with regard to the NRC Charity (Minute No. 96/15) and Councillor Lomas regarding planning application P/2015/00589.

90/15 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 April 2015 were agreed and signed as correct records of events.

91/15 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence had been received:

- a) SPCA                      New Councillor Training Courses
- b) ESBC                      Register of Councillors Interests

Members agreed to contact ESBC regarding training for new members.

92/15 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following were reported:

- a) Applications which have been decided under delegated powers
- b) Applications to which we can respond

P/2015/00589 Erection of a detached dwelling and garage at 30A Moat Bank

P/2015/00582 Removal of defective branches and felling of trees at 25A Tower Road

P/2015/00477 Erection of a two storey side extension at 39 Tower Road

P/2015/00518 Minor variations to demolition of 70 & 78 Scalpcliffe Road to erect 5 dwellings

Members decided to raise no objections to any of the above.

93/15 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The County Councillor was not present. It was agreed that the Clerk write and ask the County Councillor for a written update when in future he is unable to attend.

94/15 **BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

It was reported that the Borough Council had changed control and was now made up 25 Conservatives, 12 Labour, 1 UKIP and 1 Liberal Democrat.

95/15 **YOUTH SERVICES**

There was nothing new to report.

96/15 **NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE CO-ORDINATORS REPORT**

It was reported that things were running smoothly under the new charity with new groups meeting and hire of the main room for parties.

97/15 **PARISH PLAN**

Many parts of the plan had already been delivered and it was therefore agreed that the new committee do not need to meet as often in future in order to discuss progress.

98/15 **COMMUNITY/ PARISH FAYRE**

Everything was going to plan. It suggested that the community police officer be contacted regarding signage/ cones to facilitate the closure of Canterbury Road.

99/15 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

It was reported that a total of 382 questionnaires (around 11%) had been returned following the consultation exercise with residents and the consultant's survey report was discussed. The Clerk had received confirmation of further Government grant aid to support the production of a pre-submission plan for the further statutory consultation. It was agreed the consultant be asked to produce a hybrid options plan and that as suggested by the Borough Council's planning staff a meeting be arranged with Newton Solney Parish Council to discuss areas of common interest.

100/15 **NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE**

The Clerk reported that the spring edition of the newsletter was ready to be delivered and the website had recently been up-dated.

101/15 **REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

It was reported that Winshill Residents Association had agreed to fund a new tub in West Street.

**Resolved:**

That an additional expenditure of £1000 by Winshill Bloomers be approved.

102/15 **PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL**

The next meeting was on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 2.00 pm.

103/15 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

It was reported that the Internal Auditor had approved the Final Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015. The accounts up to month ending May 2015 were agreed.

**Resolved:**

To approve the Annual Governance Statement for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015.

104/15 **GRANTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Grant aid requests from Bearwood Hill Allotment Association, Elizabeth Court Resident's Association and Autumn Days were referred to the Grants Committee for further consideration.

105/15 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	cheque no	minute no
SPCA	Subscription for 2015/16	754.00	824	237/14
Lock Rite	Fitting New Locks	576.00	825	49/15
Lufton & Assoc.	Neigh.Plan Survey Data Input	550.00	826	233/14
WNRC	2015/16 Funding	10,000.00	827	237/14
Landscape Group	Wildflower Meadow	990.00	828	237/14
JRB Enterprise	Poop Scoop Bags	40.25	829	237/14
T & D	Lenghtsman's SLA (1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr 2015)	6,972.27	830	228/13
Eric Roy	Website support 2014/15	130.00	831	237/14
Winhill Allotments	Grant Aid	690.85	832	78/15
Argos	Vacuum Cleaner for Centre	197.98	833	49/15
Winhill Pre-school	Grant Aid	250.00	834	58/15

**Resolved:**

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

106/15 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

The new members all completed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office. The Clerk agreed to send all the members copies of the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and the Code of Conduct.

107/15 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

**Resolved:**

That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2015 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



## **WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

### **CHAIR'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL MEETING**

**14<sup>th</sup> May, 2015**

**It has been another very busy year for the Parish Council.**

**The Summer Fayre brought in the crowds who enjoyed the numerous stalls and activities. The Centre Co-ordinator Kim Smith is to be congratulated yet again on a very well organized event.**

**This year's Winshill in Bloom Competition was judged by Paul Steed and we again held the Presentation Evening at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre where prizes were presented by the Mayor, Councillor Ron Clarke. This year there were a record 29 entries in all categories.**

**We again entered the Heart of England in Bloom in the Urban Category and this time achieved the coveted Gold award. We are grateful to all those who helped to make our entry such a success, particularly Paul Steed from the Greenhouse Centre who helped us so much with bedding plant preparations. We are as ever grateful to all those organisations that helped to make the appearance of Winshill so much better by adopting a tub. The tubs certainly enhanced an already spectacular display of hanging baskets. Finally we are grateful to Winshill Bloomers for their efforts in producing over 30 hanging baskets.**

**The new Open Gardens Day organized by Penny Perry was also a great success. Several gardens around Winshill were open to the public and a bus service was arranged to enable people to hop on and off as they visited each garden. All monies raised went to Winshill Church.**

**The Parish Council continues to fund weekly visits to Winshill by the Citizen's Advice Bureau that enable residents to get support during this time of austerity.**

**The William Coltman VC Peace Wood in Mill Hill Lane was officially opened on 17<sup>th</sup> November on the anniversary of Coltman's birthday by his grandchildren. In a very moving ceremony local schools played a leading role. Pupils from Tower View laid 94 crosses to represent each of the Winshill men who gave their lives in WW1. These have now been re-positioned by placing one against each of the 94 trees that also represented these men. The Peace Wood received a special award at the Heart of England in Bloom presentations.**

**I especially would like to thank those members who have served on the Parish Council over many years and now have moved onto new challenges.**

**Finally I should like to thank all of my fellow Parish Councillors for their support and for their continued hard work in making Winshill such a success story.**

**Regards**

**Ian North**

**Chairman**