



## **WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at Winshill Neighbourhood Resource Centre at 7.30 pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

### **Present:**

Councillors S Beddows, D Fletcher, M Fletcher, G Lomas, I North, J Norton, L O'Mahoney, P Rose, K Smith and E Starmer.

### **Also present:**

S Taylor (Clerk), C Wileman (County Councillor), R Faulkner (Borough Councillor) and W Read (ESBC Resilience Support Officer).

### **Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Councillor H Gaynor.

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

Mr Read gave a short presentation on emergency planning in East Staffordshire. He also made reference to the draft emergency plan for Winshill that now needs updating. He also mentioned the possibility of undertaking a table-top exercise at some point in the future.

### **PART I**

#### **148/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Smith declared an interest in respect of the grant aid request made by Winshill Parish FC and councillors D Fletcher, M Fletcher, North and Smith declared an interest in respect of their respective roles in the running of the Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

#### **149/15 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2015 were agreed and signed as correct records of events.

#### **150/15 CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence had been received:

- a) Queen's Hospital League of Friends Celebrating 35 Years of Fundraising
- b) Shoutout Annual Report
- c) Zurich Insurance Renewal
- d) Mrs Edwards Wheatley Lane Allotment/Boundary Fence

**Resolved:**

- That a donation of £200 and a prize hamper for a charity auction be made to help the League of Friends challenge to raise £35,000.
- That Mrs Edwards be given permission to build a boundary wall/fence on the understanding that its future upkeep remains the property owner's responsibility.

151/15 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following were reported:

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

P/2015/01030 Erection of a first floor front/side extension at 139 Alexandra Road

P/2015/01090 Minor amendments to the erection of a detached dwelling at 30A Moat Bank

P/2015/00870 Erection of 18 apartments & 4 semi-detached dwellings at 40 Scalpcliffe Road

P/2015/00950 Erection of a front conservatory at 9 Queensland Crescent

P/2015/01124 Erection of a detached dwelling and garage at 42 Tower Road

Members decided to raise no objections as such to any of the above but asked that the planning committee consider whether the 26 parking spaces provided is adequate in respect of P/2015/00870 in view of the existing problems with on-street parking in Scalpcliffe Road.

152/15 **YOUTH SERVICES**

There was nothing new to report.

153/15 **COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

It was reported that the blocked drains in Oxley Road had been put on the works schedule. This year's surface dressing programme was progressing and a positive meeting had been held with respect to the future maintenance work required to Burton Bridge. Reference was also made to ongoing issues following the closure of Little Empire Road to through traffic.

Everyone commented on the great results achieved this year by Abbott Beyne and the vast improvements made at the school. It was agreed to write and congratulate them.

154/15 **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Councillor Faulkner reported back on the progress to consult residents and get estimates to clear the scrub vegetation fronting Newton Road Recreation Ground and agreed that it could be planted up as part of Winshill in Bloom. There had been no progress made with regards to getting the local doctor's surgery running a "health and well being programme" as well as the provision of other services at a local level. Arrangements had been made for ESBC, T & D and SCC to walk the areas of Winshill where the maintenance of areas of open space is in dispute. The area to the back of Kimberly Drive was mentioned with particular reference to this.

Councillor Fletcher reported that he would like the support of the Parish Council to get an area of the Peace Wood planted as an "Acer Glade" to represent reconciliation. As this was on Borough Council land he also asked for the support of the other borough councillors for Winshill in writing to the different embassies of all the countries involved.

155/15 **NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE CO-ORDINATORS REPORT**

A brief reference was made to the potential future funding problems resulting from the cut in the County Council's contribution made in respect of children's services at the Centre.

156/15 **PARISH PLAN**

There was nothing new to report.

157/15 **COMMUNITY/ PARISH FAYRE**

Councillor Smith asked that a budget be provided to cover the proposals/advanced bookings for next year. It was agreed that a report with cost proposals be brought to the next meeting.

158/15 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Members had been circulated with a copy of the initial version of the draft plan for comment. A meeting had been arranged with ESBC, SDDC and Newton Solney PC on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015 to discuss the area of countryside adjacent to Winshill off Newton Road in the context of the plan. It is then envisaged that there will be a period of public consultation on the draft plan before it is submitted to the Borough Council.

159/15 **NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE**

The Clerk asked for articles for the next copy of the newsletter, which will go out in the autumn. The deadline for all articles is the 14<sup>th</sup> of October if the newsletter is to be ready for delivery in early November.

160/15 **REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

It was reported that the presentations for the Heart of England in Bloom will be taking place in Rugby this year and that the Winshill in Bloom presentation evening will be on Friday 18 September at 6.30 pm at the Resource Centre. It was agreed that Councillors D Fletcher, M Fletcher and Smith attend the H of E in Boom presentation event and that a sum of around £250 from the planting budget be made available to cover the costs of the presentation evening.

161/15 **PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL**

The final decision will be made soon on the final design of the new play equipment at Wheatley Lane. It is still hoped that this can be installed by the end of September 2015.

162/15 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The external auditor's report for 2014/2015 had been received from Grant Thornton plc with the statement of accounts again being approved without any adverse comment. The accounts up to month ending August 2015 were agreed.

163/15 **GRANTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

The application for grant aid of £500 from Winshill Parish FC towards annual fees etc was considered following the recommendations made by the Grants Committee. There was some debate as to whether the request was strictly a grant request or a request for sponsorship. It was agreed that there needs to be further clarification on this in respect not only this particular case but other similar requests made.

**Resolved:**

That the grant aid request from Winshill Parish FC not be approved as it does not comply with criteria number 7 (recurring expenditure).

164/15 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	cheque no	minute no
T & D	Lengthsman 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2015 SLA	6226.39	855	237/14
ESBC	July 2015 Salaries	1085.43	856	237/14
Lufton & Ass.	Draft Neigh. Plan	3375.00	857	237/14

**Resolved:**

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

165/15 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

It was agreed that some form of basic training for Councillor's should be investigated.

166/15 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

**Resolved:**

That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 7.30pm at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

**PART II**

**MATTERS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE**

167/15 **REVIEW OF THE PARISH LENGTHSMAN'S ROLE**

Following the retirement of the Parish Lengthsman Members discussed how best to move forward. Members agreed that they should focus on the schedule of services required and suggested that Winhill Bloomers act as a working group to consider this in more detail before having further discussions with T & D/others to see how this could best be achieved. In the meantime helpers were needed to assist with the edging and weeding. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Kevin Pryde thanking him for his previous contribution and efforts on behalf of the Parish.

The meeting finished at 9.00 pm.

Chairman