



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at Winshill Neighbourhood Resource Centre at 7.30 pm on Thursday 24th March 2016.

Present:

Councillors D Fletcher (also a Borough Councillor), M Fletcher, H Gaynor, G Lomas, I North (Chairman), J Norton, L O'Mahoney, P Rose and K Smith.

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk) and R Faulkner (Borough Councillor).

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillor S Beddows.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

PART I

38/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor North declared an interest in respect of the application for a grant made by Winshill Allotments Association (Agenda Item 56/16 refers).

39/16 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th February 2016 were agreed and signed as correct records of events.

40/16 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received:

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| a) Grant Thornton | Accounts for the Year Ending 31 st March 2016 |
| b) Abbot Beyne | Coaches Parking on Mill Hill Lane |
| c) Tower View | Thank You for Grant Aid towards Environmental Area |
| d) SPCA | 2016/17 Subscriptions |

It was agreed that the annual subscription to the Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association and the National Association of Local Councils be paid.

41/16 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following were reported:

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

P/2016/00158 TPO protected tree maintenance works at 54 Mill Hill Lane
P/2016/00224 Raising roof of service bay/install shutter door at Scalpcliffe Service Station
P/2016/00273 Reducing crown of protected Beech tree by 2-3 meters at 197 Newton Road

Members raised no objections to any of the above applications.

42/16 **COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

The County Councillor was not present but had sent a message to inform the meeting that the “walking bus” scheme at Holy Rosary School was progressing.

43/16 **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Councillor Fletcher reported that town centre car parking after 3.00 pm was now free but it was still necessary to obtain a ticket from the machine. The Borough Council had cut all grants to charitable organisations and this had effected the CAB in particular.

Councillor Faulkner asked if Councillor O'Mahoney could advise him on which shrubs and bushes to select to plant along the Newton Road Recreation Ground frontage. With regard to his previous suggestion to volunteer to be a lollypop person some of the time in the interests of child safety he had been advised that there were training, supervision and legal implications to be addressed first. Also the proposal to request that a pedestrian crossing be provided by the Highway Authority on Hawfield Lane was progressing, albeit slowly.

44/16 **NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE CO-ORDINATORS REPORT**

The Administrator reported that some of the groups had been lost due to funding problems and there were now no children's groups other than Harvey Girls. The RVS were looking for volunteers to help run the luncheon club and volunteers were also needed to help with the bingo and community coffee mornings. The NRC Charity needs to purchase a new chest freezer. It was agreed to get a second quote for the Parish Council to replace the lighting at the Centre. The Administrator reported that Tesco had agreed £8,000 through its community bag scheme towards the proposed outdoor gym equipment on Canterbury Road play area following the votes made by customers and this would be match funded by the Borough Council.

45/16 **PARISH PLAN**

There was nothing new to report.

46/16 **COMMUNITY/ PARISH FAYRE**

Everything was going to plan although volunteers were required to work on a rota to supervise the inflatables on the 30th May.

47/16 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The consultant was working on a revised plan following the response from the Borough Council on the Submitted Neighbourhood Plan in preparation for the final consultation.

The 'Basic Conditions' report is the consultants other work priority.

48/16 **NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE**

Agreed that future newsletter articles to include possible articles on the Allotment Association,

Resource Centre, Parish Fayre, Grants, Winhill Walks, Memorial Stone and potholes with the likely deadline to be around the end of April for distribution in May 2016.

49/16 **REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

It was reported that the tenders had gone out for the grounds maintenance works and that these were due to be returned by 1st April 2016. The Members expressed their thanks to Winhill Bloomers for helping to draw up the specification.

It was agreed to re-launch the proposed Peace Wood Memorial appeal again in July 2016 with an item on the next agenda.

It was suggested that the groups entering the “adopt a tub” competition this year be given £25 to spend on plants this year rather than be given plants in the interests of creating more variety.

50/16 **PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL**

A date for the next meeting of the Youth Council still needs to be arranged although the commissioning of the play equipment on Wheatley Lane has been delayed due to bad weather.

51/16 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The accounts up to month ending March 2016 were agreed.

The pre-ordering and payment of £1464 to Hardy Signs for 2 History Boards so as to receive in total the £2000 grant from the Borough Council in the current financial year was agreed.

52/16 **GRANTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Members reviewed the criteria for making grants making several improvements with some further matters being referred to the next meeting.

53/16 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	cheque no	minute no
Hardy Signs	History Boards	1464.00	891	237/14
James Coles	Plants	765.00	892	237/14
ESBC	Feb. 2015 Salary Costs	1085.43	893	237/14

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

54/16 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Councillor Lomas reported back on the progress made in setting up a community speed watch. He had the six volunteers required. The next stage is to obtain the funding and look at possible target areas.

Problems of litter on Ashby Road and dog fouling in the vicinity of the Peace Wood were referred to the Borough Councillors present to take up with the Borough directly.

55/16 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Thursday 28th April 2016 at 7.30pm at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

PART II

MATTERS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE

56/16 APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

Members considered the request from Wheatley Lane Allotment Association for a contribution towards its management costs undertaken on behalf of the Parish Council.

Resolved:

- That the request for £1,320.22 from the Allotment Association be agreed on the basis that this was an exceptional year in respect of outlay.
- In order to give both the Association and the Parish Council a degree of certainty in future years that the Association be given a sum of £15 per occupied plot (up to a maximum of 70 plots). This to be reviewed every 3 years. It will then be for the Association to manage the peaks and the troughs in expenditure.
- That the Allotment Association continue to submit an annual report together with a copy of the accounts when they request the funding.
- That the Association make separate bids for grants towards specific projects just like every other Winshill organisation.

The meeting finished at 9.00 pm.

Chairman