



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at Winshill Neighbourhood Resource Centre at 7.30 pm on Thursday 26th January 2017.

Present:

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

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk), C Wileman (County Councillor) and Mrs Louise Mulholland (Resident of Alexandra Road).

Apologies:

Apologies were accepted from Councillor S Beddows.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs Mulholland raised the following issues:

- Litter around the shops on the Level (Bearwood Hill)
- The rundown appearance of the former DIY corner shop
- The need for better surfacing, i.e. cobble stones, outside the shops on the Level
- Suggestion of the Parish Council having a Facebook page

Councillor Fletcher informed the meeting that the problem of litter was a Borough Council matter and as such had been referred to them in the hope that a Litter Clearance Notice could be served requiring the land owners to take appropriate action. The appearance of the shop was a more difficult problem to solve and depended largely on the goodwill of the owner. The County Councillor agreed to look into the issue of the surfacing although ownership of the footpath surfacing and funding are likely constraints. It was pointed out that the Resource Centre has a Facebook page and the use of social media by the Council was on the agenda to be discussed at the meeting.

PART I

1/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Lomas declared an interest regarding the planning application for a neighbouring property in Moat Bank.

2/17 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd December 2016 were agreed and signed as correct records of events.

3/17 CORESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received:

- a) ESBC Proposed Tree Preservation Order (TPO) at 160 Newton Road.

Members had no objections to the making of the TPO at 160 Newton Road.

4/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members considered the following planning applications:

- P/2016/01831 Erection of a part single/part 2 storey extension at 4 Wheatley Lane
P/2016/01832 Erection of a part single/part 2 storey extension at 3 Wheatley Lane
P/2016/00873 Erection of a dwelling & construction of new access at 55 Scalpliffe Road
P/2017/00052 Retrospective permission for drive and parking layout at 30A Moat Bank
P/2017/00060 Pollarding of 11 Lime Trees & felling of Horse Chestnut at 64 Ashby Road

Members raised no objections to the above whilst it was noted that P/2016/01670 Erection of 3 dwellings at 61 Tower Road has now gone to appeal.

5/17 COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT

The County Councillor reported that there had been 2 recent accidents on Hawfield Lane between Vancouver Drive and the public house. The contributory cause of parking in this vicinity should be resolved once the traffic order including double yellow lines have been approved and implemented.

He mentioned the proposed development off Sales Lane and the fact that all the local members are supporting the residents group in opposing the development. Their aim is to raise money to appoint a planning consultant to act on their behalf.

He also referred to the progress made on the proposed parking and walking bus for Holy Rosary Catholic Primary School.

6/17 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Fletcher reported that proposals for the Bargates area of the Burton were being discussed albeit much was of a confidential nature at present.

The consultants would be reporting back on the review of Leisure and Cultural Services early in the next few weeks.

7/17 NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

The Centre had been busy since Christmas with Slimming World holding 2 sessions each week and the Lunch Club and Coffee Mornings run by volunteers. There had also been 18 recent party bookings.

A leaflet has been produced outlining the events at the Centre with a timetable inside.

The lighting at the Centre had been upgraded by Peter Banton Eng. Ltd after the contractor previously appointed had been unable to carry out the work.

8/17 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Clerk reported that 7 responses had been received to-date to the Regulation 14 Consultation which ended on 31st December 2016. These had been considered and the Plan updated.

The supporting documents now need to be updated prior to the plan being formally submitted to the Borough Council to undertake its own consultation prior to going before a Planning Inspector.

Resolved:

That the amendments to the Neighbourhood Plan be agreed.

9/17 **NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE/PUBLICITY**

Concerns were expressed that the local press no longer attend parish council meetings. It was agreed that the Parish Council Newsletter was still important despite delivery problems. The noticeboards also need to be looked at with a view to improving/replacing them.

Whilst the website is now a statutory requirement it was considered that this does not reach out to the wider public like Facebook. This appears to be working well for the Resource Centre but has its problems as far as the Parish Council is concerned with regards to the requirement to reflect the views of the Parish Council rather than any individual member.

Resolved:

That Councillors Lomas, D Fletcher and Smith be appointed to a new Information and Publicity Committee with an initial task of investigating how social media could be used effectively.

10/17 **REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

Winshill Bloomers were meeting next week to discuss amongst other things an extension to the existing grounds maintenance contract with the Landscape Group (now called Idverde).

A meeting had taken place with Paul Steed from the Horticultural Centre to consider the design (stone plus planting) for the Peace Wood's memorial garden.

A grant of £7,500 had been agreed from the Borough's Neighbourhood Fund towards the acer planting area in the Peace Wood with a further £3750 being available subject to match funding. This would enable the scheme to go ahead.

WASP funding from the Borough had also been agreed for 2 first world war memorial benches.

Resolved:

That £3,750 be used from the Planting and Peace Wood budgets for 2017/2018 as match funding towards the Acer Planting Scheme.

11/17 **PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL**

Now that the Parkour play equipment had been installed an official opening date need to be arranged and past members of the Youth Council contacted in order to invite them to the opening when the use of the equipment will be demonstrated.

12/17 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Members discussed and agreed the accounts for the period ending January 2017.

13/17 **APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING**

Members were advised of the request from Bearwood Hill Allotment Association for a grant towards the construction of raised beds for older and disabled members. This was referred to the Grants Committee for further consideration.

14/17 REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID

		£	cheque no	minute no
Resource Centre	Hospitality for Winshill in Bloom	174.58	955	240/15
Planters	Compost	6.25	956	240/15
Burton Glass	Repair to Centre door	221.58	957	198/16
ESBC	YPC contribution to Parkour	10000.00	958	240/15
ESBC	November 2016 Salaries etc.	1096.89	959	240/15
British Legion etc.	Wreaths	62.97	960	240/15
Reflex	Newsletter Printing	444.00	961	240/15
Resource Centre	Christmas Tree/Decorations	162.99	962	198/16
Clerk	July – Dec '16 Office Costs etc.	177.52	964	240/15
Landscape by Design	Peace Wood	150.00	965	240/15
Idverde	Gardening Contract	714.00	966	240/15
Volunteer	Newsletter Delivery (2 Rounds)	50.00	967	200/16
Brightfutures Un-Ltd	Grant Aid	125.00	968	240/15

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

15/17 CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS

The Clerk mentioned that he had attended a seminar organised by Zurich's Local Council Advisory Service on managing events, general health and safety and claims management.

16/17 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Resolved:

That the next meeting of the Parish Council be on Thursday 23rd February 2017 at 7.30pm at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

PART II

MATTERS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE

17/17 CASUAL VACANCY

The Clerk advised Members that he had received no approaches to fill the vacant position on the Parish Council following it being advertised on the noticeboards and website. However, as the new Vicar at St. Mark's Church, the Reverend Philip Boshier, had reportedly expressed a keen interest in becoming a member it was agreed that he be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss the matter further.

It was also agreed that the Clerk contact those members who had not attended for the last 5 months to seek further advice on their situation.

The meeting finished at 9.30 pm.

Chairman