



## **WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at Winshill Neighbourhood Resource Centre at 7.30 pm on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017.

### **Present:**

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

### **Also present:**

S Taylor (Clerk), C Wileman (County Councillor), Mr P Boshier (Vicar - St. Marks), Mrs L Mulholland (Resident of Alexandra Road), Mr S Fern, Mr S Hill, Mrs K Bayliss (Residents of Sales Lane Area) and Ms P Saddington.

### **Apologies:**

Apologies were accepted from Councillor G Lomas.

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

Reference was made to the residents' fighting fund to appoint a planning consultant to help oppose the proposed development of 200 houses off Sales Lane in South Derbyshire. It was reported that leaflets had been delivered to Winshill residents and fund raising was going well. The residents also raised concerns regarding a proposal for 2 new dwellings close to the nursing home off Hollow Lane in South Derbyshire as this would have a "blind" access across the brook and public footpath. The residents were advised to object to the proposal using the on-line facility.

The members also resolved to object to the proposal for the following reasons:

It will result in an intensification of the use of an existing sub-standard access onto a blind bend and across a public footpath.

The development will represent further urbanisation of this essentially rural setting to the south of the brook/county boundary.

The development makes no reference to flooding that has occurred from the adjacent Dale Brook in the past and in addition creates further impermeable run-off areas.

### **PART I**

#### **18/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Smith declared an interest regarding her role at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

#### **19/17 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017 were agreed and signed as correct records of events.

## 20/17 **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence to report.

## 21/17 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Members considered the following planning applications:

P/2017/00149 Creation of off street parking to sheltered accommodation at Elizabeth Court

P/2017/00174 Felling of 1 Beech Tree at 144 Scalpcliffe Road

### **Resolved:**

That objections be raised to P/2017/00174 for the felling of the Beech tree as this represents an important feature in the character of the local street scene.

## 22/17 **COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

The County Councillor referred to the meeting of the Sales Lane Development Action Group meeting he had attended the previous evening. The Group agreed to keep the Parish Councillors updated through the Clerk.

He also referred to the likely disruption to traffic on Ashby Road with mains laying programmed for later in the year. Whilst the pot holes had been repaired in Church Hill Street, these may require further attention.

The County Council had put up its Council Tax by nearly 5% to mainly fund Social Care but would be no longer be providing funding to the CAB because of the Better Care Fund contribution from the NHS being pulled.

## 23/17 **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Councillor Fletcher reported that the Borough Council would also not be providing any funding to the CAB. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the CAB seeking clarification on the situation with out-reach service the Parish Council currently funds.

The Borough Council had not increased Council Tax.

The consultants reporting back on the review of Leisure and Cultural Services had recommended that the Council look at the option of putting the service out to an existing trust apart from the Market Hall and Brewhouse Arts Centre.

## 24/17 **NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE CO-ORDINATORS REPORT**

The co-ordinator reported that the CAB had been very busy helping people with benefit forms. Funding had been received towards a new cooker for the kitchen.

## 25/17 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Clerk reported that following the Regulation 14 Consultation the Borough's Planners had approved the updated Neighbourhood Plan subject to a few minor amendments. They did ask however, that the private landowners of the proposed Local Green Spaces (Policy 2) also be consulted – mainly along the Dale Brook and Waterloo Clump.

The supporting Basic Conditions Statement document has now been updated but the Consultation Statement needs to be rewritten prior to the plan being formally submitted to the Borough Council. They will then undertake their own Regulation 16 consultation prior to going before a Planning Inspector by around June 2017.

## 26/17 NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE/PUBLICITY

The Information and Publicity Committee had produced a report on communication and the use of social media. It was agreed that this be circulated and discussed at the next meeting along with draft policy and procedures.

## 27/17 REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Winshill Bloomers had had a meeting with Idverde to discuss an extension to the existing grounds maintenance contract. They were now awaiting the Idverde coming back with details of the quote.

The 2 first world war memorial benches have been delivered and a design for the Peace Wood Memorial completed by Paul Steed. The next meeting of the Bloomers had been arranged for 28<sup>th</sup> February at 2.00 pm with this year's planting and what to do with the now redundant water bowser on the agenda.

## 28/17 FINANCIAL REPORT

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

## 29/17 APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

Members considered the recommendations of the Grants Committee on the application made by Bearwood Hill Allotment Association for a grant towards the construction of raised beds for older and disabled members. Member also agreed to ring fence the money for the grant previously approved for a self-contained community meeting area at St. Mark's Church.

### **Resolved:**

To approve the request made by Bearwood Hill Allotment Association for a sum of £600 towards the construction of raised beds for older and disabled members.

## 30/17 REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID

		£	cheque no	minute no
Peter Banton	Resource Centre Lighting	1750.00	969	63/16
ESBC	December 2016 Salaries etc.	1096.89	970	240/15
David Ogilvie Eng.	Peace Wood Benches	1890.00	971	10/17
Idverde	Gardening Contract	714.00	972	240/15
ESBC	January 2016 Salaries etc.	1096.89	973	240/15
Idverde	Gardening Contract	714.00	975	240/15

### **Resolved:**

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

## 31/17 COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Members considered a request from Tower Community Speed Watch for funding to purchase a replacement radar device and signage to use at sites in Winshill.

### **Resolved:**

That a sum of £365.50 be approved to enable Tower Community Speed Watch to purchase a new radar device and signage.

32/17 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

There were no further matters to report.

33/17 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

**Resolved:**

That the next meeting of the Parish Council be on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7.30pm at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

**PART II**

**MATTERS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE**

34/17 **CASUAL VACANCY**

The Reverend Philip Boshier outlined to the members his reasons for wishing to become a councillor and how it would enable him to contribute to the wider community.

**Resolved:**

That the Reverend Philip Boshier be co-opted into the vacant position on the Parish Council.

35/17 **CONTINUED ABSENCE**

Members deferred any decision on the 2 members who had not attended any meetings in the past 6 months until the next meeting in order to give them more time to respond to the Clerk's request for further information regarding their absence.

The meeting finished at 9.30 pm.

Chairman