



## **WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at Winshill Neighbourhood Resource Centre at 7.30 pm on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

### **Present:**

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

### **Also present:**

S Taylor (Clerk).

### **Apologies:**

Apologies were accepted from Councillors S Beddows and G Lomas and the County Councillor.

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

Before the meeting representatives of Bearwood Hill Allotment Association were presented with a cheque for £600 in respect of the grant for the recently completed raised beds.

### **PART I**

#### **36/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Smith declared an interest regarding her role at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre (Min. 42/17), Councillor North regarding his role on the CAB Board (Min. 42/17) and Councillors D Fletcher and M Fletcher regarding the grant application from Shouout (Min. 47/17).

#### **37/17 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017 were agreed and signed as correct records of events.

#### **38/17 CORRESPONDENCE**

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| a) SCC                 | Community Paths Initiative – Bids for 2017/18 |
| b) ESBC                | Tree Preservation Order – 160 Newton Road     |
| c) Winshill Allotments | Proposed Extension to Store Shed              |
| d) S A Gould           | Council Tax “Special Winshill Element”        |

The Clerk agreed to contact the Borough Council to establish the nature of the “Special Winshill Element” of the tax being applied by them separate to the Parish Council’s own precept.

#### 39/17 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Members considered the following planning applications:

P/2017/00252 Erection of a detached dwelling at 10 Tower Road (Revised)

P/2017/00312 Erection of a single storey rear extension at 13 Ashby Road

Members raised no objections to the above applications.

#### 40/17 **COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

The County Councillor was not present.

#### 41/17 **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Councillor Fletcher had nothing new to report.

#### 42/17 **NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE CO-ORDINATORS REPORT**

The co-ordinator reported that the CAB were still very busy helping people with benefit forms. The Clerk reported that they were happy to continue with the service after 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 based on the current arrangements. He also agreed to contact them to explore the possibility of extending the hours to meet the current needs of parishioners.

There was a brief discussion regarding the external lighting and the guttering at the Centre. It was agreed that a future meeting be set up with Trent & Dove to discuss the future maintenance of the Resource Centre.

#### 43/17 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Clerk reported that he had now submitted the updated Neighbourhood Plan along with the supporting Basic Conditions Statement and the Consultation Statement to the Borough Council. He is now awaiting their response before they undertake their own Regulation 16 consultation prior to going before a Planning Inspector by around July 2017.

#### 44/17 **NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE/PUBLICITY**

The Information and Publicity Committee report on communication and the use of social media when completed will be circulated and discussed at the following meeting along with draft policy and procedures.

The Clerk advised of the need for newsletter articles by around the first week of May 2017 for the Spring Edition in order to advertise the Summer Fayre on May 29<sup>th</sup> 2017.

#### 45/17 **REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

Following the meeting with Idverde to discuss an extension to the existing grounds maintenance contract Winshill Bloomers were still waiting for them to come back with details of the quote. It was anticipated that the annual work around the Centre and the Peace Wood would cost around £2,000 more, but this would still be cost effective when considering the cost of the previous contractor for work at the Centre.

The judging for Heart of England in Bloom will take place on the morning of 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017 with the date for Winshill in Bloom still to be determined.

Reference was also made to entering the Peace Wood and Wheatley Lane Recreation Ground into the RHS's Parks & Open Spaces competition, particularly as the acers have now been planted at the Peace Wood and the planning for the memorial garden is progressing.

The Chairman mentioned that he had been asked by several residents to raise the issue of the money being spent on the so called "Dead Wood". In response, the members pointed out that they had received numerous comments of support for the highly-commended "Peace Wood". Further, the project had been almost entirely funded by external grant aid with only a small proportion coming from the Parish Precept. Also, the planned permanent memorial will be largely funded by public donations. Whilst it is accepted there may be those who do not approve of the scheme the Parish Council along with many of the residents consider it is important to remember those from Winshill who had lost their lives in the service of their country in a tangible manner that people can relate to.

#### 46/17 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

#### 47/17 **APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING**

Members considered application made by Winshill Allotment Association for annual running costs and maintenance in line with the previously agreed formulae - Minute 56/16 refers. A request from Shoutout was referred to the Grants Committee for further consideration.

**Resolved:**

To approve the request made by Winshill Allotment Association for a sum of £1050 towards the running and maintenance costs.

#### 48/17 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	cheque no	minute no
Chapmans Nurseries	Peace Wood Trees	500.00	976	10/17
JRB Enterprise	Poop Scoop Bags	184.56	977	240/15
Idverde	Bretby Island Maintenance	180.00	978	240/15
ESBC	January 2016 Salaries etc.	1096.89	979	240/15

**Resolved:**

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

#### 49/17 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Mention was made of the need to sell/dispose of the surplus tools and gardening equipment at the Centre.

#### 50/17 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

**Resolved:**

That the next meeting of the Parish Council be on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7.30pm at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

The meeting finished at 9.00 pm.

Chairman

## **PART II**

### **MATTERS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE**

#### 51/17 **CONTINUED ABSENCE**

Members noted that both Peter Rose and Ed Starmer who had not attended any meetings in the past 7 months for personal reasons were now no longer deemed to be members of the Parish Council in accordance with the ruling under Section 85 Of the 1972 Local Government Act. It was agreed that the Clerk write to them both thanking them for their valuable contributions over the past years.