



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:

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

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk) and Mr and Mrs D Tilley (Residents).

Apologies:

Apologies were accepted from Councillors S Beddows and Rev. P Boshier.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Tilley raised concerns regarding the area of land he owned jointly with his brother and sister off Tower Road which was part of a larger area designated as Local Green Space in the Draft Neighbourhood Plan.

The Clerk explained how this designation had come about and accepted that whilst it was close to the iconic water tower it was separate to and less distinct to the larger area of farmland between Tower Road and Stapenhill Cemetery.

The Members noted MR Tilley's concerns in agreeing to review the designation of this piece of land whilst accepting that the final decision rested with the Government Inspector.

PART I

52/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors D Fletcher and M Fletcher declared an interest regarding the grant application from Shoutout (Min.63/17).

53/17 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 30th March 2017 were agreed and signed as correct records of events.

54/17 CORRESPONDENCE

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| a) SPCA | SPCA/NALC Subscriptions for 2017/18 |
| b) Staffs Police | PACT Newsletter re. Vehicle No Plate Recognition Cameras |
| c) Staffs Comm. Coun. | Subscriptions for 2017/18 |
| d) Eric Roy | Website Domain and Maintenance 2017/18 |

The Members agreed to renew the SPCA/NALC subscription and Website for another year.

55/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members considered the following planning applications:

P/2017/00444 Revised plans for 3 new dwellings at 14 Ashby Road.

Members raised no objections to the above application.

56/17 COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT

The County Councillor was not present.

57/17 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Fletcher had nothing new to report.

58/17 NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

The CAB were still very busy helping people with benefit forms. The Clerk reported that he had not yet had a response having contacted them to explore the possibility of extending the hours to meet the current needs of parishioners.

With regards to the problem with the guttering at the Centre, it was agreed to undertake a temporary repair prior to any future discussions with Trent & Dove on the terms of the lease. It was suggested that if the day of Parish Council meetings could be changed, then the Centre could be let on Thursday evenings. The Clerk agreed to consult on changing to the 3rd Wednesday of the month after the AGM in May.

It was noted that the Cleaner, Sophie Tift was leaving after many years loyal service.

59/17 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Clerk reported that he had further consulted the owners of land affected by Policy 2 Open Green Space as instructed by the Borough Planners. This had led to the responses from the Tilley family. The next stage would be to carry out any resulting amendments to the Submitted Neighbourhood Plan and Consultation Statement before resubmitting them to the Borough Council. They will then undertake their own Regulation 16 consultation prior to going before a Planning Inspector later in the year.

60/17 NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE/PUBLICITY

Members were still waiting for the Information and Publicity Committee to report on communication and the use of social media.

It was agreed that newsletter articles should be submitted by the 10 June 2017 for the Summer Edition, which may not necessarily be delivered to every door.

61/17 REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Following the meeting with Idverde to discuss an extension to the existing grounds maintenance contract the agreed cost for 2017/18 was £,7230, to include the Peace Wood and watering with any additional work to be done on a pro-rata basis. Members agreed that this was a good price. Reference was also made to the Peace Wood being entered into the RHS's Open Spaces competition now that the acers have been planted and the planning for the memorial garden is progressing. It was reported that this is likely to cost between £5,000 and £10,000 for the hard landscaping and funded from grants. It was also noted that the Peace Wood's wild flower garden had received an award from the Burton Civic Society.

62/17 FINANCIAL REPORT

Members discussed the draft Final Accounts for the period ending 31st March 2017. The Clerk advised that the Annual Return Documents from the external auditor were becoming more rigorous in future.

63/17 APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

Members considered the recommendations of the Grants Committee regarding the application for a grant of £500 made by Shoutout to help fund monthly drop-in sessions for adults with learning difficulties and other social needs.

Resolved:

To approve the request made by Shoutout for a grant of £500 towards the running of monthly drop-in sessions.

64/17 REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID

		£	cheque no	minute no
SCC	Radar Equipment	363.50	980	31/17
Bearwood Hill Allot.	Grant Aid	600.00	981	29/15
Norton	Computer 360 Protection	79.99	982	240/15
Clerk	4 th Quarter Office Costs etc.	205.35	983	240.15
Moles Seeds	Seeds	734.30	984	240/15
Winhill PCC	Refreshments at Event	100.78	985	32/17
Winhill Allotments	Grant Aid	1050.00	986	47/17
ESBC	March 2017 Salaries etc.	1096.89	987	240/15

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

65/17 CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS

The Clerk had written to the former Parish Councillors Peter Rose and Ed Starmer wishing them well and thanking them for their service to the Council and the Winhill Community.

66/17 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Resolved:

That the date and time of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council be Thursday 25th May 2017 at 7.00 pm and 7.30 pm respectively in the Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

PART II

MATTERS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE

There were no matters of a confidential nature to discuss.

The meeting finished at 9.00 pm.

Chairman