



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at Winshill Neighbourhood Resource Centre at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 16th August 2017.

Present:

Councillors I North (Chairman), J Norton, L O'Mahoney, Rev P Boshier, G Lomas, and K Smith.

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk) and Mr Lewis Edge (Resident of Newton Leys).

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillors D Fletcher (also Borough Councillor), M Fletcher and Councillor Beddows.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Edge raised the following issues:

The poor condition of some street nameplates, particularly Sales Lane, Newton Leys and East Street.

The overgrown hedges and undergrowth in Berry Hedge Lane that was becoming a danger to the public.

The members agreed that the matters be taken up with the Borough and County Councillors for Winshill respectively.

PART I

119/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Smith with declared an interest with respect to her role at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

120/17 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th July 2017 were agreed and signed as correct records of events.

121/17 CORRESPONDENCE

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| a) Brizlincote PC | East Side Arts Competition |
| b) Zurich Municipal | Insurance Renewal Proposal |
| c) Councillor S Beddows | Letter of Resignation from the Parish Council |

Councillors Lomas, Norton and Smith agreed to be involved with the proposed East Side Arts Competition.

It was agreed to accept the 3-year insurance cover quote from Zurich Municipal of £263.08/year.

Members accepted the resignation of Councillor Beddows in view of his growing commitments both at work and in the community and expressed their thanks to him for contribution over recent years to the work of the Parish Council.

122/17 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Members considered the following planning applications:

P/2017/00978 Single storey rear extension at 47 Calgary Crescent.

Members raised no objections to the above application.

Members also noted that the Parish Council had objected to the proposed development in South Derbyshire for 150 dwellings off Sales Lane along with the County Councillor and Stephen Hill from the Residents Action Group.

123/17 **COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

The County Councillor was not present.

124/17 **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

No Borough Councillors were present.

125/17 **NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE CO-ORDINATORS REPORT**

The Coordinator reported that all the groups were doing well including the Summer Holiday "Snack Attack" club with 116 children and 72 adults attending the 5 sessions so far.

The funding of various Resource Centre improvements that were required was discussed.

Resolved:

- To spend up to £200 on a fir (Christmas) tree with roots to plant outside the Centre.
- To replace the key codes and alarm at an approximate cost of £650.
- To redecorate the Centre at a cost of around £2000 but to consider replacing the ageing windows first.

126/17 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Clerk advised that the Plan was now being examined by an Inspector prior to a referendum/adoption if approved.

127/17 **NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE/PUBLICITY**

The Facebook Page was already proving popular with residents.

The three new noticeboards had now been ordered from the Noticeboard Company and would be delivered in September 2017.

128/17 **REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

Members raised concern on the level of vandalism to play equipment and trees in Wheatley Lane Recreation Ground and the Dale Brook. It was agreed that the problem was one of criminal damage that should be brought to the attention of the Borough Council and local police.

The Clerk provided a cost update on the William Coltman VC Memorial Peace Wood as follows:

The project which had been a long-standing Parish Plan objective was eventually approved as a Borough Council Neighbourhood Scheme in the 2013/14 financial year. This received a £24,000 grant from the Borough Council's Neighbourhood Fund and a grant of £3,030 from the Forestry Commission which together helped fund the design and planting costs of £3,200 and £24,010 respectively.

In 2014/15 the Parish Council erected information boards at a cost of £1,220 followed in 2015/16 by the notice board at the entrance costing £610, paid for by Trent & Dove.

In 2016/17 the Borough Council's Neighbourhood Fund granted a further £12,825 for the planting of 12 Japanese Acer Trees and 2 memorial benches at a cost of £12,375 and £1,890 respectively. The Parish Council's eventual contribution initially thought to be £3,750 was eventually £1,440.

Therefore to-date the Peace Wood has cost £43,305 of which the Parish Council has provided some £2,840 excluding the normal comparatively minor maintenance costs.

The final part of the project is now to plant a permanent memorial garden including hard landscaping and a memorial stone at the centre of the Peace Wood at an approximate cost of £13,000 before 11th November 2018.

To-date donations of around £3,000 have been received (including an agreed Parish Council contribution of £500). It has been agreed that a grant for the remainder of the costs should be sought from either a local or national organisation.

129/17 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The accounts up to 16th August 2017 were considered and approved by the members. It was reported that the Accounts for the year ending the 31st March 2017 (the Annual Return) had been approved by the external auditors, Grant Thornton, without comment.

130/17 **APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING**

It was agreed that Councillor Norton replace former Councillor Beddows on the Grants Working Group.

131/17 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	cheque no	minute no
Idverde	June Grounds Maint.	723.00	1010	214/16
ESBC	June '17 Salary Costs	1,017.92	1011	214/16
Clerk	1 st Quarter Office Costs	154.57	1012	214/16
Various	Plants etc.	130.44	1013	214/16
Autumn Days	Grant Aid	350.00	1014	214/16
Notice Board Co.	3 No. Notice Boards	3,248.40	1015	97/17
Idverde	July Grounds Maint.	723.00	1016	115/17
ESBC	July '17 Salary Costs	1,017.92	1017	214/16

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

132/17 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

The Clerk advised that following the Casual Vacancies being advertised there had been two applications received by the closing date of 4th August 2017. It was agreed that the applicants Abigail Lawrence and Michael Norton be invited to the September 2017 meeting.

It was also noted that there was now a further vacancy following the resignation of Councillor Beddows.

133/17 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

That the date and time of the next Meeting of the Parish Council be Wednesday 20th September 2017 at 7.30 pm 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 8.45 pm.

Chairman