



## **WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at Winshill Neighbourhood Resource Centre at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

### **Present:**

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

### **Also present:**

S Taylor (Clerk), R Faulkner (Borough Councillor), C Wileman (County Councillor), A Lawrence and M Norton (Parish Councillor applicants) and Mrs Sue Bullock (Resident of Newton Road).

### **Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Councillors D Fletcher (also Borough Councillor).

## **MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

### **PART I**

Mrs Bullock raised her concerns regarding the area of woodland along Newton Road recently sold by the Beyne Foundation. The new owner had created an access and parking area without planning permission often causing an obstruction on the highway. Also, he had dug around the trees, many of which were very large and a potential risk to the public if destabilised.

It was noted that the Borough Planning Department were taking enforcement action and that the work being undertaken could well breach the terms of the sale.

The members agreed that the Clerk write to the Borough and Beyne Foundation regarding the concern of local residents and the potential illegal activity.

### **134/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

### **135/17 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2017 were agreed and signed as correct records of events.

### **136/17 CORRESPONDENCE**

There was nothing new to report.

## 137/17 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Members considered the following planning applications:

P/2017/00859 Conversion of former sheltered housing to general shared living accommodation at 160 Newton Road.

P/2017/00904 Proposed rear and side single storey extension at 53 Calgary Crescent.

P/2017/01022 Outline application for a dwelling on land adjacent to 98 Newton Road.

Members raised objections to P/2017/00859 - Conversion of former sheltered housing to general shared living accommodation at 160 Newton Road on the grounds that it would result in the loss of accommodation for elderly care in the community whilst the likely increased activity from the proposal would be detrimental to the living conditions of nearby residents.

It was also suggested that were the application to be approved it should comply with all the necessary criteria for living space and parking.

## 138/17 **COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

The County Councillor advised that maintenance work at Hollow Lane has been completed. He reported that the major works to St. Peters Bridge were progressing and that every effort was being made to minimise the disruption to traffic caused by its closure.

## 139/17 **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Councillor Faulkner referred to the recent problems of anti-social behaviour and criminality by youths particularly around the area of the Manners Estate. Councillor Smith advised that she had reported this to the Community Police. It was agreed that the County and Borough Councillors be copied in to the email with a view to trying to bring about a police lead coordinated response before the problems escalate.

## 140/17 **NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE CO-ORDINATORS REPORT**

The Coordinator reported that a water leak had flooded the Centre damaging the carpets and kitchen units. The damage was covered by Trent & Dove's building insurance but the remedial work would mean that the Centre would be closed for all of September. In the meantime, this had allowed staff and volunteers to redecorate the inside of the Centre. The NRC Charity were also looking at taking out contents insurance because of this event.

It was reported that a meeting had been arranged with Trent & Dove on 13<sup>th</sup> October to discuss the future lease of the Centre to the Parish Council.

## 141/17 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Clerk advised that the Plan had now been approved by an Inspector prior to a referendum/adoption subject first to various amendments to satisfy planning criteria.

## 142/17 **NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE/PUBLICITY**

The Facebook Page was still proving popular with residents.

The three new noticeboards were due to be delivered in September 2017. The Clerk agreed to chase these up.

#### 143/17 **REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

It was agreed to plant winter pansies in the 13 tubs again and these would be put at the Centre for volunteers to pick up.

A decision on the bid made to Burton Consolidated Charities for funding towards the Peace Wood memorial garden was expected soon. Councillor Boshier agreed to consider arrangements at the Peace Wood for Remembrance Day. It was agreed to purchase 2 wreaths for the occasion. The Heart of England in Bloom awards at Warwick Castle had gone well with Winshill being given a gold award for the fourth year running with an increased score of 184 out of 200. The Winshill in Bloom awards evening planned for 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017 has had to be postponed whilst the remedial work is carried out at the Centre.

#### 144/17 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The accounts up to 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017 were considered and approved by the members.

#### 145/17 **APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING**

The grant request received from Elizabeth Court Residents Association for funding towards Christmas and New Year parties for the residents was considered by the Members.

**Resolved:**

That a grant of £500 be given towards the cost of organising Christmas and New Year parties for the residents of Elizabeth Court.

#### 146/17 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	cheque no	minute no
WNRC	Plants & Buffet for H of E	313.65	1018	214/16
CAB	Sessions for 2017/18	3,722.00	1019	214/16
Zurich	Annual Insurance Premium	263.08	1020	214/16
JRB Enterprise	Poop Scoop Bags	184.56	1021	214/16
Idverde	Aug Grounds Maint.	723.00	1022	214/16
ESBC	Aug'17 Salary Costs	1,017.92	1023	214/16

**Resolved:**

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

#### 147/17 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

There were no further matters to report.

#### 148/17 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

**Resolved:**

That the date and time of the next Meeting of the Parish Council be Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

## PART II

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

#### 149/17 FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCIES

Following the Casual Vacancies that had been advertised the two applicants Abigail Lawrence and Michael Norton gave brief presentations about themselves to the Members.

**Resolved:**

That Abigail Lawrence and Michael Norton be co-opted to serve as Members of Winshill Parish Council with immediate effect.

The meeting finished at 9.15 pm.

Chairman