



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at Winshill Neighbourhood Resource Centre at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 20th December 2017.

Present:

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

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk), R Faulkner (Borough Councillor), C Wileman (County Councillor), Mrs Tracy Prescott, Mrs Sue Bullock, and Mr Michael Evans (Local Residents).

Apologies:

There were no apologies.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PART I

Mrs Prescott and Mrs Bullock gave a further update regarding the area of woodland along Newton Road recently sold by the Beyne Foundation and their concerns regarding the presence of Japanese Knotweed on the land. The Beyne Foundation were still in denial of the presence of the knotweed when they sold the land in spite of it being clearly demonstrated that the school bursar employed the then Landscape Group to try and clear the knotweed. It was considered that the Beyne Foundation have a moral responsibility and possibly a legal one to get the knotweed removed.

Apparently the Beyne Foundation had also given an undertaking to reimburse the Parish Council the money it spent on tidying up the area from the proceeds of the sale. The Clerk undertook to approach Colin Bagshaw in this respect, although everyone thought the greater concern was still to get the knotweed removed.

Mr Evans asked for help with regards to completing a planning application for a parking area off the rear access road along Newton Road. Councillor D Fletcher agreed to help him with this.

180/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

181/17 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th November 2017 were agreed and signed as correct records of events.

182/17 **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) SDDC Adoption of South Derbyshire Plan Part 2 & Supplementary Documents
- b) ESBC Parish Precept Requirement for 2018/19
- c) Env. Agency Burton upon Trent Flood Risk Management Scheme

183/17 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

There were no planning applications received, however it was noted that a tree preservation order had been made by the Borough Council for the mixed woodland along Newton Road recently sold by the Beyne Foundation.

184/17 **NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE CO-ORDINATORS REPORT**

The Coordinator reported that following the flood damage the kitchen units had now been replaced and the flooring would be completed by 8th January 2018. The Parish Council is funding the upgrading of the flooring in the main hall to a hard-non-slip surface and replacing the carpets in the smaller rooms as replacement carpets were not covered by Trent & Dove's building insurance.

This decision had been taken as a matter of urgency to avoid further delay and get the Centre up and running again by the New Year. It was noted that the Neighbourhood Resource Centre Charity had recently taken out contents insurance to cover any future eventuality.

This will make the building fit for purpose in the context of the new 10-year lease of the Centre to the Parish Council. In this context Members also considered the recent electrical report for the Centre and the need at some stage for the windows to be replaced. The Clerk advised that money had been put in the 2018/19 budget to cover these items of expenditure.

Resolved:

- * To confirm the decision taken to go ahead with the new flooring and carpets to the Centre at an approximate cost of £4,000.
- * To get quotes for the electrical work required following the recent report by Trent & Dove's engineers.

185/17 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Clerk advised that the Plan would be put to a public referendum in the Parish on 25th January 2018 and that subject to it being approved it will then be formally adopted as a Development Plan Document by the Borough Council.

186/17 **YOUNG PEOPLE**

It was agreed that the Working Group report back with options for engaging with young people early in the New Year.

187/17 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

With regards to the need to set the budget for 2018/2019 members were made aware of the Government's Council Tax Support Grant of £4,090 being cut by £404 from that previous. It was agreed to set the budget for 2018/19 at £84,317 with the precept set at a figure of £63,778.22 with the difference being met from grants and reserves. This would result in a Parish Council Tax Rate Freeze. This equates to £26.37 for an average Band D property or approximately 50 pence per week. It was also agreed to increase the financial support grant to the Winshill Neighbourhood Resource Centre Charity by 5% to £21,000.

Resolved:

That the budget for 2018/2019 be set at £84,317 with the precept for 2018/2019 being set at £63,778.22.

188/17 **APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING**

There were no applications for funding received.

189/17 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	cheque no	minute no
M Fleet	Painting to NRC	400.00	1035	125/17
Winshill FC	Grant Aid	559.72	1036	176/17
Music Plus Trust	Grant Aid	250.00	1037	176/17
Idverde	Nov 17 Grounds Maint.	723.00	1038	214/16
ESBC	Nov' 17 Salary Costs	1,017.92	1039	214/16

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

190/17 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

The County Councillor reported that he was currently chasing up SCC over refilling of grit bins in Winshill as a priority. He reported that some grit bins were missing and requested SCC to replace them. He also highlighted Highbank Road as a problem area and has requested SCC to consider placing it on their secondary gritting route.

He would like to sit down with SCC to discuss the current grit bin locations and routing of Gritters in Winshill. Given the hilly and steep nature of all access roads into an urban conurbation, his view is that there must be a review of the gritting schedule to ensure we have the worst areas covered. Winshill also has a high concentration of schools in the area and some had to be closed for several days even though the Burton area received little snow compared to Stafford.

He had also received concerns regarding speeding on Newton Road and suggested that this was an obvious area to undertake the Community Speedwatch initiative.

Members reported that they had tried to engage with members of Brizlincote PC regarding the local painting competition but had been effectively side-lined. It was agreed not to contribute to the cost of the initiative.

191/17 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

That the date and time of the next Meeting of the Parish Council be on Wednesday 17th January 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

PART II

MATTERS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE

192/17 FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY

Following the Casual Vacancy that had been advertised following the resignation of Stephen Beddows the applicant Tracy Prescott gave a brief presentation about herself to the Members.

Resolved:

That Tracy Prescott be co-opted to serve as a Member of Winshill Parish Council with immediate effect.

The meeting finished at 9.00 pm.

Chairman