

WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at Bend Oak Junior School, Winshill on Thursday, 23 June 2005.

Present:

Councillors D F Fletcher (Chairman), M Fletcher, M Gale, J Muir, P Rose, J Scotland and A White.

Also present:

Borough Councillor P A Hancox, Mr S Taylor (Clerk) and two members of the public were also present.

Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M Costelloe due to illness.

179/05 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Muir declared an interest with regard to agenda item 8: Planning Applications.

180/05 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mrs Rushton of Nelson Street and Mrs Smith of Brough Road raised their concerns with regard to the detailed planning application to convert a bungalow on land at 6 Berry Gardens into two dwellings. Their main concern was with regard to the intensified use of the existing access close to the footpath between Jacobean Court and Nelson Street used by school children. There was also concern regarding the effect the proposals would have on the amenity and value of adjoining properties.

The period for making comments on the application had expired on the 16th June 2005.

However members did note that written objections had already been made by residents to the Planning Authority.

181/05 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th May 2005 were approved and signed as a correct record.

182/05 **MATTERS ARISING**

The Chairman confirmed that with regard to minute no 164/05, Mrs Carpenter had written to the school governors who were looking into the problem caused by parents parking.

Councillor Muir also confirmed that he had contacted the County Council Education Department, who would get in touch with the Director of Development to see what action could be taken.

183/05 **COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

There was nothing significant to report.

184/05 **REPORTS OF BOROUGH COUNCILLORS**

There was nothing significant to report that was not elsewhere on the agenda.

185//05 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Chairman reported details of the following correspondence:

- a) ESBC – Ethical Standards - Code of Conduct;
- b) SCC – Staffordshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework;
- c) ESBC – Agenda and notes for planning applications committee held at Burton Town Hall at 1400 on Monday 20th June 2005;
- d) Alex Fox – Relocation of Council Offices and Leisure Centre;
- e) SPCA – Response to Residents Home Support Consultation;
- f) SPCA – Copy of Pointers to Good Practice
- g) ESBC – Copy of the sixth Forward Plan giving information on Key Executive Decisions likely to be made over the next four month period;
- h) DEFRA – Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005;
- i) SCC – Future use of site of Winshill Infants School for housing;
- j) Audit Commission – 2004/2005 Audit Return Documentation;
- k) 22nd Burton St Marks Scout Group – Grant Application.

With regard to the letter from Councillor Alex Fox, members agreed to respond asking for public consultation to take place before the detailed planning application is considered.

A Working Group comprising Councillors Gale, Rose and Scotland would appraise the Application for Grant Aid and report back to the next meeting with recommendations.

186/05 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Chairman reported on the following:

- a) Applications that have been decided under delegated powers;
- b) Applications for which time to respond has now passed;
- c) Applications to which we can respond.

There was discussion on PA/03218/013 Application for the erection of 5 no. Apartments – Land adjacent 191 Bearwood Hill Road; OU/13124/009 Outline Application for the erection of one Dwelling and relocation of car parking for the hotel – Edgecote Hotel 179 Ashby Road; OU/29371/002 Outline Application for a residential development – 50 Berry Hedge Lane Winshill.

Resolved:

To write to the planning authority regarding OU/13124/009 raising concerns with regard to parking and highway safety and OU/29371/002 regarding the accesses and highway safety in accordance with planning policy T3.

187/05 **FUTURE OF FORMER AREA HOUSING OFFICE**

The working group comprising Councillors D Fletcher, M Fletcher, M Gale, J Muir and J Scotland had met to look into the implications of running the former area housing office including the process of making an application.

The Working Group considered that the Parish Council was best placed to manage the building as a community resource to be hired out to various groups and as such should put forward a case for taking it over.

Resolved:

That an application be made for the Parish Council to take over the running of the former area housing office.

188/05 **CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF OPEN SPACES AND PLAY AREAS TO THE PARISH**

There was no progress to report on this item. It was agreed that a reminder be sent to the Borough Council Parks and Countryside Manager with regard to the further information he was going to send.

189/05 **PROPOSAL FOR RESIDENTS HOME SUPPORT SCHEME - PROGRESS REPORT**

The response to the discussion paper from the Staffordshire Parish Councils Association was circulated. This gave advice on the legal position of implementing such a scheme. In order to give this proper consideration it was agreed to postpone discussion until the next meeting.

190/05 **NEWSLETTER**

The Clerk reminded members of the need for articles for the summer issue of the Newsletter to be available by the middle of July at the latest. These could include updates, news stories and possibly a picture quiz.

191/05 **FINANCE**

Members were presented with the financial position at 23rd June 2005. It was noted that there was a need for some virement within the Budget to meet likely expenditure.

Resolved:

That the Chairman and Clerk review the Budget for the current financial year and report back to the next meeting.

192/05 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

| | | | Cheque No. |
|-------------|----------------------|----------|------------|
| Mr S Taylor | Office Equipment | £99.53 | 31 |
| Mr S Stone | Mileage Claim | £18.82 | 33 |
| ESBC | Salaries/Admin - May | £1084.32 | 34 |

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts are confirmed.

193/05 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Councillor Hancox reported that the mobile skate park for young people had been hired during the summer holidays. This would be located on Newton Road Recreation Ground on the 1st, 18th and 31st of August and would be jointly funded by the Parish Council and the Borough Council's WASPS budget. Councillor Muir would fund the hire of the facilities during the October half term using his County Council Allocation.

Councillor Rose mentioned the Speed Watch Meeting he had attended at Burton Police Station, particularly with regard to problems on Burton Bridge.

The Chairman reported on the progress made with regards the Parish Notice Board and the locating of a container on the allotments for storing the Lengthsman's equipment.

194/05 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

That the date of the next Meeting be brought forward to Thursday 21st July 2005 at 7.30 pm.

Chairman