

WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at Winshill Village Primary School, Winshill on Thursday, 23rd March 2006.

Present:

Councillors D F Fletcher (Chairman), M Fletcher, J Muir, R Patel, P Rose and J Scotland.

Also present:

Mr S Taylor (Clerk).

Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Bartram, F Bartram, M Gale, P Rose, A White and Councillor M Costelloe due to illness.

35/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor J Scotland declared an interest with regard to Agenda item 13. Finance – Grants.

36/06 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

37/06 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 23rd February 2006 were approved and signed as a correct record.

38/06 MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman informed the meeting that an instruction had been given for Mr Brian Loasby to go ahead and provide a Perspex cover to the notice board.

39/06 CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman reported details of the following correspondence:

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| a) ESBC | Council Tax 2006/2007 |
| b) ESBC | Annual Statement February 2006 |
| c) ESBC | Agenda and notes for the planning applications committee to be held at the Town Hall at 1400 on Monday 20 th March 2006 |
| d) ESBC | Parish Councils' Forum – 7 th June 2006 |
| e) SCC | Funding for Winshill Integrated Service Project |
| f) SCC/ESBC | Live and Local Outdoor Show |
| g) ESBC | Planning Issues |
| h) Alex Fox | Vancouver Drive |
| i) ESBC | 3 rd Forward Plan for 2006 |
| j) SPCA | 2006/07 Subscription |
| k) St Marks | Thanks for Grant made |
| l) Methodists | Thanks for Grant made |

40/06 **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.

41/06 **MANAGEMENT AND RUNNING OF THE FORMER AREA HOUSING OFFICE – PROGRESS REPORT**

Members were updated on the meetings of the sub-committee.

A meeting had been held with the community café regarding the potential use of the centre for community groups.

The next meeting of the Management Group was to be on Friday and things were progressing well with the lease likely to commence from the beginning of April 2006 and the Community Resource Centre operating from early June 2006 once alterations have been completed.

It was noted that both Planning and Building Regulations approval were required for the change of use.

42/06 **PROPOSAL FOR RESIDENTS HOME SUPPORT SCHEME/HANDYMAN SCHEME**

It was agreed to contact Sue Falder of Orbit Housing to enquire how their Handy Person Service could be subsidised to the benefit of elderly or disabled Winshill Residents.

Resolved:

That if possible the Orbit Handy Person Service be enhanced for the residents of Winshill such that the first hour would be free to those that qualify. This to operate within a total budget of £1000 for any financial year.

43/06 **COMMUNITY PATHS AND NEW ONE-ACRE WOODS**

It was agreed that the Parish Council should consider making a bid to The National Forest Company for a New One-Acre Wood on the area of open space adjacent to Vancouver Drive.

44/06 **CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF OPEN SPACES AND PLAY AREAS TO THE PARISH**

Nothing further had been heard from the Borough Council on this issue.

The Chairman reported that a planning application had been made to locate a storage container for the Lengthsman to store equipment on the allotments.

45/06 **NEWSLETTER**

Members were reminded that the Spring Issue of the Newsletter was being done jointly with the Borough Council's Wasps Initiative and is expected to be delivered around the end of March.

46/06 **FINANCE/GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Members were presented with the financial position at 23rd March 2006. Allowing for the existing commitments expenditure was close to the budget forecast.

The weekly hours of both the Lengthsman and Clerk were reviewed in the light of the additional workload proposed on grounds maintenance and the running of the community resource centre. (The Clerk withdrew from the meeting for the duration of the discussion and whilst the resolutions were made).

Resolved:

- That the Lengthsman's weekly hours be increased from 20 to 30 during the months of April, May, June, July, August, September and October to enable him to undertake the additional grounds maintenance work.
- That the Clerk's Salary is amended to reflect the current workload of around 15 hours per week and the additional responsibilities of the post.

Grant applications from Winhill Baptist Church (£ 1000 towards the cost of a security fence) and Winhill Primary School (£250 for the purchase of a new football strip) were discussed. The Grants Sub-Committee had considered the application from the Baptist Church and recommended it be approved.

The application from the school was referred to the Sub-Committee with Councillor White suggested as a replacement for Councillor Scotland who had declared an interest.

Resolved:

That the application made by Winhill Baptist Church for a grant of £1000 towards the provision of a security fence be approved, and that the grant be paid upon completion of the works.

47/06 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

			Cheque no
ESBC	Planning Application	£135.00	73
ESBC	February Salaries	£1092.97	74

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts are confirmed.

48/06 **COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Councillor Muir mentioned the current high running costs of the Primary Care Trusts and the need for this to be addressed in the current review. He also raised the need for an urgent meeting between the Borough Council and County Council following the recent failed planning application for the former Winhill Infants School site.

49/06 **REPORTS OF BOROUGH COUNCILLORS**

Members were reminded that the Borough Council was organising a Ward Action Service Plan event in Winhill on Saturday 22nd of March aimed at involving the community in activities such as healthy eating, a cleaner environment and enhancing the ward generally. The

Community Resource Centre would be used if available by then.

50/06 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

There were no additional matters to report.

51/06 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

That the next Meeting be held on Thursday 27th April 2006 at 7.30 pm.

Chairman