

WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre on Thursday, 22 February 2007 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

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

Also present:

Mr S Taylor (Clerk), Councillor P Hancox, Andrew Gale and Ben Delija (from Derby Street Baptist Church) and Diane Needham (from Staffs Youth Service).

Apologies:

The Chairman read out a letter of resignation received from Parish Councillor Mike Costelloe due to his long-term illness. Members accepted the resignation and sent him their best wishes. It was agreed to discuss the vacant position further at the next meeting in view of the forthcoming elections.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

The visitors from Derby Street Baptist Church raised the need for a homeless hostel in Burton. The church had been making temporary provision for the homeless in the absence of any facility being provided by the Borough Council. Borough Council Members agreed to take the matter up with the Leader of the Council and the officers concerned. The possibility of making a grant to the work of the church would be discussed at the next meeting.

The work of Youth Services in Winshill was discussed. It was agreed that there was a need for a team in the community that young people know who are prepared to go out and engage with the youth. The benefits of the Parish Council helping to part fund a youth worker were considered.

19/07 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

20/07 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 January were approved and signed as a correct record.

21/07 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported details of the following correspondence:

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| a) SCC | Safety around Staffordshire Booklet |
| b) ESBC | Customer Satisfaction Survey – Planning Services |
| c) Shobnall PC | Request for views on the Planning Process at ESBC |
| d) ESBC | Agenda and notes for the planning applications committees to be held at the Town Hall at 1400 on Monday 19 February 2007 |
| e) SCC | District Review of School Places |
| f) SCC | Social Care and Health Services |

- g) DCC Waste Sites Development Plan
- h) SPCA Update on Information and Training
- i) ESBC Second Forward Plan for 2007

22/07 **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.

23/07 **THE POSSIBILITY OF PART FUNDING A YOUTH WORKER IN THE PARISH.**

Resolved:

That a contribution be made to Staffs Youth Services of £4,000 in 2007/2008 to fund 2 youth workers to do 2 three hour sessions each week over the course of the year, subject to a quarterly progress report being submitted to the Parish Council.

24/07 **NEWSLETTER.**

The spring edition of the Newsletter would be published jointly with the Borough Council as previously. Articles were required by 10 March.

25/07 **MANAGEMENT AND RUNNING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**

Members were updated on recent developments regarding the services provided and future funding.

Resolved:

To note the action taken by the sub-committee.

26/07 **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.

27/07 **PARISH PLAN**

10 households would be consulted at random using a trial questionnaire now that the freepost address has been set up.

28/07 **THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER**

There was nothing further to report at present on the White Paper.

29/07 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Clerk updated members on expenditure up to the end of February 2007.

30/07 **GRANTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

It was reported that a request for a grant had been received from Winshill Football Club.

31/07 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	Cheque no
SCC	Dec Cleaning	455.90	142
Clerk	Oct-Dec Expenses	115.23	143
Lengthsman	Mileage etc.	79.49	144
ESBC	Jan Salaries	1279.46	145
Royal Mail	Prepaid Postage	110.00	146
SCC	Hope Education Ltd	223.19	147

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts are confirmed.

32/07 **COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

It was noted that Bend Oak House has now closed.
Queens Hospital is proposing to carry out consultation with regard to foundation status.

33/07 **REPORTS OF BOROUGH COUNCILLORS**

Reference was made to the forthcoming activity day on 4 April.

34/07 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

The Chairman reported on the progress to get the footpath between Beery Gardens and Jacobean Court reopened and recognised as a public footpath.

35/07 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Resolved:

That the next meeting of the Council be held on 22 March 2007 at 7.30 pm.

Chairman