

WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at Winshill Neighbourhood Resource Centre on Thursday, 24 May 2007.

Present:

Councillors M Gale, S Edmonds, D Fletcher, M Fletcher, J Muir, I North, R Patel, P Rose, and J Scotland.

Also present:

Mr S Taylor (Clerk), Mr D Bartram, Mr N Buntain, Mrs P Hancox and Mr J Haywood.

Apologies:

There were no apologies for absence with all of the newly appointed Parish Council members being present.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

No matters were raised.

70/07 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2007/2008

Councillor D Fletcher was proposed and seconded as Chairman. In the absence of any other nominations Councillor Fletcher was duly elected Chairman for the first year of a proposed two-year term of office.

71/07 ELECTION OF VICE- CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2007/2008

Councillors M Gale and J Scotland were proposed and seconded. Following a show of hands J Scotland received the most votes and was duly elected Vice-Chairman for the first year of a proposed two-year term of office.

72/07 CO-OPTION OF TWO NEW MEMBERS ONTO THE PARISH COUNCIL

Further to the two vacant posts on the parish council being advertised the following nine people expressed an interest in becoming a parish councillor:

Mr E Ellis, Mrs M Ellis, Mr J Mc Hale, Mr J Edmonds, Mr D Bartram, Mrs P Hancox, Mr J Haywood, Mr N Buntain and Mrs P Vakharia.

Following a ballot of members the two people for whom the most votes had been cast were Mr D Bartram and Mrs P Hancox and they were duly elected as members of the Parish Council.

73/07 ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2007/2008

Councillors D Fletcher, Hancox and Hancox were elected as members to the Planning Subcommittee.

74/07 **ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE GRANTS TO ORGANISATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2007/2008**

Councillors Gale, M Fletcher, Muir, North and Scotland were elected as members to the Grants to Organisations Sub- committee.

75/07 **ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2007/2008**

Councillors D Fletcher, Gale, North and Scotland were elected as members to the Neighbourhood Resource Centre Sub- committee.

76/07 **ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE PARISH PLAN SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2007/2008**

Councillors Bartram, Gale, Edmunds, D Fletcher, Muir, Rose and Scotland were elected as members to the Parish Plan Sub-committee.

77/07 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

78/07 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 April 2007 were approved and signed as a correct record.

79/07 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported details of the following correspondence:

- a) Janet Dean MP Advice Surgeries
- b) Audit Commission Year Ending 31 March 2007 Accounts
- c) ESBC Agenda and notes for the Planning Applications Committee to be held at the Town Hall at 1400 on Monday 29 May 2007
- d) SPCA Training and Updates
- e) DCC Minerals and Waste Development Plan
- f) ESBC Borough Local Development Framework
- g) CAB Volunteers Week and Health Trainer Service
- h) ESBC Fourth and Fifth Forward Plan for 2007
- i) SCC Strategic Plan

Resolved:

To write to the Borough Council's Planning Policy Manager and invite him to attend the next meeting to explain and discuss the Core Strategy and Burton Town Centre Area Action Plan.

80/07 **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.

Resolved:

To write to the Borough Council's Planning Department objecting to application TP/15867/003/JKM for the removal of trees in the landscape strip to the rear of the properties in Tower Road on the grounds that this would be detrimental to the character and appearance of the area and contrary to the Council's Environmental Policies and the original conditions for the provision of the landscape strip.

81/07 **MANAGEMENT AND RUNNING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**

Reference was made to a new cleaner being appointed and employed by the Parish Council following the termination of the contract with Staffordshire Cleaning Services.

Resolved:

To note the action taken by the sub-committee.

82/07 **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.

83/07 **PARISH PLAN**

The feedback from the preliminary consultation exercise was circulated and discussed. The next stage is to design a suitable questionnaire for the wider consultation exercise.

84/07 **THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER**

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

85/07 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The accounts for the year ending 31 March 2007 were now with the Council's auditor.

86/07 **GRANTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

An update had been received from Winhill Methodist Church on the progress of their grant-aided works.

87/07 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	Cheque no
Member	Event Refreshments	5.69	160
South Staffs Water	Rates	60.17	161
Cleaner	April Cleaning	70.00	162
CASES	Administrator April-July	6,000.00	163
Findel Ed. Ltd.	Play Equipment	4.69	164
ESBC	April Salaries	1279.45	165

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

88/07 **COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

The Berry Hedge Youth Club is moving to the former Winshill Infants site on 15 June 2007. An update was given on the Health Scrutiny Committee.

89/07 **REPORTS OF BOROUGH COUNCILLORS**

It was pointed out that the newly elected borough councillors for Winshill have an open invitation to meetings of the Parish Council.

90/07 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Councillors D Fletcher, M Fletcher, Hancox and Scotland had done a tour of the Parish in order to identify sites for landscaping/planters. Areas identified included the entrance to Tower Road, the top of Empire Road, Newton Road and Church Hill Street.

The Clerk asked all members to complete and return to him the Register of Members Interest. The new Model Code Of Conduct would need to be adopted by the Council by the end of October 2007 with all members signing up to it.

91/07 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

That the next meeting of the Parish be held on 28 June at 7.30 pm.

Chairman