

WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre on Thursday, 27 September 2007 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Councillors D F Fletcher (Chairman), S Edmonds, M Fletcher, M Gale, P Hancox, J Muir, I North, R Patel, P Rose and J Scotland.

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk), Ingrid Forsyth (Community Support Officer) and Clifton Symonds (Heart of Burton Partnership).

Apologies:

Apologies were received from D Bartram and J Scotland.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Recent problems associated with construction works at Wyndham Crescent and the lighting of fires at the allotments on Wheatley Lane were discussed. It was reported that the police are currently dealing with both of these matters.

126/07 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

127/07 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 July 2007 were approved and signed as a correct record.

128/07 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported details of the following correspondence:

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| a) | Staffs Police | New Chief Constable |
| b) | ESBC | New Bus Shelter – Newton Road/Dalebrook Road |
| c) | ESBC | Flytipping Awareness |
| d) | ESBC | Agenda and notes for the planning applications committee to be held at the Town Hall at 1400 on Monday 24 September 2007 |
| e) | ESBC | Ninth Forward Plan for Calendar Year |
| f) | SCC | Berry Hedge Youth and Community Centre |
| g) | SPCA | AGM – 3 November 2007 |
| h) | Church in Burton | Service of Blessing – Sunday 14 October 2007 |
| i) | ESBC | Parish Council's Forum – Wednesday 19 Sept. 2007 |
| j) | ESBC | Local Development Framework |
| k) | ESBC | Re-use of Rural Buildings SPD |
| l) | SCC | Celebrating Patriotism by Flying the Union Flag |
| m) | ESBC | Review of Polling Stations |
| n) | ESBC | Green STAT Poster |
| o) | Janet Dean MP | Dates of Surgeries |

129/07 **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.

130/07 **MANAGEMENT AND RUNNING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**

A letter from Municipal Zurich had been received confirming that the Council's insurance also covered sub-committees and all affiliated groups provided that they are not separate entities that carry out activities and events that are not part of the Council's business.

The possibility of organising a firework display or similar event at the centre at some point in the future was discussed.

Resolved:

That a sum of up to £200 be approved to allow a risk assessment for a firework display to be carried out.

131/07 **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.

132/07 **PARISH PLAN**

It was agreed that the Parish Plan sub-committee draw up a brief with a view to going out to tender to appropriate companies experienced in sending out questionnaire and collating the responses.

133/07 **THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER**

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

134/07 **THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT) ORDER 2007**

Further to the Parish Council formally adopting the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007, each member signed an undertaking to agree to abide by the code.

135/07 **NEWSLETTER**

The Newsletter had been distributed in August through the Trader, web site, notice boards and the Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

136/07 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Audit Commission had requested further information regarding the mechanics of how the Neighbourhood Resource Centre is run.

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

137/07 **WINSHILL SIGNS**

It was agreed that examples be brought to the next meeting for consideration.

138/07 **PARISH COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT**

It was agreed that this should be incorporated within the Parish Plan.

139/07 **GRANTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS PARISH COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT**

No new grant applications had been received.
Winshill Methodist Church were due to start their alteration works.

140/07 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	Cheque no
Chairman	Notice Board Purchases	51.98	185
Lengthsman	Hardware Purchases	7.18	186
Clerk	April – June Expenses	80.93	187
ESBC	July Salaries	1801.81	188
ESBC	Waste Collection	102.88	189
Trent & Dove	Water & Electric Bill (06/07)	1371.00	190
Norfolk Industries	Radiator Guard	95.50	191
Midland Newspapers	Newsletter Delivery	51.47	192
Bizz Energy	Electricity Bill (April-July)	351.09	193
BT	Telephone	161.95	194
Trent & Dove	Window Repair	65.74	195
ESBC	August Salaries	1801.81	196
Zurich	Annual Insurance	288.75	197
Bizz Energy	August Electricity Bill	96.86	198

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

141/07 **COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

SCC had embarked on a programme to replace defective gulleys that are often blocked.

142/07 **REPORTS OF BOROUGH COUNCILLORS**

ESBC will be taking over parking enforcement from the police on 1 October 2007.

143/07 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

It has been agreed that the pupils at Abbott Beyne would come up with a design to paint the Lengthsman's trailer. A monetary prize was suggested for the best design.

144/07 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Resolved:

That the next Meeting of the Council be held on 25 October 2007 at 7.30 pm.

Chairman