

WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre on Thursday, 24 April 2008 at 7.45 pm. Members agreed that this be moved from the original venue at the Winshill Youth Centre at Church Hill Street which was found to be locked on arrival at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Councillors D F Fletcher (Chairman), S Edmonds, M Fletcher, M Gale (who left after the change of venue), P Hancox, J Muir, I North, P Rose and J Scotland.

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk) and Clinton Simmons (Heart of Burton Partnership).

Apologies:

No apologies were received.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no matters raised.

49/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were declarations of interest made by M Fletcher and J Muir regarding the grant application made by Abbott Beyne School, minute no 59/08 refers.

50/08 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 March 2008 were approved and signed as a correct record.

51/08 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported details of the following correspondence:

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| a) | Zurich | Corporate Homicide and Corporate Manslaughter Act 2007 |
| b) | Abbot Beyne | Thank You Letter for support of Project Namibia |
| c) | ESBC | Bedding Plant/Winter Bulb Grant 2007/08 |
| d) | ESBC | Agenda and notes for the planning applications committee to be held at the Town Hall at 1400 on Monday 21 April 2008 |
| e) | ESBC | Sustainability Appraisal for SPD on Draft Design Guide |
| f) | ESBC | Fourth Forward Plan for the Calendar Year |
| g) | SPCA | National Conference 2008 |
| h) | SCC | Strategic Plan 2008 - 2011 |
| i) | Janet Dean MP | Advice Surgery Dates |
| j) | Orbit Housing | Handyman Service |
| k) | Staffs Com. Council | 2008/2009 Membership Application/Renewal |

It was agreed that the Corporate Homicide and Corporate Manslaughter Act 2007 should be an agenda item for the next meeting.

52/08 **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:

- That the Parish Council object to PA/15235/003 for a detached on land adjacent 14 Mayfield Road, Winshill on the grounds that the proposal would represent a cramped form of development detrimental to the character and appearance of the streetscene and there would be inadequate private amenity space for the future occupiers.
- That the Parish Council object to OU/06674/ 002 for the outline application for the erection of one detached bungalow including details of means of access on the grounds that the proposal would represent an intrusive form of development in the rear garden area detrimental to the living conditions of adjoining occupants and that it would lead to an intensified use of the substandard access onto Bearwood Hill Road.
- That the petition sent in error to the Parish Council regarding PA/15235/003 be forwarded to the Borough Council.

53/08 **MANAGEMENT AND RUNNING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**

The Chairman of the Neighbourhood Resource Centre Strategic Partnership Board updated members as follows:

- The administrator had left and S Edmonds was covering in the interim.
- There was some debate as to which organisation should employ the new administrator.
- No job specification or advert had been compiled as yet.
- Notification had been received from the cleaner of her taking maternity leave.
- The police had again shown an interest in using the centre.

54/08 **PARISH PLAN**

Following the response to the questionnaire to-date a summary had been compiled. It was considered that would form the basis for producing a parish plan and that this would also be informed by the "Winshill Together" document produced by the Heart of Burton Partnership. Members agreed to take both of these documents away to read and consider for future discussion on the development of the Parish Plan.

55/08 **THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER**

Members were advised that this has now become an Act of Parliament.

56/08 **NEWSLETTER**

Articles for the summer edition should be completed by early July 2008. The question of the delivery mechanism for this issue was left open for the time being.

57/08 WINSHILL SIGNS

An example was shown to the meeting and the idea was considered worth pursuing. It was agreed that further quotations/prices should be obtained.

58/08 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk advised members on the final accounts for 2008/2009. These would be presented at the AGM.

59/08 GRANTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS

A grant application had been received from Winshill Methodist Church. The application received from Abbot Beyne School for their Project Namibia was discussed.

Resolved:

That a grant of £1000 be made towards the Abbot Beyne Project Namibia on the condition that the pupils report back on the project in due course.

60/08 REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID

		£	Cheque no
CASES.	Administrator Jan-March 08	6,000.00	240
ESBC	February Salaries	1,635.54	241
Magical Mayhem	Magician at Resource Centre	140.00	242
BT	Quarterly Bill	134.77	243
Bizz Energy	February Electricity Bill	345.33	244
Kall Kwik	Printing Newsletter	315.00	245
S Jolley	Balloons for Resource Centre	10.00	246
C Harper	Refreshments at Res. Centre	29.70	247
Clerk	Jan-March 08 Expenses	69.44	248
Lenghtsman	Mileage & Equipment	44.77	249
Abbot Beyne	Delivery of Newsletter	500.00	250
ESBC	March Salaries	1,643.99	251

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

61/08 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Reference was made to problems that had been experienced regarding the reporting of matters in the press.

62/08 REPORTS OF BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

A meeting had been held between SCC Highways, The Borough Council, The Parish Council and residents to discuss the problem of the maintenance of the banks in Hollow Lane. It was accepted that none of the parties appeared to own the land. A way forward was agreed between the parties regarding future maintenance. SCC would deal with dangerous and diseased trees, ESBC would tidy the area and clean out the brook, local residents would secure the banks with shrubs and the Parish Council lengthsman would then keep the area tidy.

It was suggested that the local residents could apply for a grant to plant up the banks.

63/08 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

The purchase of planters to be located around the parish was discussed. These would be maintained by the Lengthsman.

Resolved:

That a sum up to the amount of £4000 be made available within the budget for the purchase of planters, compost and plants.

64/08 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Resolved:

That the AGM be held on Thursday 22 May at 7.00 pm at The Neighbourhood Resource Centre and that this be followed by the next Meeting of the Council at 7.30 pm.

Chairman