



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre on Thursday, 22 October 2009 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

J Scotland (Chairman), S Edmonds, M Gale, I North and P Rose.

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk) and Mrs Thornhill.

Apologies:

Apologies were received from D Fletcher and M Fletcher.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs Thornhill raised concern about the poor condition of the steps between Highbank Road and the Waterloo PH car park. These were used by the public as a short cut, but appeared to be in the ownership of the brewery. It was reported that both the steps and the handrail were in need of attention and the present owners Punch were aware of the problem. It was left that the Parish Council would contact Punch to see what action they propose to make the steps safe.

157/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

S Edmonds declared an interest with regard to minute 166/09 Grant Applications.

158/09 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 September 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record.

159/09 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported details of the following correspondence:

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| a) SPCA East Staffs Area | Annual Liaison Meeting with SCC – 12 Nov. 2009 |
| b) ESBC | Plant Fairs 2010 |
| c) ESBC | Draft Climate Change Strategy Consultation |
| d) ESBC | Display of Electoral Services Poster |
| e) ESBC | Filling of Casual Vacancies on Parish Councils |
| f) SPCA | AGM – 7 Nov. 2009 at Stafford |
| g) HSBC | New Local Business Manager |
| h) Douglas Macmillan Hosp. | Fundraising |

160/09 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Clerk 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.

There was a discussion concerning potential parking problems regarding PA/28351/004/JPM for the erection of 12 two bed houses and 4 two bed apartments with associated cycle stores, bin store, car parking and new vehicular access at the former Youth and Community Centre, Berry Hedge Lane.

Resolved:

That the Parish Council object to PA/28351/004/JPM for the erection of 12 two bed houses and 4 two bed apartments with associated cycle stores, bin store, car parking and new vehicular access at the former Youth and Community Centre, Berry Hedge Lane as the proposal is likely to lead to casual parking outside the proposed dwellings along the narrow Mear Greaves Lane to the detriment of the residential amenity of the residents living opposite.

161/09 **MANAGEMENT AND RUNNING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**

The chairman of the Strategic Partnership Board/Advisory Committee updated members on recent developments and circulated copies of the Coordinator's report.

162/09 **PARISH PLAN**

An update report on progress of the Parish Plan from the vice-chairman of the Parish Plan Committee was circulated. The main points were:

- The County Council were not prepared to fund a sports hall at Abbott Beyne and suggested these had been privately funded in the past
- The benches had arrived ready for installation on Bearwood Hill and Winshill Rec
- New drainage had been installed on the play area in Winshill Rec
- Meetings were ongoing with the School Councils so that ideas can be brought back to the Parish Council for consideration
- The police had advised the Children and Young People's Task and Finishing Group that a parish wide alcohol free zone was neither necessary nor desirable and the Parish Council might like to reconsider its commitment to this
- The Coordinator is to arrange shelving for a "book swap" in the foyer of the Resource Centre
- Doggy bags are now available free at the Resource Centre

163/09 **NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE**

The issue as to how the website could be more interactive and responsive to comments from the public was discussed.

The closing date for articles for the winter edition of the newsletter is around the 20 November 2009. Articles concerning good news items and forthcoming events are required in addition to Christmas services and Parish Council updates.

164/09 **REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

Interviews had taken place for the new lengthsman and the usual employment checks were being undertaken prior to the successful candidate starting work in early November 2009.

All of the planters had been finally installed on “the level”. English Landscaping had been asked to provide costing for next year’s floral features.

165/09 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Members were advised of the financial position as at the end of October 2009.

166/09 **GRANTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

A request for a grant of £1000 towards community link work in Winshill made by Burton Transformation Trust was considered. Whilst members commended the work of the Trust in Winshill, they were concerned that the nature of the request did not comply with criteria No. 7 of the requirements for making applications in that the grant would be used to contribute towards the remuneration of members/officers of the Trust.

Resolved:

That with regret the Parish Council refuses the application for a grant made by Burton Transformation Trust due to it failing to satisfy criteria No.7 of the requirements.

167/09 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	Cheque no
Zurich Municipal	LCAS Membership	109.29	380
Lengthsman	Mileage	37.95	381
Trent & Dove	Res.Centre C&LP Contribution	20,000.00	382
Staffs. Playing Fields	Annual Subscription	15.00	383
ESBC	September Salaries	2040.58	384
Clerk	July – Sept. Expenses	67.72	385

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

168/09 **PACT MEETING REPORT**

Reference was made to the recent email from the police requesting that every organisation send a representative to the meeting and the need for a chairperson. It was noted that the Parish Council normally has at least one representative at each meeting and in the past the meeting had been chaired by Councillor Muir.

169/09 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

There were no matters to report.

170/09 **REPORTS OF BOROUGH COUNCILLORS**

There were no matters to report.

171/09 **CLERK AND MEMBERS’ REPORTS**

The Clerk reported on the Borough Council’s requirement to have copies of all the declaration of member’s interests.

172/09 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Resolved:

That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Thursday 26 November 2009 at 7.30 pm at The Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

The meeting finished at 21.30 hours.

Chairman