

WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at Winshill Village Primary School, Winshill on Thursday, 26 January 2006.

Present:

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

Also present:

Borough Councillor P A Hancox, Mr S Taylor (Clerk), Sue Falder from Orbit and Emma Hailwood representing Community Policing.

Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Fletcher, A White and Councillor M Costelloe due to illness.

01/06 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

02/06 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Sue Falder explained how Orbit Housing's Care and Repair/Handy Person Service operated and how the proposed Residents Support Scheme would address some of the gaps as well as duplicate aspects of the service.

The Handy Person service carries out small repairs and has been running since 1988. It currently has funding from the Borough Council, Social Services and Trent & Dove. The Service is available to disabled and older homeowners, who are charged £9 per hour or £5 per hour (plus materials) for those in receipt of Pensions Credit or Income Support.

The Parish Council could either grant aid the work the work to parishioners or part fund a Handy Person (half person equates to £15,000 p.a.). It was agreed that the service should be advertised in the Parish Newsletter.

PC Emma Hailwood explained the arrangements to be put in place to facilitate Neighbourhood Policing. Overall there would be a good police presence with PC Roberts replacing PC Ball plus PC Howard and two Specials.

03/06 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th November 2005 were approved and signed as a correct record.

04/06 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

05/06 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Chairman reported details of the following correspondence:

- a) ESBC Free Monthly Events Guide
- b) ESBC Bulky Household Waste Collections
- c) ESBC Street Lighting Renewal Programme
- d) SCC Area Highways Office Arrangements
- e) ESBC Register Of Electors
- f) ESBC Parish Councils Forum – 7th December 2005
- g) DCC Waste Management Strategy and Environmental Assessment
- h) ESBC Agenda and notes for the planning applications committees to be held at the Town Hall at 1400 on Monday 19th December 2005 and Monday 23rd January 2006
- i) ESBC Twelfth Forward Plan for Calendar Year
- j) SPCA Annual Liaison Meeting between SCC and East Staffordshire Councils
- k) Tutbury PC Tutbury Music Festival - Spring 2006
- l) SPCA Report on 66th AGM and Conference
- m) SCC Council Tax Base for 2006 - 2007
- n) Janet Dean MP Advice Surgery Dates
- o) ESBC Waste Management Programme for 2006
- p) Trent & Dove Terms of the Draft Lease
- q) ESBC Neighbourhood Wardens Workshop Feedback
- r) Other PC's Employment of Lengthsman
- s) Staffs Police Building Safer Communities
- t) Community C of S Parish Plans and Best Kept Villages
- u) ESBC First Forward Plan for 2006
- v) SPCA Vacancy on Executive Committee
- w) SCC Annual Conference for Clerks of Larger Councils
- x) ESBC Provision of Bus Shelter outside Buckingham Court
- y) ESBC Code of Conduct for Councillors

With regard to the Bulky Household Waste Collections it was agreed to put an item in the next newsletter.

06/06 **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.

07/06 **FUTURE MANAGEMENT AND RUNNING OF THE AREA HOUSING OFFICE**

Members were made aware of the meetings that the Chairman and the Clerk had attended over the previous two weeks with other interested parties at the request of Trent & Dove to try and resolve the terms of the lease and the future use of the building. The Chairman explained that he had not been able to involve the other members of the sub-committee due to short time scale and nature of the meetings.

Trent & Dove had confirmed their wish for the Parish Council to lease the building with effect from the 1st March 2006 and had also proposed a management committee to oversee the use of the building. However to-date the lease is yet to be agreed and signed and the various users are yet to be approved. The Management Committee would however assume much of the responsibility for providing and running the various services and ensuring that the building was being put to proper use in accordance with the terms of the lease.

Concerns were again expressed regarding the role of the PCT and their proposed full time use of the building. An e-mail was read out from the PCT refuting a press article and confirming their willingness to work with other community organisations.

The Chairman stressed that nothing had been agreed or signed to-date and the various users were still to come up with their firm proposals. As leaseholders the Parish Council would still be able to give three months notice, should they no longer wish to be involved in facilitating the project.

Resolved:

That the sub-committee meet on Monday 30th January to consider the situation and determine what stance to take at the next meeting of the prospective management committee on Friday 3rd February.

08/06 COMMUNITY PATHS AND NEW ONE-ACRE WOODS

After a short discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council should consider making a bid to The National Forest Company for a New One-Acre Wood subject to the approval of landowners concerned.

It was also agreed that a bid for funding should be made to the County Council's Community Paths Initiative for the Circular Walk Around the Parish published in a previous edition of the Newsletter.

09/06 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.

10/06 PROPOSAL FOR RESIDENTS HOME SUPPORT SCHEME - PROGRESS REPORT

It was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting when everyone had had the chance to consider the information provided by Sue Falder of Orbit Housing.

11/06 NEWSLETTER

The next Issue of the Newsletter would be done jointly with the Borough Council's Wasps Initiative. Articles need to be with the Borough Council by the end of February.

The exercise of delivering the Winter Edition with the Burton Trader was viewed as a limited success in view of the lack of alternatives at that time.

12/06 FINANCE/GRANT APPLICATIONS

Members were presented with the financial position at 26th January 2006, which showed expenditure slightly under target with budget due mainly to the under spend on grants. Grant Applications are however currently being considered from the Methodist Church and St. Marks Church.

13/06 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

			Cheque no
ESBC	October Salaries	£1092.97	57
ESBC	November Salaries	£1092.97	58
ESBC	Newsletter Printing	£176.25	59
SDDC	Skate Park Hire	£400.00	60
SCC	Refund Grant Unspent	£200.00	61
Mid. Newspapers	Newsletter Delivery	£49.64	62
Mr S Stone	Oct/Nov. Mileage	£29.51	63
Audit Commission	2004/2005 Audit	£141.00	64
Mr S Stone	Christmas Bonus	£30.00	65
ESBC	December Salaries	£1092.97	66
Mr S Taylor	Third Qtr Expenses	£90.83	67

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts are confirmed.

14/06 **COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Councillor Muir referred to the realignment of Primary Care Trusts and the future funding that is going to be needed to provide waste disposal in the County.

15/06 **REPORTS OF BOROUGH COUNCILLORS**

There were no matters to report.

16/06 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

The Clerk reported on the Neighbourhood Warden workshop he had attended. He had requested that a Parish Brief be carried out for Winshill, which the Borough Council had agreed to provide free of charge on a first come first served basis.

17/06 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

That the next Meeting be held on Thursday 23rd February 2006 at 7.30 pm.

Chairman