

WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre on Thursday, 22 March 2007 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

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

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk) and Councillor P Hancox.

Apologies:

There were no apologies for absence.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

36/07 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

37/07 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 February were approved and signed as a correct record.

38/07 **CONSIDERATION OF THE VACANT POST ON THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Resolved:

To leave the post vacant in view of the forthcoming Parish Council elections on 4 May 2007.

39/07 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported details of the following correspondence:

- a) Com Coun of Staffs Best Kept Village Competition
- b) ESBC Next Parish Council's Forum – Wednesday 6 June 2007
- c) ESBC Air Quality Management
- d) ESBC Agenda and notes for the planning applications committees to be held at the Town Hall at 1400 on Monday March 2007
- e) ESBC Council Tax 2007/2008
- f) SCC Changes to Bus Services in the Burton Area
- g) East Staffs CAB Launch of Health Trainer Service
- h) SPCA Update on Information and Training
- i) ESBC Third Forward Plan for 2007

40/07 **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.

41/07 **DISCUSSION ON THE FUTURE OF PUBLIC HOUSES IN WINSHILL.**

Resolved:

That the Parish Council support the principle of retaining facilities such as public houses in Winshill and that wider opinion be sought through the parish plan process.

42/07 **NEWSLETTER.**

The spring edition of the newsletter is going out soon in conjunction with the Borough Council's Wasps newsletter as previously.

43/07 **MANAGEMENT AND RUNNING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**

Members were updated on the arrangements for the 2007/2008 and the recent meeting of the Strategic Partnership Board.

Resolved:

To note the action taken by the sub-committee.

44/07 **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.

45/07 **PARISH PLAN**

10 households and 5 clubs have been consulted using a trial questionnaire and the freepost address that has been set up. Replies were required by 31 March 2007.

46/07 **THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER**

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

47/07 **THE OPPORORTUNITY FOR PUBLICISING THE WORK OF THE URBAN PARISHES AT THE BURTON REGATTA**

It was agreed that this was best discussed after the forthcoming Parish Council elections.

48/07 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

49/07 **GRANTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

It was reported that a request for a grant had been received from Harvey Girls and Winshill Bowls Club. Following the submission of further details the Grants sub-committee will consider these with a view to making a recommendation.

The previous request from Winshill Football Club was also considered.

Resolved:

To approve a grant of £500 for the purchase of training equipment for Winshill Football Club.

50/07 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	Cheque no
SCC	Jan Cleaning	455.90	148
Chairman	Resource Centre Provisions	14.09	149
South Staffs	Water Rates	193.45	150
BT	Telephone Bill	96.92	151
ESBC	Winter Newsletter Printing	822.50	152
ESBC	Jan Salaries	1279.46	153
Tennis Club	Grant	250.00	154
Mrs S. Edmonds	Resource Centre Equipment	197.34	155

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts are confirmed.

51/07 **COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Questions had been asked at the Health and Leisure Scrutiny Committee regarding the outstanding costs and future of the present Meadowside Leisure Centre.

52/07 **REPORTS OF BOROUGH COUNCILLORS**

A motion had been put to the Borough Council not to sell the leisure centre until a suitable alternative close to the town centre was available, but the motion was defeated.

A bench has now been provided along Bearwood Hill.

53/07 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

The Clerk handed out nomination papers for the forthcoming Parish Council Elections. The opportunity to stand for the Parish Council was also advertised on the notice board and the Parish Council's web site.

54/07 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Resolved:

That the next meeting of the Council be held on 19 April 2007 at 7.30 pm.

Chairman