

WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre on Thursday, 28 February 2008 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

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

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk) and WPC Wendy Roberts, WPC Ingrid Forsythe and SPC Mark Andrews.

Apologies:

Apologies were received from D Bartram, M Fletcher, P Hancox, J Muir, and R Patel.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was a brief discussion about neighbourhood policing. The provision of floodlights to the shelter and possibly basketball court area of the Canterbury Road play area was referred to as well as the likelihood of providing a skate board park in Winshill at some time in the future.

17/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

18/08 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 January 2008 were approved and signed as a correct record.

19/08 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported details of the following correspondence:

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| a) | Church in Burton | Burton Hope 08 – Invitation to Meeting |
| b) | Staffs Fire & Rescue | Safety Plan 2008/2009 |
| c) | Winshill Methodist | Grant Enquiry |
| d) | ESBC | Agenda and notes for the planning applications committee to be held at the Town Hall at 1400 on Monday 18 February 2008 |
| e) | ESBC | Minutes of Parish Councils' Forum to be held on 11 Feb. 2008 |
| f) | ESBC | Second Forward Plan for the Calendar Year |
| g) | SPCA | Membership 2008/2009 |
| h) | SCC | Seasonal Attachments to Street Lighting |
| i) | SCC | Community Paths Initiative |
| j) | Audit Commission | Appointment of External Auditor |

20/08 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Chairman reported on the following:

- Applications that have been decided under delegated powers;
- Applications for which time to respond has now passed;

c) Applications to which we can respond.

There was a brief discussion regarding proposals for residential development on the site of the Nelson Inn and the application to convert part of the Coach House opposite Burton Mill into a dwelling.

21/08 **MANAGEMENT AND RUNNING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**

The Chairman of the Neighbourhood Resource Centre Strategic Partnership Board up-dated the members on the progress of the centre including the setting up of a group to review the business plan.

22/08 **PARISH PLAN**

Despite a late bid received to undertake the consultation it was agreed to proceed as outlined at the last meeting. A questionnaire would therefore be sent to every household as part of the next edition of the Parish Council's Newsletter, with all the responses being entered into a free prize draw.

It was agreed that the timetable should be:

March – Send out questionnaires
April/May – Collate responses
June/July/August – Exhibition/Public Meetings
September – Finalise Parish Plan

Resolved:

That all residents returning questionnaires be entered into a free prize draw for £50, £30 and £20.

23/08 **THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER**

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

24/08 **NEWSLETTER**

The spring edition of the Newsletter will be distributed in the middle of March in conjunction with the questionnaire for the Parish Plan. Articles were agreed with this publication focussing on the Parish Plan.

25/08 **WINSHILL SIGNS**

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

26/08 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Clerk updated members on expenditure up to the end of February 2008.

27/08 **GRANTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

No new grant applications had been received.

28/08 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	Cheque no
South Staffs.	Water Rates	56.02	230
Bizz Energy	Monthly Electricity Charge	133.46	231
Orbit Housing	Handyman Scheme	27.00	232
Methodist Church	Grant	1000.00	233
Royal Mail	Freepost	70.93	234
Bizz Energy	January Electricity	124.15	235
ESBC	Winter Newsletter	871.38	236
ESBC	Quarterly Bin Emptying	49.80	237
ESBC	January Salaries	1635.54	238
Lengthsman	Mileage and Equipment	32.53	239

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

29/08 **COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

There was nothing to report.

30/08 **REPORTS OF BOROUGH COUNCILLOR**

The Borough Councillors had arranged an Easter Holiday Activity day on Wednesday 26 March at Newton Road Recreation Ground. This would be advertised further in the Parish Newsletter.

A bulk waste collection was also being organised as well as the Canterbury Road recreation area lighting.

31/08 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Seven locations had been identified throughout the Parish for siting new planters.

It was agreed to proceed with new planters being installed at the top of Empire Road, Calgary Crescent/Empire Road, Melbourne Avenue/Hawfield Lane, Canterbury Road/Vancouver Drive, Eldon Street/High Bank Road, Tower Road/Ashby Road, and Dalebrook Road/Newton Road.

Resolved:

That up to £2,000 is spent on the provision of planters including plants from the equipment and maintenance budget.

32/08 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Resolved:

That the next Meeting of the Council be held on 27 March 2008 at 7.30 pm.

Chairman