



## WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre on Thursday, 19 August 2009 at 7.30 pm.

### **Present:**

J Scotland (Chairman), S Edmonds, D Fletcher, M Fletcher, M Gale, J Muir, I North, R Patel and P Rose.

### **Also present:**

S Taylor (Clerk) and David Jones (Trent & Dove).

### **Apologies:**

Apologies were received from D Bartram and K Lamb (County Councillor).

### **MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present.

#### 121/09 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There was no declaration of interests made.

#### 122/09 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 July 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record.

#### 123/09 **THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW LENGHSMAN**

Members were made aware of Trent & Dove's offer to employ, train and manage the new Lengthsman on behalf of the Parish Council. The Parish Council would provide the service specification and recruitment could be carried out jointly.

As well as the existing salary costs of around £12,500 there would be additional costs for NI and pension of £2,500, training and equipment of £1,500 and a management overhead of £2,000. The agreement would be for a 3 year initial period with a 12 month termination arrangement.

Key performance indicators could be set, with verbal reports from the Lengthsman as well as reports back from the supervisor. The communication channels would depend to an extent on the person appointed.

### **Resolved:**

- That the Lengthsman be employed by Trent & Dove on behalf of the Parish Council as discussed
- That the post be advertised and Councillors Scotland, D Fletcher and Rose be involved in the appointment of a new Lengthsman along with Trent & Dove

124/09 **HIGHWAY ISSUES**

In the absence of the County Councillor it was agreed that this issue be put back to a future meeting.

125/09 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported details of the following correspondence:

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| a) Janet Dean MP       | Dates for advice surgeries                            |
| b) ESBC                | Dog Fouling Information                               |
| c) ESBC                | Meeting of Parish Councils' Forum – 23 September 2009 |
| d) ESBC                | Parks and Open Spaces Strategy Consultation           |
| e) Mencap              | Request for funding                                   |
| f) Carrgomm            | Request for project funding from WASPs                |
| g) SPCA                | Annual Report and AGM                                 |
| h) Staffs Com. Council | AGM   |

126/09 **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.

It was noted that the applicant had appealed against the decision to refuse a revised outline application for 6 detached dwellings to the rear of No. 70 Scalpcliffe Road. The Council had asked for the appeal to be dealt with by way of an informal Hearing.

127/09 **MANAGEMENT AND RUNNING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**

The role performed by the Strategic Partnership Group was considered to be more akin to that of an advisory committee to the Parish Council overseeing the running of the resource centre. It was agreed that rather than change the terms of reference of the group it would be better to have split meetings, such that afterwards a networking group of constituent members could discuss wider issues of service delivery as and when appropriate before reporting back to their respective organisations.

128/09 **PARISH PLAN**

Members of the Parish Plan Committee had met with the youth club, with the majority of young people still in favour of a skatepark in the area.

It was agreed to write to the County Council regarding the need for a sports hall for joint use by the school and local residents to be provided on the Abbot Beyne School site.

The funding of a trip for over 50's to a pantomime.

**Resolved:**

That a sum of £1,000 be made available to help fund a trip to a pantomime for over 50's from Winshill.

129/09 **NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE**

It was agreed that both the Winshill Directory and the Parish Plan should be put onto the website.

Members saw the newsletter which had been delivered with the Burton Advertiser.

130/09 **REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

Due to the problems associated with erecting the posts along the level, an alternative approach would now be adopted incorporating winter planting.

131/09 **RISK ASSESSMENT**

Following the decision of to employ the new Lengthsman through Trent & Dove it was considered that the major areas of risk would now be dealt with by them. It would also be logical if in time the Resource Centre cleaner was employed directly by them now that they manage that account.

132/09 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Members were advised of the financial position as at the end of August 2009. The return for the year ending 31 March 2009 had now been sent to the Audit Commission.

133/09 **GRANTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Members were satisfied with the additional information provided by St. Mark’s regarding the request that had been received for a grant to improve the winding mechanism to the church clock. It was considered that the clock, which is prominently located, provided a benefit to the Winshill Community.

**Resolved:**

That a grant of up to £500 be made to St Mark’s towards improvements to the church clock.

134/09 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	Cheque no
Amazon/Argos	Computer Equipment	177.93	367
Clerk	April – June Expenses	71.62	368
Reflex Printing	Newsletter Printing	390.00	369
Staffs News	Newsletter Delivery	77.27	370
ESBC	July Salaries	2040.58	371
ESBC	Trade Refuse Collection	71.31	372
Planters Bretby	Compost	96.85	373
DSK Eng. Serv.	Install Hanging Baskets	253.00	374

**Resolved:**

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

135/09 **PACT MEETING REPORT**

The main issues that were raised related to highways.

136/09 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

There were no matters to report.

137/09 **REPORTS OF BOROUGH COUNCILLORS**

There were no matters to report.

138/09 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

The Clerk advised that he still required completed copies of the Register of Members Interests from those members not present.

I North informed the meeting that he had been elected onto the Abbot Beyne Board of Governors.

139/09 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

**Resolved:**

That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Thursday 24 September 2009 at 7.30 pm at The Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

The meeting finished at 21.20 hours.

Chairman