

WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at Winshill Village Primary School, Winshill on Thursday, 22 September 2005.

Present:

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

Also present:

Borough Councillor P A Hancox, Mr S Taylor (Clerk) and Mr M Wright and Mr G Royal from the Money Spider Credit Union.

Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A White who was on holiday and Councillor M Costelloe due to illness.

211/05 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Muir declared an interest with regard to agenda item 8: Planning Applications.

212/05 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public in attendance at the meeting.

213/05 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st July 2005 were approved and signed as a correct record.

214/05 **MATTERS ARISING**

Councillor Muir referred to the grant made to the Burton 22nd St. Marks Scout Group for a new entrance door to their premises. He asked whether this could be used instead to repair the stage as he was looking to provide a County Council grant for improving the security to various premises, which would include entrances. After a brief discussion it was agreed that it be left for the Scout Group to contact the Parish Council should they wish to put the grant to an alternative use.

215/05 **FUTURE MANAGEMENT AND RUNNING OF THE AREA HOUSING OFFICE**

Members were given a copy of a letter from Trent and Dove with attached terms of a lease for the area housing office, which was being offered to the Parish Council subject to agreement by both parties to the terms. The letter stated that an estimate of running costs for the building would be forwarded as soon as possible.

Malcolm Wright and Graham Royal from the Money Spider Credit Union, who were aware of the above and had been invited to the meeting, put forward a case for using part of the building as an office as well as being available to the public for two hours on two days each week. They did not anticipate a need to start before the New Year. They then left the meeting and the Chairman thanked them for attending and agreed to get back to them at an early date.

It was agreed to set up a sub-committee to consider the terms of the lease and talk to the other community organisations who wished to lease part of the building. Councillors D Fletcher, D Bartram, Gale and Scotland agreed to form the sub-committee and report back to the next meeting.

216/05 **COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Councillor Muir informed the meeting of proposals for changes to the structure of the Strategic Health Authority and how these would affect Staffordshire. He also referred to proposals to amalgamate the Ambulance Services across the West Midlands and the fact that foundation hospitals were seeking some 15,000 members each from the public. General concern was expressed as to how these changes might be of benefit to the local community.

217/05 **REPORTS OF BOROUGH COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Rose had stood in for Councillor White and spoke at the Borough Council's Planning Applications Committee in connection with the proposals for a hot food takeaway on Bearwood Hill. Despite the large number of local objections concerning parking problems, the application had been approved.

218/05 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Chairman reported details of the following correspondence:

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| a) PPI Forum Staffs | Community First Responder Scheme – Staffordshire Ambulance |
| b) The Church in Burton | Service of Blessing |
| c) Janet Dean MP | Advice Surgeries |
| d) SCC | Business Meeting for Clerks of Larger Councils |
| e) SPCA | AGM and Conference / Training |
| f) ESBC | Agenda and notes for the planning applications committee to be held at the Town Hall at 1400 on Monday 15 th August 2005 |
| g) Zurich Municipal | Insurance Policy Renewal |
| h) 22 nd Burton Scouts | Acknowledgement of Grant Aid |
| i) ESBC | Parish Council's Forum – Highway Issues – 27 th Sept. 2005 |
| j) ESBC | Eighth Forward Plan for Calendar Year |
| k) Sutcliffe Play | Play and Leisure Equipment |
| l) ESBC | Tree Preservation Order – Tower Road and Ashby Road |
| m) SCC | Formal Notification of Christmas Lighting |
| n) SCC | Chairman's Informal Reception – 14 th October 2005 |
| o) SCC | Staffordshire Highways Remodelling |
| p) ESBC | Neighbourhood Wardens |
| q) Sustainable Staffs | Annual Forum 2005 |
| r) ESBC | Agenda and notes for the planning applications committee to be held at the Town Hall at 1400 on Monday 19 th September 2005 |

With regard to the consultation from the Assistant Chief Executive (Community Affairs) on Neighbourhood Wardens, it was agreed to write back expressing support for such a scheme.

219/05 **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.

Members were informed of the Planning Sub-Committee's decision to object to a proposal for 7 dwellings at 40 Rough Road – PA/30092/001 and PA/30097/001. Concerns were also raised regarding proposals that had been resubmitted for 4 dwellings at 115 Scalpcliffe Road – PA/26781/005 and PA/29622/003. Councillors D Bartram, F Bartram and Rose declared an interest with regard to 115 Scalpcliffe Road and took no further part in the discussion.

Resolved:

To write to the planning authority regarding PA/29622/003 and PA/26781/005 raising further objections on the grounds of the height, scale, bulk and lack of garden space in accordance with planning policies EN16, EN17 and H24.

220/05 **REVIEW OF THE PROCEDURES FOR THE ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Following the Annual General Meeting advice had been sought from the Staffordshire Parish Councils Association on ways of avoiding the Chairmanship becoming "stale". One suggestion was to have a standing order that no one may be chairman for more than say three consecutive years without a break. This could be suspended one year if no one else was willing to stand. Another suggestion was for the Vice-Chairman to take the chair after two or three year's service.

It was agreed in principal that the Chairman should stand down after two years service. Councillor Muir was asked to put forward some proposals for changing standing orders to be considered at the next AGM and to take effect from that date.

221/05 **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, although it was reported that Stapenhill Parish Council had now received further details on their open spaces.

222/05 **PROPOSAL FOR RESIDENTS HOME SUPPORT SCHEME - PROGRESS REPORT**

Since the last meeting both Orbit and Age Concern had been consulted about their possible involvement in such a scheme. A letter had also been sent to the SPCA seeking further advice the National Association of Local Councils.

223/05 **NEWSLETTER**

The Summer Issue of the Newsletter had been distributed at the end of July at shops, pubs, churches, the local area office and the health centre.

It was agreed that there should be an Autumn/Winter Issue delivered to every door in view of the success of the Newsletter to-date.

Following the request for Parish Paragons in the Newsletter the Parish Council had been left with making a difficult choice. After a short debate it was agreed that the National Forest Company be asked to plant a tree in honour of the Parish rather than a specific individual.

224/05 FINANCE

Members were presented with the financial position at 22nd September 2005, which showed expenditure more or less on target with budget.

The returns for the year ended 31 March 2005 had been sent to the Audit Commission following the completion of the internal audit of the accounts.

225/05 REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID

			Cheque No
SPCA	Good Practice Guide	£20.00	40
ESBC	Newsletter Printing	£1129.18	41
Mrs Jean Taylor	Audit Fee	£40.00	42
St Marks Scouts	Grant	£1000.00	43
ESBC	Salaries/Admin – July	£1108.30	44
SDDC	Skate Park Hire	£600.00	45
Mr S. Taylor	Stationary/Stamps	£21.39	46
Mr J. Scotland	Newsletter Dist. Costs	£25.00	47
ESBC	Salaries/Admin – Aug.	£1092.97	48
Zurich Municipal	Insurance Premium	£288.75	49

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts are confirmed.

226/05 CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS

The Chairman reported that the Parish Notice Board had now been erected and needed a perspex cover or similar.

The allotment association had agreed to the siting of a storage container in return for their entrance being kept tidy.

227/05 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved:

That the next Meeting be held on Thursday 27th October 2005 at 7.30 pm.

Chairman