



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre on Thursday 28 November 2013 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

I North (Chairman), D Fletcher, M Fletcher, H Gaynor, J Muir, R Patel, P Perry, P Rose, J Scotland and E Starmer.

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk), K Smith (Centre Co-ordinator) C Wileman (County Councillor), and W Read (ESBC).

Apologies:

There were no apologies.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

PART I

204/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors D Fletcher and M Fletcher declared an interest with respect to a relative who works for South Derbyshire CVS. (Minute No. 209/13).

205/13 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 October 2013 were agreed and signed as correct records of events.

206 /13 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that the following correspondence had been received:

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| a) ESBC | Approval to co-opt in order to fill the Casual Vacancy |
| b) ESBC | 2013 Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy |
| c) Royal British Legion | Thank You for the Donation to the Poppy Appeal |
| e) SPCA | AGM – Monday 2 December 2013 in Stafford |
| f) Woodland Trust | Local Survey Request Form |

207/13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk reported on the following:

- Applications that have now been determined;
- Applications to which we can respond.

Members discussed the following applications:

P/2013/01115 Erection of extension to existing mower shed at Winshill Cricket Club

P/2013/01282 Felling of 1 Beech tree at 195 Ashby Road

P/2013/01183 Erection of a single storey rear extension at 11 Rosemount Road

Resolved:

That the Parish Council objects to P/2013/01282 regarding the felling of 1 Beech tree at 195 Ashby Road on the grounds that there is no evidence to suggest that the roots are damaging the property and that the obstruction of the drive to high sided vehicles by low branches could be resolved by raising the crown. There is therefore insufficient justification for the removal of this important tree in the local landscape. Further the replacement tree suggested would involve the removal of another smaller tree.

208/13 **EMERGENCY PLAN**

The Borough Council's Emergency Planning Officer, William Read, went through the emergency plan that had been drawn up for Winshill following his meeting with Councillors D Fletcher and Gaynor. It was the second such plan to be completed in the Borough and would be operative from 1 January 2014 once all the contact people had signed to confirm their consent.

209/13 **MANAGEMENT AND RUNNING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**

The Co-ordinator updated the members on the various groups using the Centre and future events. It was agreed that the Christmas Party for local children be held on Saturday 21 December 2013.

The new bingo machine had been delivered and Tower View PTA and Wishes 4 Winshill had already asked to use it. It was agreed to hold a trial session on the evening of 13 December to raise funds for the children's Christmas Party.

Discussions had been held with South Derbyshire CVS with regards to how best the Centre could obtain charity status. This now seemed better than going down the route of a social enterprise.

Reference was made to the Centre's funding and the need to set up a separate bank account for the rent income received.

It was agreed that the Clerk write to the YMCA and Salvation Army with regards to the possibility of using the centre as a food bank distribution point.

Resolved:

- That community groups using the Centre for bingo events be charged a nominal £10 per night to running cover costs.
- That a charge £1 per child be made to attend the Christmas Party.

210/13 **PARISH PLAN**

The success of the Winshill Recipe and Walks booklets together with the possibility of putting them on the website was discussed. It was agreed that the Winshill Directory needed to be updated and also put onto the website.

It was reported that the Staffordshire Conservation Volunteers had completed the clearing up along Newton Road and this was now looking a lot better.

The next meeting of the Parish Plan Committee was agreed for 20 January 2014 at 17.00 hours.

Resolved:

That more copies of the Winshill Recipe and Walks booklets be printed for sale (at cost price) within a budget of £250.

211/13 **PARISH FAYRE**

The Co-ordinator reported that she had received a lot of interest in next year's event. This included a 1st World War re-enactment society, an old fashioned food caravan and someone with 1st World War memorabilia.

It was agreed that the Clerk contact ESBC with regards to closing Canterbury Road between 12.00 noon and 4.00 pm on 26 May 2014.

212/13 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

There will be a further meeting with Corrine O'Hare of the Borough Council to progress the plan on 2 December 2013.

213/13 **NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE**

The autumn edition of the newsletter was now being delivered and included articles on the Parish Fayre, grants, the proposed Peace Wood, Winshill Bloomers, and an article from Winshill Allotment Association.

It was agreed to make enquiries with ESBC regarding the use of the notice board on Newton Road Recreation Ground.

214/13 **REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

The Parish Lengthsman reported to the meeting with regard to recent work carried out.

The winter planting had been completed. Councillor D Fletcher agreed to investigate setting up an account again with a local garden centre.

The winter grit boxes had been checked and filled.

The Borough Councillors agreed to take the reported problem of broken bottles and cans on the Canterbury Road play area up with ESBC.

Councillor Starmer reported that his employer, Veolia Environmental Services, was going to help with the planting of bulbs next week in Newton Road and Empire Road as part of providing half a day free charitable work.

Councillor Perry agreed to organise an "Open Gardens" event on Sunday 27 July next year as part of Winshill in Bloom.

Councillor D Fletcher reported on the progress of the Memorial Peace Wood. There was to be a meeting next week with the lowest bidder. He suggested that a bid should be made to the Heritage Lottery fund for the information boards etc. He informed members of the ceremony to be held on 26 January 2014 at the grave of William Coltman VC.

It was reported that the second meeting of Winshill Bloomers would be taking place on 16 January at 6.30 pm.

Resolved:

That the Parish Council pays the balance of the landscape architect's fees for the Memorial Peace Wood on the understanding that the Borough Council will reimburse the Parish in full when the scheme has been formally approved.

215/13 **PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL**

Arrangement for the election of a new council was to go ahead in January 2014 following further consultation with the schools.

216/13 FINANCIAL REPORT

Members were presented with the accounts for November 2013 which were on target with the budget.

217/13 GRANTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS

The application for a grant of £500 from Winshill Parish Football Clubs towards the purchase of a new home kit was discussed. The amount of money they help raise for charity was noted.

Resolved:

That a grant of £500 be approved for Winshill Parish FC towards the purchase of a new home kit.

218/13 REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID

		£	cheque no	minute no
Grant Thornton	External Audit	360.00	706	204/12
Clerk	Expenses etc. July – Sept 2013	72.34	707	204/12
Landscape by Design	Plans for Peace Wood	1700.00	708	189/13
Shout Out	Grant Aid	480.00	709	198/13
ESBC	Oct. 2013 Salaries	2245.37	710	204/12

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

219/13 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The County Councillor reported on the decision to give further consideration to the request from residents of Little Empire Road for the road to be closed.

He informed the meeting that works to implement the parking restrictions and 20mph zone in Alexandra Road would commence in January 2014.

220/13 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There was nothing further to report.

221/13 CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS

Councillor Muir reported on the Governments proposed statutory code of practice on publicity.

222/14 REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S CONTRACTS OF EMPLOYMENT

There were no matters of a confidential nature as this item was deferred to the January meeting.

223/13 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Resolved:

That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on 19 December 2013 at 7.30 pm at The Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

The meeting finished at 9.20 pm.

Chairman