



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre on Thursday 23 January 2014 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

I North (Chairman), D Fletcher, M Fletcher, H Gaynor, P Perry, P Rose and J Scotland.

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk), C Wileman (County Councillor), and a Burton Mail reporter.

Apologies:

Apologies were accepted from Councillor Starmer due to illness and the Centre Co-ordinator, Mrs Smith, following a family bereavement.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

PART I

1/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

2/14 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 December 2013 were agreed and signed as correct records of events.

3/14 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that the following correspondence had been received:

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| a) ESBC | Provision of Register of Electors for Winshill |
| b) ESBC | New Safer & Cleaner Environment Team |
| c) Spinal Injuries Ass. | Notices regarding Fish & Chip Supper Fund Raising Event |
| e) YMCA | Food Bank Distribution Centres |
| f) Com. Coun. of Staffs | Information Request of Forthcoming Events |
| g) Mattew Ellis | Police and Crime Commissioner Posters |

4/14 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/2013/01346 Outline application for erection of one dwelling house at Winshill Water Tower.

P/2013/01469 Erection of single storey extension and replacement garage at 20 Moat Bank.

P/2013/01452 Outline application for residential development of 14 dwellings at 40 Scalpcliffe Road.

P/2014/0006 Erection of one pair of semi-detached dwellings and a terrace of three three-storey dwellings at Swan House, Burton Bridge.

Resolved:

That the Parish Council objects to P/2013/01346 for the outline application for erection of one dwelling house at Winshill Water Tower on the grounds that the proposal would compromise the setting and aesthetic appeal of this important and iconic local landmark. The Water Tower in Tower road is 100 years old and is the most significant landmark in the Borough as it can be seen from miles away whichever direction you approach Burton.

At the time of the previous application on this site the locally elected members of the Borough Council wrote to the then Planning Services Manager asking that "listed building" status be conferred upon the Water Tower to protect it from any future development that could be harmful to its setting. Also the Government Inspector in his appeal decision remarked that the Water Tower is also a dominant feature in the street scene with the open land around it being part of its setting.

Further any dwelling on this plot would be seen out of scale and unduly insubstantial against such a large structure from such close quarters. For all of the above reasons the application should be refused albeit it is of a lesser scale than the previous application for 4 dwellings on this site.

5/14 **CASUAL VACANCY**

Those candidates who had expressed an interest had been unable to attend the meeting. It was therefore agreed that the co-option of a new member be deferred until the 27 March 2014 meeting and that in the meantime anyone further expressing an interest be welcomed.

6/14 **MANAGEMENT AND RUNNING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**

Progress was being made in moving towards charitable status and a trustee's board was being set up with Trent & Dove as landlords.

A user group meeting had been arranged for the 30th January 2014.

Friday night is bingo night with the first trial session going very well.

With regards to a reported injury at the Summer Fayre it was agreed that all claims should be referred to the insurers through the Clerk with no liability being accepted that might be prejudicial to the outcome of such a claim.

7/14 **PARISH PLAN**

The Parish Plan Committee is in the process of reviewing the services section of the plan with specific reference to facilities for the youth and pensioners.

Concern was raised about the number of shops that are vacant in the area.

There was a brief discussion about the need for identity cards for members and employees when dealing directly with the public.

Resolved:

That identity cards be produced for members and staff within a budget of £100.

8/14 **PARISH FAYRE**

It was reported that the planning to-date based on a 1st World War theme was proving quite exiting. It was suggested that there would be more things to do for older children this year.

9/14 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Clerk and Councillors Perry, D Fletcher, Gaynor, Rose and Scotland agreed to be on the working group. The Borough Council will also be involved in the process.

It was agreed to look at the option of employing consultants and Councillor Perry agreed to contact the organisation called Locality. It was also possible that a housing needs survey may need to be undertaken at some point.

Resolved:

That the Clerk formally notify the Borough Council of its intention to draw up a Neighbourhood Plan.

10/14 **NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE**

Items for the spring edition of the newsletter included the Neighbourhood Plan, the Open Gardens Event, the Parish Fayre, the Parish Directory and Winshill Bloomers.

It was suggested that this should go out before Easter.

11/14 **REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

It was agreed that high visibility jackets should be purchased from the Winshill Bloomers planting budget. The judging of the Winshill in Bloom completion was to be changed to 11 July 2014 to enable the schools to be involved.

It was reported that the work on Newton Road would be completed towards the end of February 2014.

The planting for the Peace Wood had been completed. Funding was now being sought for the next phase in developing the park by providing story boards and benches, wild flowers and improvements to the entrance. It was reported that a grant of £3,000 had been approved by the National Forest Company.

The Open Gardens Event will be held on 27 July 2014 and will include the Peace Wood. It was agreed that the provision of some sort of mobility link for the event should be investigated.

12/14 **PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL**

Members discussed the timetable for the election of a new Youth Council, with voting to go ahead on 27 February and the count on 28 February 2014. Members agreed to help with the ballot stations and count and it was hoped that the Burton Mail could also attend.

13/14 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Members were presented with the accounts for January 2014 which were in line with the budget.

Resolved:

That the 4 members of staff each be awarded a £50 gratuity in respect of their achievements during 2013.

14/14 **GRANTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

The grant application from the Catholic Church had been referred back for further information.

15/14 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	cheque no	minute no
Landscape by Design	Plans for Peace Wood	1500.00	717	214/13
Winshill Parish FC	Grant Aid	500.00	718	217/13
Winshill Parish FC	Newsletter Delivery	300.00	719	204/12
Clerk	Expenses etc. Oct – Dec 2013	109.58	720	204/12
ESBC	Dec. 2013 Salaries	2245.37	721	204/12
Whiting Landscapes	Planting Peace Wood	25,765.53	722	228/13
S. Derbys CVS	Printing Booklets	156.00	723	210/13

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

16/14 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The County Councillor stated that works to implement the parking restrictions in Alexandra Road were going ahead with the 20mph zone to follow later. He also agreed to look into the possibility of parking restrictions at the junction of Alexandra Road and Highbank Road. He also referred to the changes in funding for youth at the County with a move away from building provision towards third sector organisations. Whilst the overall funding is expected to go down an exception would be made with regards to those most vulnerable. The amount available for East Staffordshire will be ring fenced and he hoped to be able to influence the funds available for the Winshill area before the end of March deadline.

Members expressed concern at the loss of the Youth Centre in Winshill and hoped that in order to try and compensate for this some funding might become available to make provision for young people at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

17/14 **BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

The Borough Council were in the process of selling the Town Hall Annexe to the University Technical College.

18/14 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Concerns were raised about the lack of a net at the Newton Road tennis courts and the problem of dog fouling on Oxley Road and Bearwood Hill. It was also reported that the car park to the care home on Bearwood Hill was not available for use as required by the planning condition. Councillor D Fletcher agreed to raise the car park issue with ESBC Planners and it was agreed to invite the new ESBC Senior Community and Enforcement Officer to the next meeting.

19/14 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on 27 February 2014 at 7.30 pm at The Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

The meeting finished at 9.15 pm.

Chairman