



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at Winshill Neighbourhood Resource Centre at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 18th October 2017.

Present:

Councillors I North (Chairman), D Fletcher (also Borough Councillor), M Fletcher, A Lawrence, J Norton, M Norton, L O'Mahoney, Rev P Boshier, G Lomas, and K Smith.

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk), R Faulkner (Borough Councillor), Mrs Sue Bullock and Mrs Tracy Prescott (Residents of Newton Road).

Apologies:

Apologies were received from C Wileman (County Councillor).

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PART I

Mrs Bullock asked if there was any update regarding the area of woodland along Newton Road recently sold by the Beyne Foundation and also the planning application to convert the former nursing home at Ivy House into flats (HMOs). Mrs Prescott also added her concerns regarding the presence of Japanese Knotweed in the woodland area opposite her house.

The area of woodland was believed to be on the next meeting's agenda of Beyne Foundation. Councillor Faulkner advised that the Borough Council were trying to establish who the current owner of the woodland was, whilst members had asked that the Ivy House planning application be determined by the Borough Council's Planning Committee.

150/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Smith with declared an interest with respect to her role at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

151/17 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th September 2017 were agreed and signed as correct records of events.

152/17 CORRESPONDENCE

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| a) SCC | Definitive Footpath Map for East Staffordshire |
| b) Staffs Police | Automatic Number Plate Recognition in Staffordshire |
| c) SPCA | Local Councillor Training Course – 14 November 2017 |

153/17 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Members considered the following planning applications:

P/2017/01271 Prune London Plane and crown lift Lime tree at 1 Balmoral Road

P/2017/01285 Crown lift Beech and Oak trees at 195 Ashby Road

Members raised objections to the above.

154/17 **COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

The County Councillor had sent a report advising:

1. St Peters Bridge work ahead of schedule and likely to be open for the Christmas Lights switch on (weather dependent).
2. Burton Bridge work to commence on 2018 summer holidays and confident that the Bridge will not require a full closure. Plans are being drawn up to understand how best to manage traffic over the bridge when parts of the bridge are closed. Pedestrian and cycle access will be maintained.
3. Anti-social behaviour - this according to reports has reduced and the police are taking a cautious approach. The police are monitoring the situation and if a multi-agency group should be set up we will use their intelligence to understand whether this is necessary.

With regards to the issues surrounding young people in the Parish, members agreed to set up a task group to look into the possible employment of a Youth Worker. Councillors Smith, Lawrence, M Norton together with Borough Councillor Faulkner volunteered to look into this and report back in December 2017.

155/17 **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Councillor Faulkner referred to the new gym in Burton which had been approved subject to having an additional retail element.

156/17 **NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE CO-ORDINATORS REPORT**

The Coordinator reported that following the water leak that had flooded the Centre, Trent & Dove's building insurers had now accepted the quote for remedial work to be completed. This would mean that the Centre would be closed for a few more weeks. In the meantime, staff and volunteers have completed the redecoration of the inside of the Centre.

The Chairman reported that the meeting with Trent & Dove on 13th October to discuss the future 10-year lease of the Centre to the Parish Council had been very positive with T & D wishing to be more involved in the work in the community. Members welcomed this renewed interest and the suggestion that they have a place on the NRC Charity's Board.

157/17 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Clerk advised that the Plan had now been amended in accordance with the Examiner's recommendations and was with the Borough Council for them to process before putting it to a public referendum in the Parish early in the New Year. Subject to it being approved it will then be formally adopted as a Development Plan Document.

158/17 NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE/PUBLICITY

It was agreed to add further items to the Facebook Page, which was proving popular with residents.

The three new noticeboards were delivered in September and would be erected as soon as possible.

The Clerk had recently spoken to a reporter at the Burton Mail and agreed to be the link with regards to future news articles.

159/17 REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

It was reported that the winter pansies had been planted in the 13 tubs and Rosliston Garden Centre had donated and planted crocuses and daffodils at the Peace Wood.

Burton Consolidated Charities had agreed a grant of £8,650 towards the Peace Wood memorial garden.

At the Heart of England in Bloom awards the Peace Wood had received a silver gilt award; Tower View School a gold award, and the Resource Centre was considered outstanding.

Further, Little Empire Road had received a discretionary award in the "Greater Green" category. The Winhill in Bloom awards evening rearranged to 11th October at Tower View School had been very successful.

Following a talk given by Councillors D and M Fletcher at the Methodist Church a donation of £40 had been made towards the Peace Wood memorial stone.

It was made clear to members that whilst the Peace Wood had been the initiative of the Parish Council, the land still belonged to the Borough Council and therefore all long-term maintenance (other than keeping it tidy) would remain the Borough Council's responsibility.

160/17 FINANCIAL REPORT

The accounts up to 18th October 2017 were considered and approved by the members.

161/17 APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

A grant request received from the 6th Burton St Mark's Guides for funding towards new uniforms along with a request from St Mark's Church for refreshments for children attending "Experience Christmas" were considered by the members.

Resolved:

* That a grant of £500 be given towards the cost of new uniforms for the 6th Burton St Mark's Guides.

* That a contribution of £100 be given towards the cost of refreshments at St Mark's Church's "Experience Christmas" event for school children.

162/17 REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID

		£	cheque no	minute no
Grant Thornton	External Audit Fees	360.00	1024	214/16
H of E in Bloom	Awards Evening	110.26	1025	214/16
Elizabeth Court	Grant Aid	500.00	1026	214/16
Idverde	Sept' Grounds Maint.	723.00	1027	214/16
ESBC	Sept' 17 Salary Costs	1,017.92	1028	214/16
Clerk	Office Costs & SLCC Subs	191.00	1029	214/16

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

163/17 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

There were no further matters to report.

164/17 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

That the date and time of the next Meeting of the Parish Council be Wednesday 15th November 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

PART II

MATTERS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE

There were no matters of a confidential nature to discuss.

The meeting finished at 8.45 pm.

Chairman