



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 April 2018.

Present:

Councillors I North (Chair), A Lawrence, Rev P Boshier, G Lomas, M Norton, K Smith D Fletcher (also Borough Councillor), M Fletcher, L O'Mahoney and T Prescott.

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk), R Faulkner (Borough Councillor), C Wileman (County Councillor), Jayne Cunningham (PCSO), Mrs S Bullock and Mrs D Florence-Jukes (Local Residents).

Apologies:

Apologies were accepted from Councillor J Norton.

The Council noted with sadness the passing of Ed Starmer who had previously been a respected member of the Council for several years.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The local PCSO reported that there had been no recent problems on any of the parks. The issue of the illegal access to the wooded area off Newton Road was raised again. The County Councillor advised that action by the Highway Authority to deal with this matter was currently ongoing in conjunction with the Borough Council's Planning Department. With regards to the Japanese Knotweed in the above area it was noted that the Beyne Foundation were seeking 3 quotes to get it permanently removed.

PART I

50/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

51/18 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st March 2018 were agreed and signed as correct records of events.

52/18 CORRESPONDENCE

a) David Rice Public Footpaths in Winshill

Members noted the direction from the Planning Inspectorate to the County Council to determine the applications to modify its definitive public rights of way map by 8th May 2018.

53/18 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members considered the following planning applications:

P/2018/00273 Erection of a single storey front & 2/3 storey side extension at 122 Ashby Road

P/2018/00325 Amended plan for erection of an attached dwelling at 199 Bearwood Hill Road

P/2018/00409 Erection of a dwelling and detached garage adjacent to 95 Newton Road

P/2018/00415 Felling of a Yew tree & branch removal from 2 Scotch Pine at 14 Ashby Road.

P/2018/00426 Erection of a single storey rear extension at 32 Newton Road.

Members raised no objections to the above.

It was agreed that Councillor D Fletcher attend the Planning Committee on 24th April 2018 to speak against the application for the change of use of 160 Newton Road from a nursing home to a house in multiple occupation.

54/18 COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT

The County Councillor reported on the recent Speed Watch carried out on Newton Road where 25% of the vehicles were found to be speeding.

He confirmed that works on Burton Bridge would start on 18th June 2018 with the Parish Council preferring a tidal flow system rather than one-way traffic during the repair works.

Following the winter weather, the pot holes had been reported and filled.

55/18 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Faulkner reported that the Borough Council had provided him with leaflets to residents in the areas concerned with fly tipping. He had been informed that trees will be cut back to the rear of Newfield Road to follow the contours of the recreation ground where possible. He was concerned that Trent & Dove had notified him of the demolition of the garages on Vancouver Drive and Dunedin Crescent the day before the work was carried out.

The Borough Council had responded to his request regarding the £57,610 Special Expenses for local open spaces and playing fields paid by Winshill residents in their Council Tax Bill. The Clerk agreed to write asking for further clarification on this. He also reported the further sale of Beyne Foundation land to the rear of Newton Road.

Councillor Fletcher gave an update on the Leisure Services Review with potential external providers having until 14th May 2018 to make their final submissions. He also referred to the cut back in open spaces staff including the loss of the park rangers and the early retirement of Andy Mason. The general reduction in the level of staff by the Borough Council was integral to the overall savings being made in moving its services back to the Town Hall from the Maltings.

56/18 NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

The Coordinator reported that three of the volunteers at the Centre had won awards from Support Staffordshire. They were now getting some 4000 hits a week on Facebook.

57/18 NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE/PUBLICITY

The Clerk agreed to check that the website was up to-date with regards to information.

58/18 REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Everything was on target for the Heart of England in Bloom judging in July with some of the "Grow it and Eat it" beds wanting attention.

Resolved:

To use one of Trent & Dove's team of volunteers around the Centre and make a donation to the volunteer scheme of up to £1000 over the course of the year.

59/18 COMEMORATING 100 YEARS SINCE CEASATION OF WWI

It was noted that 4 trees that had been damaged by vandals had been replaced by the Borough Council.

Members had visited Welshpool to choose the memorial stone. The slate slab they selected will cost £600 with another £600 for haulage. Estimates had also been received for the hard landscaping from Idverde of £8,250 using bull nosed bricks – or around £4,000 less if concrete blocks are used. It was agreed to look into these alternatives further.

60/18 APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

Members considered the grant request had received from Bearwood House for funding towards a singing and recording project for the residents and the annual contribution given to Winshill Allotment Association towards management and running costs.

Resolved:

- * That a grant of £500 be given towards the cost of the singing and recording project for Bearwood House residents.
- * That a contribution of £1080 be given towards the costs of administering and running Wheatley Lane Allotments (£15 x 72 No. per active plots).

61/18 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Final Accounts for the Year Ending 31st March 2018 were considered by the members.

62/18 REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID

		£	cheque no	minute no
Fish Bar	Contribution to Easter Egg Hunt	50.00	1055	29/18
Amberol Ltd	Planters & Baskets	2005.61	1056	214/16
JRB Enterprise	Poop Scoop Bags	184.56	1057	214.16
Clerk	Jan - Mar' 18 Office Costs etc.	236.47	1058	214/16
Idverde	Mar' 2018 Grounds Maint.	723.00	1059	214.16
ESBC	Mar' 18 Salary Costs etc.	1107.92	1060	214/16

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

63/18 CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS

Members agreed in principle to apply for a joint grant with Brizlincote Parish Council to Staffordshire Safer Roads for portable speed indicator signs.

64/18 DATE OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY AND MEETINGS

Resolved:

That the date and time of the **Annual Parish Assembly** be Wednesday 16th May 2018 at 7.00 pm in the Neighbourhood Resource Centre, followed by the **Annual Parish Council Meeting** at 7.30pm.

PART II

MATTERS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE

65/18 ENGAGING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

The first 2 weeks of the Friday night youth clubs had taken place with around 30 children attending the junior club and around 10 children at the senior club. It was agreed that more equipment needed to be purchased urgently for use indoors for the older children to play on. There were some concerns regarding the input provided by the Burton Albion Community Trust staff not helped by the lack of equipment.

Members accepted that the first 10 weeks would be a learning exercise and enable the future nature of the youth clubs to take shape with possible organised themed events. It was noted that the volunteers from the Parish had made an important contribution to the general organisation and running of the clubs.

The meeting finished at 10.00 pm.

Chair