

WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at Bend Oak Junior School, Winshill on Thursday, 28 April 2005.

Present:

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

Also present:

Borough Councillor P A Hancox, Mr S Taylor (Clerk), Police Constables A McLean and E Hailwood, M Crossley (East Staffordshire Borough Council) and Mrs W Pride were also present.

Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D Bartram who was in Cuba and M Costelloe due to illness.

145/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Muir declared an interest with regard to agenda item 9: Planning Applications.

146/05 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman welcomed the new Community Police Officer Eamonn McLean (mobile 07866 519156) and the new Police Community Support Officer Emma Hailwood (mobile 07813 970508) to the meeting. The two police officers accepted a request from the Chairman supported by Mrs Pride to visit the junior school and introduce themselves to the children.

Mrs Pride asked if a bus shelter could be erected outside Elizabeth Court as there was nowhere to shelter on either side of the road.

Resolved:

That the Parish Council support the request and that Councillor White take the matter up with the Borough Council who are responsible for providing bus shelters.

147/05 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th March 2005 were approved and signed as a correct record.

148/05 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

149/05 CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF OPEN SPACES AND PLAY AREAS TO THE PARISH.

The Borough Council's Parks and Countryside Manager, Matt Crossley, outlined the issues that would need to be taken into consideration should the Parish Council wish to pursue the transfer of open spaces and play areas falling within the parish.

Such arrangements can be formalised under licence arrangements or leases, with the Borough's expenditure on such land (known as "special expenses" in the Council Tax bills) being reduced accordingly. The Parish Council would therefore need to make provision through its own precepts.

The Parish Council needs to consider whether it can carry out the maintenance of the open spaces and play areas at a lower cost and/or higher standard together with all the other responsibilities and liabilities that this would entail.

Winshill has both Wheatley Lane and Newton Road Recreation Grounds as well as many other open spaces and play areas, although there is the possibility of taking over the areas on a phased approach. The timescale for making a decision would be before the start of the new grounds maintenance contract in October 2006.

Mr Crossley undertook to provide the Parish Council with bills of quantities, plans and costs in order that it could make its own enquiries when giving the matter further consideration.

Resolved:

To keep the possible transfer of open spaces and play areas to the Parish as a standing item on the agenda of future meetings.

150/05 **REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCILLORS**

Councillor White asked for the Parish Council view on the suggestion by the police to put a fence around the Gospel Hall following reported problems of vandalism and under age drinking behind the premises. Members considered that planning permission could be required and there might also be a covenant on the open space.

Resolved:

To support in principle the erection of a fence around the Gospel Hall.

Councillor Hancox mentioned that she had received a letter from Keith Fradley, the Borough Community Safety Co-ordinator, regarding the provision of a mobile skate park for children at a cost of £350 per 3hour session. It was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.

151//05 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Chairman reported details of the following correspondence:

- a) CPRE – Annual Report and request for donation;
- b) SPCA – Information and Membership and Subscription for 2005/2006;
- c) ESBC – Agenda and notes for planning applications committee held at Burton Town Hall at 1400 on Monday 18th April 2005;
- d) Audit Commission – Audit Fee 2003/2004;
- e) ESBC – Copy of the fourth Forward Plan giving information on Key Executive Decisions likely to be made over the next four month period;
- f) Wicksteed Leisure – Children's playground equipment and surfacing.

152/05 **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.

There was discussion on PT/10221/026 for installation of safety enclosure and relocation of 3 antennas – Winshill Water Tower; PA/28889/005 for conversion of coach house into dwelling and erection of single garage – 23 Ashby Road; HO/29068/003 for installation of a vehicle hard standing-73 Ashby Road; PA/29622/002 for erection of a detached dwelling including demolition of a dwelling at 115 Scalpcliffe Road- Land adjacent Treetops 2Hamilton Road and PA/26781/004 for the erection of 3 detached dwellings and alterations to vehicular access- 115 Scalpcliffe Road.

In addition to Councillor Muir Councillors F Bartram, Rose and White all declared an interest with regard to PA/29622/002 and PA/26781/004 and took no further part in their consideration.

Resolved:

To write to the planning authority regarding PA/29622/002 and PA/26781/004 raising objections on the grounds of the height, scale, bulk and lack of garden space in accordance with planning policies EN16, EN17 and H24.

153/05 **NEWSLETTER**

3,000 copies of the Newsletter have now been printed and delivered. The Town Hall had been used to do the printing on the basis of cost and turn round time. A further 100 copies have been ordered for delivery to remaining houses, schools and other parish councils. So far a very good response to the Newsletter had been received.

It was agreed that the closing date for articles to issue 2 should be 15th June 2005.

154/05 **REQUEST FOR PROVISION OF A BENCH IN VANCOUVER DRIVE.**

The request from a member of the public for a bench to be located in the middle of Vancouver Drive was considered. The permission of the Borough Council and Highway Authority would also need to be sought.

Resolved:

To approach the Borough Council and Highway Authority regarding the provision of a bench in Vancouver Drive to be funded by the Parish Council.

155/05 **NATIONAL FOREST PARISH PARAGON**

It was agreed that an article be put in the next copy of the Newsletter asking for nominations for Parish Paragon. The person nominated should have given significant service within the Parish of Winshill.

156/05 **PROPOSAL FOR RESIDENTS HOME SUPPORT SCHEME**

Members considered the discussion paper prepared by Councillor White and were in general agreement to the Parish Council contributing to promoting a high quality of life in the Parish by enabling its Lengthsman to provide some basic and flexible free practical home support to vulnerable adults living within Winshill Parish.

It was agreed that a copy of the discussion paper be sent to the Staffordshire Parish Councils Association and Social Services for their general comments and advice on the legal position in order that the details of implementing the scheme could be discussed at a future meeting.

157/05 **FINANCE**

The Chairman updated the Parish Council on the position as at the end of the 2004/2005 financial year and advised that Mr S Taylor as the new Clerk needed to be added to the list of signatories as well as being the address for correspondence to be sent. He also advised the meeting that following consultation with other members the Clerk's hours had been increased to 12 hours per week in order to deal with the increasing workload and publication of the Parish Newsletter.

Resolved:

- That the HSBC bank be informed that Mr S J Taylor be added to the list of signatories and that all future bank correspondence be sent to his home address.
- That the decision to increase the Clerk's hours to 12 hours per week be confirmed.

158/05 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

			Cheque Number
Zurich Municipal	Annual Insurance	£288.75	18
Mr S Stone	Mileage Claim	£25.48	19
Mr S Taylor	4 th Quarter 04/05 Expenses	£83.32	20
Mr S Taylor (PC World)	Laptop, Printer & Camera	£1096.70	21
ESBC	Salaries Admin Feb/March	£1745.57	22
Mr S Stone	Work Clothing & Spade	£66.25	23
Audit Commission	Audit Fee 2003/2004	£141.00	24

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts are confirmed.

159/05 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

The Chairman advised the Council on the progress on erecting the parish notice board. The brewery has given permission, but he was still awaiting the permission of the Borough Council.

Councillor Rose advised the meeting that he attended the Highways Forum on 6th April and that the siting of speed cameras on Trent Bridge was not warranted, but other measures would be given consideration – possibly the use of radars or flashing signs.

The Clerk informed the members that he had attended an SPCA seminar the previous day on Rules, Regulations and Procedures.

160/05 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

That the Annual Parish Meeting be held on Thursday 26th May 2005 at 7.00 pm at Bend Oak Junior School followed by a Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30 pm.

Chairman