



WINSHILL PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL
Chairman: Michael Norton

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Youth Council held at Holy Rosary Catholic Primary School at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 17 May 2011.

Present:

Councillors J Bailey, S Pastre (Youth Club), F Khalid (Abbot Beyne), N Hurst, J Lowe, J O'Toole (Holy Rosary), L Higgs, T Parker (Tower View), L Clements, E Owen, and J Ratcliffe (Winshill Village).

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk), D Fletcher (Winshill PC), S Robson (Youth Club), S Smith (Trent & Dove) and teaching representatives Mrs Silvester (Holy Rosary), and Mr Simkin (Winshill Village).

Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T Henningham and M Norton (Abbot Beyne), A Horton (Youth Club), and R Jones (Tower View).

21/11 **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON FOR THE MEETING**

In the absence of Councillor Norton it was agreed that Councillor Pastre should act as chairperson for the duration of the meeting.

22/11 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 MARCH 2011**

These were agreed and signed as a correct record.

23/11 **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

A letter received from Staffordshire County Council regarding the "Staffordshire Card" for residents under the age of 20. This enables young people to get reduced bus travel, paying only £1 for each bus journey starting and/or ending in Staffordshire. It was reported that there had already been around a 45% take up from some 100,000 young people entitled to the free card. It was agreed that the card should be further publicised within the schools, whilst it was noted that further information was also available on the web at www.yourstaffordshirecard.info.

24/11 **FUTURE PROJECTS**

The members further considered possible future projects including a skateboard/bmx park and graffiti wall amongst a variety of other suggestions. It was agreed that the best way forward would be to design a questionnaire that the members could ask their year groups to complete in order to report back to the next meeting. It was noted that Councillors Norton and Pastre had helped with the draft design of the questionnaire.

Possible questions included:

- Would you like a skate/bmx park in Winshill?
- If so where should it be sited?
- Would you like a graffiti wall in Winshill?
- If so where should it be sited?
- What else would you like on the parks?
- What else would you like the Youth Council to help with?
- Is there anything else that you would like to be provided in Winshill?

Members also agreed that the Youth Council should participate in the Winshill “adopt a tub” competition as part of “Burton in Bloom”. Councillors Pastre, Owen, Clements, Parker, Higgs, Parker and Lowe all volunteered to help with the initial planting.

25/11 **CONSULTING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE IN WINSHILL**

As well as the use of a questionnaire on future projects it was agreed that the Youth Council would have an exhibition/stall at the Winshill Fayre on Saturday 2 July 2011. Councillors Higgs, Parker Clements and Owen volunteered to help with this on the day.

26/11 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr Smith from Trent and Dove presented a cheque for £2,000 to the Youth Council on behalf of the Housing Association and its Winshill residents.

27/11 **REPORT FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Parish Councillor D Fletcher reported that news of the Youth Council had featured highly in the Parish Council’s spring edition of its newsletter.

The Youth Council would also have its own section of the Parish Council’s new website, www.winshill.info, to be launched the next week.

28/11 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

It was suggested that the members find out further information on good examples of park equipment/facilities either locally or from the internet. Arrangements could then be made to arrange a coach trip to visit the best of these in the local area in order to see what could best be provided in Winshill itself.

29/11 **DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

It was agreed that the date of future meetings from September 2011 be set after consultation with the schools.

Resolved:

That the next meeting of the Parish Youth Council be held on Tuesday 5 July 2011 at 2.00 pm at Winshill Youth Club.

The meeting concluded at 2.55 pm.

Chairman