



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre on Thursday 22 September 2011 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

D Fletcher (Chairman), I North (Vice-Chairman), S Edmonds, M Fletcher, M Key, J Muir, R Patel, P Perry and P Rose.

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk).

Apologies:

Apologies were received from J Scotland and K Smith.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

PART I

134/11 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

135/11 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meetings held on 28 July were approved and signed as a correct record.

136/11 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported details of the following correspondence:

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| a) Epworth House | E-mail from Kara Ellis |
| b) SPCA | Update and AGM – 5 November 2011 |
| c) Comm. Council of Staffs | AGM – 28 September 2011 |
| d) ESBC | Allowances for Parish/Town Councillors |
| e) Zurich | Insurance – Annual Renewal |
| f) SCC | Temporary Traffic Regulation Order at A511 Bridge Street |
| g) ESBC | Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places |
| h) Tums to Tots Playgroup | Possibility of Funding |
| i) Winshill Medical Centre | Grant Aid for Shed on Allotment for Patient Participation Group |
| j) Fred Sherwood Transport | HGV Movements along Newton Road |
| k) ESBC | Trent Washlands Visionary Event – 7 October 2011 |
| l) SCC & Stoke CC | Joint Waste Core Strategy |
| m) CPRE | Attacks on Staffordshire's Countryside |
| n) SCC | Provision of Legal Services |
| o) ESBC | Transfer of Allotments to Parish Councils |

137/11 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Clerk reported on the following:

- Applications that have been decided under delegated powers;
- Applications for which time to respond has now passed;
- Applications to which we can respond.

138/11 **MANAGEMENT AND RUNNING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**

The Chairman of the Strategic Partnership Group/Advisory Committee reported that whilst the present level of reserves was fairly healthy there was a serious concern regarding the future funding in view of the ongoing changes at both the PCT and County Council.

139/11 **PARISH PLAN**

It was agreed that a meeting of the Parish Plan Committee should be arranged to put together a questionnaire to go in the next copy of the newsletter.

140/11 **PARISH FAYRE**

Councillors D Fletcher, Muir and Smith expressed an interest in organising next year's Parish Fayre.

141/11 **NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE**

Suggested items for the next edition of the newsletter were the Parish Plan, the Parish Fayre, Christmas events, the results of the Winshill in Bloom competition and possibly a member profile.

It was reported that the former website, Winsill.com, appeared no longer to be operating.

142/11 **REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

The meeting was informed that the prizes had been awarded to the winners of the Winshill in Bloom Competition - Busy Fingers Craft Group, Epworth House and Sue Rose.

Members were pleased with the wider recognition that the planting in Winshill had received and agreed to proceed with the purchase of plants for winter planting.

143/11 **PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL**

The Chairman had had a meeting with Abbot Beyne School to provisionally agree the dates of the PYC meetings for the next school year. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday 11 October at 2.00 pm at Winshill Youth Club.

He had also met with Kim Realth of the Borough Council to make the final arrangements for the "teen lighting" at Canterbury Road to be installed.

144/11 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Members were advised of the financial position as at the end September 2011.

Resolved:

That the funds available in "Grants to Other Organisations" be raised from £3000 to £4000 with the additional money being met from Reserves.

145/11 **GRANTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Members considered a grant application received from Winshill Parish Football Club which comprises the youth of Winshill and participates in an under 21 league as well as friendly and charity matches.

Resolved:

That a sum of £1000 be approved towards the cost of purchasing equipment and kit for the team.

146/11 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	cheque no	minute no
Councillor Rose	Telephone Costs - Parish Fayre	3.30	530	87/11
Chairman	YPC Visit Refreshments	54.09	531	N/A
Imprint Media	Fayre Artwork	42.00	532	87/11
Audit Commission	Annual Audit 2010/2011	420.00	533	87/11
Zurich	Annual LCAS Membership	114.00	534	191/10
Fletchers Coaches	YPC Visit	150.00	535	N/A
Harvey Girls	Parish Fayre Refreshments	218.00	536	122/11
Planters	Gro- Feed	10.58	537	191/10
English Landscapes	Hanging Baskets	800.26	538	191/10
ESBC	July Salary Costs	1254.46	539	191/10
Zurich	Annual Insurance Renewal	355.06	540	191/10
ESBC	August Salary Costs	1254.46	541	191/10

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

147/11 **PACT MEETING REPORT**

It was reported that the police did not turn up to the last meeting. Again it was the issues of dog fouling and the fence at the bottom of Bearwood Hill were raised.

Resolved:

That the Clerk writes to the Borough Council enquiring as to the feasibility of a by-law being introduced requiring dog walkers to carry poop scoops/bags.

148/11 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Members expressed their disappointment that the County Councillor for Winshill was again not present to advise the meeting on matters relating to the County Council.

149/11 **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Reference was made to the majority of the Council's services having now been relocated to the Maltings in Wetmore Road.

150/11 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

With reference to some of the members' involvement with the PYC, it was agreed that it should not be mandatory for all parish Councillors to be subject to CRB checks.

The Clerk referred to an enquiry he had received from the new owner of St Mark's Church Hall

regarding the possible community use of the building. It was agreed that they could attend a future meeting should they wish to discuss the matter further. Reference was made to the problem of alcohol consumption on Wheatley Lane Recreation Ground.

151/11 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

The Clerk advised that he would be away on holiday on the 4th Thursday in October.

Resolved:

That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Thursday 20 October 2011 at 7.30 pm at The Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

The meeting finished at 21.00 hours.

Chairman

PART II

There were no matters of a confidential nature to discuss.