



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre on Thursday 26 January 2012 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

D Fletcher (Chairman), I North (Vice-Chairman), S Edmonds, M Fletcher, M Key, J Muir, P Rose, J Scotland and K Smith.

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk), Dr M Mills (representing St Marks Church), Mrs Tooney, Mr and Mrs Sherrat (residents of Mill Hill Lane) and a Burton Mail reporter.

Apologies:

Apologies were received from R Patel and P Perry.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The problem of Japanese Knotweed located in the church yard and several adjoining gardens in Mill Hill Lane was raised by the local residents. Councillors D Fletcher and North pointed out that whilst neither the Parish nor Borough Council had any responsibility for what was essentially a private matter, they were prepared to try and help resolve the problem. To this end a report had been commissioned to identify the measures required and cost associated with eradicating the knotweed.

It was agreed that everyone could have a copy of the report and that a meeting be arranged with the church and residents to discuss how the matter could be taken forward. It was also suggested that a future newsletter article should make people aware of the nature and problems of knotweed.

PART I

1/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

2/12 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meetings held on 22 December 2011 were agreed and signed as a correct record of events.

3/12 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported details of the following correspondence:

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| a) ESBC | Presentation on Emergency Planning |
| b) ESBC | Guidance on Election Procedures |

c) Community Council	Best Kept Village Competition 2012
d) NALC	Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons
e) Staffs Playing Fields Ass.	Subscriptions for 2011/2012
f) SCC	Election of Governor at Holy Rosary Catholic School
g) SCC	Future Visits from the Highways Team
h) Plantscape	Information about the Company
i) Mark Gregory	Lack of Recycling Facilities in Winhill
j) Ken Tomlinson	Grounds Maintenance

Resolved:

That the Parish Council continues to pay the Staffordshire Playing Fields Association Subscription of £15 a year.

4/12 **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.

5/12 **MANAGEMENT AND RUNNING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**

The Chairman of the Strategic Partnership Group/Advisory Committee reported that good progress was being made towards creating a social enterprise at the Resource Centre. Members confirmed that they had no objections to the installation of solar panels at the centre should Trent & Dove wish to proceed.

6/12 **PARISH PLAN**

Councillor M Fletcher advised that the questionnaires were starting to be returned. The next stage would be to send out questionnaires to businesses and organisations. This would be followed by the street by street consultation starting in March 2012. It was agreed that this would be carried out by two teams – the first delivering a leaflet and the second following up with consultation where requested.

As part of the aim to attain "Quality Parish Council" status, the Clerk mentioned that he had contacted the SPCA with a view to registering for the training etc required towards obtaining the CiLCA qualification.

7/12 **PARISH FAYRE**

The next meeting had been arranged for Wednesday 8 February between 6 and 7 pm at the Resource Centre with the other groups looking to do something in conjunction with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Weekend being invited.

It was agreed that the possibility of closing Canterbury Road should be considered. The Committee would also look into the possibility of organising a mini fun run and tug of war as well as the beacon and a possible firework display.

8/12 **PARISH DESIGN STATEMENT**

The Chairman explained that he was still awaiting the results of the bid made on behalf of the Parish Council for additional funding to support drawing up a Neighbourhood Plan.

9/12 NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE

The next edition of the newsletter is due to go out towards the end of April 2012.

10/12 REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

With regard to the Queen Elizabeth II Playing Fields Challenge it was reported that ESBC had tentatively agreed that about half of the area of open space off Vancouver Drive could be planted up with trees and a seating area provided. It was suggested that the Forestry Commission could be approached to help in this respect.

With regard to the proposal of entering Winhill in Britain in Bloom in the Urban Community Section it was reported that this would be judged on the three criteria of:

- Horticultural Achievement
- Environmental Achievement
- Community Participation

It was suggested that Winhill was already well placed in meeting these objectives and that the Parish Council would look to hold its own presentation evening for the adopt a tub and floral display competitions.

11/12 PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL

The next meeting was on Tuesday 31 January 2012 at 2.00 pm at the Resource Centre. The Youth Council were expecting to receive quotations for play equipment following a design exercise undertaken in conjunction with staff from ESBC.

12/12 FINANCIAL REPORT

Members were advised of the financial position as at the end January 2012.

13/12 GRANTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS

No applications for grants had been received.

14/12 REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID

		£	cheque no	minute no
JRB	Poop Scoop Bags for NRC	80.50	561	191/10
Abbot Beyne	Newsletter Delivery	300.00	562	191/10
Touch of Life	Donation	50.00	563	192/11
T&D	Lenthsmen's 3 rd Qtr SLA	4069.92	564	191/10
Clerk	3 rd Qtr Costs/Expense	92.25	565	191/10

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

15/12 PACT MEETING REPORT

It was hoped that a meeting could be arranged by the County Council regarding Alexandra Road to finally resolve if anything is to be done regarding the traffic/parking problem.

The fence at the bottom of Bearwood Hill remains an issue. Ownership had still not been established. It was reported that to erect more substantial iron railings would cost in the order of £150/m giving a total cost in the region of £4,500.

16/12 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The County Councillor for Winshill was not present at the meeting.

The Clerk reported that the Borough Councillors for Brizlincote Parish Council had already expressed their concerns regarding the County Councillor's absence with respect to constituency matters, albeit to little avail. Whilst it was acknowledged that the County Councillor was suffering from ill health she was not obliged to attend parish council meetings. However it was agreed that the Clerk contact Brizlincote Parish Council with a view to suggesting a joint approach to the County Council expressing our mutual concerns caused by her continued absence.

17/12 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillors D Fletcher and North reported that they had regular meetings with the heads of service as part of the Shadow Cabinet.

18/12 CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS

The Clerk reported that he had not received any further details regarding the transfer of the allotments from the Borough to the Parish.

It was reported that the financial bid for the healthy eating project made to the County Council was likely to be successful.

A discussion took place as to the possible closure of the Margaret Stanhope ward at Queens Hospital. It was considered that the Parish Council should support the campaign to get the Health Authority to reconsider their initial decision. There was some debate whether the focus should be on saving the ward as such or safeguarding the service provision.

Resolved:

That the Parish Council supports the "Save the Margaret Stanhope" campaign.

19/12 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Resolved:

That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Thursday 24 February 2012 at 7.30 pm at The Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

The meeting finished at 21.40 hours.

Chairman

PART II

There were no matters of a confidential nature.