



## **WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre on Thursday 26 September 2013 at 7.30 pm.

### **Present:**

I North (Chairman), H Gaynor, J Muir, M Key, P Perry, P Rose, J Scotland and E Starmer.

### **Also present:**

S Taylor (Clerk), K Smith (Centre Co-ordinator) C Wileman (County Councillor), and the following residents from the Dalebrook Estate - Mr & Mrs Bentley, Mr & Mrs Britton, Mr & Mrs Wain, M Bennett, P Hobbs, K M Creadle, D Benham, B Dawson, H Green, R Raymond, D Dolling, D Smith, G George, E Cox and I Garnham.

### **Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Councillors D Fletcher, M Fletcher and Patel.

### **MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The residents of the Dalebrook Estate raised their concerns regarding the intention of David Wilson Homes to make a planning application for 60 - 100 houses on a 10 acre greenfield site over the county boundary in South Derbyshire. This had formed part of a larger 36 acre site which was not apparently being put forward as a preferred option in the Draft Local Plan Part 1. The developers had attended a meeting of the Newton Solney Parish Council and whilst they had made no presentation as such, they suggested that they were taking advantage of a window of opportunity to develop 4/5 bedroom homes with 10% affordable 2/3 bedroom homes.

The community's view was to object in principle to the development on the grounds that it was not a preferred site; the Dale Brook was a natural boundary between the urban area of Burton and the South Derbyshire countryside; the impact it would have on the biodiversity and wildlife at this location; it would represent an obtrusive intrusion into the countryside at this attractive gateway into the town and by being on higher ground it would be out of character with the existing properties in Dalebrook which are 2/3 bedroom bungalows.

The residents asked how best they might go about objecting to such speculative development with the potential for a planning application prior to Christmas. It was suggested that they should contact the District and County Councillors and the local MP, but if possible to avoid members on the planning committee who might then have to declare an interest. It was agreed that they could use the Neighbourhood Resource Centre free of charge to meet and that the Parish Council would discuss the matter with the residents again as and when a planning application has been submitted. In the meantime the Parish Council would write to South Derbyshire regarding the objections raised by the residents and enquiring about the Local Plan process in this respect.

Other important technical concerns raised were the effect of any development on the existing traffic problems along Newton Road and in particular at the Swan Junction and Bearwood Hill

Road, together with the lack of available local services bearing in mind that the development would be served by yet another access onto Newton Road rather than being a natural extension to Winshill. With regards to the likely impact that any development might have upon Staffordshire, County Councillor Wileman reported that he would be attending a meeting with the developer and agreed that the Parish Council Chairman also attend.

## **PART I**

### 167/13 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

### 168/13 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 August 2013 were agreed and signed as correct records of events.

### 169 /13 **CORRESPONDENCE**

It was reported that the following correspondence had been received:

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| a) Staffs Play. Fields Ass. | AGM at St. George's Park on 16 October 2013                |
| b) Staffs Comm. Coun.       | AGM at Stafford on 7 October 2013                          |
| c) Mr R Raymond             | Land off Newton Road                                       |
| e) Andrew Griffiths MP      | Thank You for donation to restore William Coltman VC Grave |
| f) Victoria Cross Trust     | Thank You for Donation to William Coltman VC Appeal        |
| g) St. Mark's Church        | Invitation to Harvest Festival Service on 13 October 2013  |
| h) Michael Key              | Letter of resignation from the Parish Council.             |

It was agreed that Councillor Rose attend the Staffordshire Playing Fields Associations AGM on 16 October 2013.

Members accepted the resignation of Councillor Key, which was personal reasons, and thanked him for all his hard work and the valuable contribution he had made towards the community of Winshill over past few years.

#### **Resolved:**

That Councillor Perry replaces Councillor Key on the Employment Committee.

### 170/13 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

It was 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.

Members were not happy with the reasons put forward to fell a silver birch tree covered by a TPO in Newton Road.

#### **Resolved:**

That the Parish Council objects to the felling of 1 Silver Birch tree at 152 Newton Road on the basis that there is insufficient technical evidence in support of the application.

171/13 **MANAGEMENT AND RUNNING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**

The Co-ordinator reported that the Macmillan coffee morning had raised £500.

172/13 **PARISH PLAN**

There had been no recent meeting of the Parish Plan Committee.

173/13 **PARISH FAYRE**

The Coordinator advised the meeting that she was in the process of sending out emails in order to get a committee set up for next year.

174/13 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Councillors D Fletcher and North had met with Corrine O'Hare of the Borough Council to discuss the next steps in drawing up the Neighbourhood Plan. The next step was to agree the terms of the £5,000 contribution from the Borough Council.

175/13 **NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE**

Articles for the next newsletter to include the Parish Fayre, grants and the allotment association. Further articles are still required by the deadline of the end of October.

176/13 **REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

The Parish Council received a silver gilt award for its entry into the Heart of England in Bloom Competition at the presentation evening on 12 September 2013 at Drayton Manor Park. The Winhill in Bloom presentation which had taken place at the Resource Centre on 19 September 2013 was well attended.

The new fence at the bottom of Bearwood Hill has now been painted.

**Resolved:**

That a payment of £10 be made to Devon Starmer as a goodwill gesture for helping to paint the new fence at the bottom of Bearwood Hill.

177/13 **PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL**

Arrangement need to be put in place for the election of a new council now that the schools have started back.

178/13 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Members were presented with the accounts for September which were on target with the budget.

Members accepted in principle to provide an annual budget for the Parish Football Team subject to further details being provided.

179/13 **GRANTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

The application for a grant of £700 from the Wheatley Lane Allotment Association for 2014 was discussed.

**Resolved:**

That a grant of £700 be made to the payment of £10 be made to Wheatley Lane Allotment Association for 2014 subject to a satisfactory annual report being received.

180/13 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	cheque no	minute no
Zurich	LCAS Membership	114.00	694	204/12
Zurich	Annual Insurance Premium	333.54	695	204/12
Ilkeston Fencing	Fence Repair – Bearwood Hill	954.00	696	114/13
East Staffs CAB	Workshops Oct-March 2013	159.99	697	132/13
Various	Awards for Winshill in Bloom	234.79	698	100/13
ESBC	Aug. Salaries	2245.37	699	204/12
Cash	Winshill in Bloom Buffet	200.00	700	157/13

**Resolved:**

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

181/13 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The County Councillor reported on the progress made with regards to introducing a 20mph zone and limited further parking restrictions in Alexandra Road.

182/13 **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

There was nothing further to report.

183/13 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

The clerk referred the further request from David Wilson (Barrett) Homes for a meeting to the members. It was again agreed not to meet with them so far as things stand at the present time.

184/13 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

**Resolved:**

That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on 24 October 2013 at 7.30 pm at The Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

The meeting finished at 9.05pm.

**PART II**

There were no matters of a confidential nature to discuss.

Chairman