



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre on Thursday 27 February 2014 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

I North (Chairman), D Fletcher, M Fletcher, H Gaynor, J Muir, P Rose and J Scotland.

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk) & K Smith (Centre Co-ordinator).

Apologies:

Apologies were accepted from Councillors R Patel and P Perry.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

PART I

20/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

21/14 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 January 2014 were agreed and signed as correct records of events.

22/14 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that the following correspondence had been received:

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| a) ESBC | Neighbourhood Plan |
| b) ESBC | Closure of Canterbury Road for Fayre on 26 May 2014 |
| c) Saltbox. | Conference on making Applications for funding |
| e) Salvation Army | Food Bank Distribution Centres |

23/14 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk reported on the following:

- Applications that have now been determined;
- Applications to which we can respond.

Members discussed the following applications:

P/2014/00063 Erection of dwelling at the rear of 2 Ashby

P/2014/00177 Outline for the erection of a single dwelling at 30 Moat Bank

P/2014/00209 Felling of 2 Corsican Pines at 7-12 Ashley Court

Resolved:

- Winshill Parish Council wishes to object to P/2014/00063 for the erection of dwelling at the rear of 2 Ashby which appears to be of little difference to the previous applications which have been refused on this site. The proposal will lead to an increased use of the access in very close proximity to this busy junction and as such will be detrimental to highway safety. Also the proposal will be harmful to the living conditions at the existing properties of 1 and 2 Ashby Road by reducing the existing amenity area together with the loss of privacy and the noise and disturbance that will result from the new turning area in close proximity to these traditional dwellings.
- Winshill Parish Council wishes to object to P/2014/00209 for the felling of 2 Corsican on the following grounds: The trees are healthy and important visually to the local street scene. Furthermore the damage referred to is very long standing (over 20 years) with no evidence given as to whether it has been monitored over time. Also there is no reference to any remedial work being carried out to the steps or path or any structural assessment of the flats themselves. The felling of these two trees covered by TPO's should therefore not be considered as the easy option.

24/14 **MANAGEMENT AND RUNNING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**

The Co-ordinator gave an update on the user groups at the Centre and recent changes. It was suggested that when charitable status is achieved that the Co-ordinator and the Cleaner will be employed directly by the Trust.

The approach made for the hire of the Centre by the Labour parliamentary candidate for a meeting was discussed.

Resolved:

That all properly recognised political parties are allowed to hire the Centre subject to them doing their own organisation for any event.

25/14 **PARISH PLAN**

The Parish Plan Committee has reviewed the services section of the plan and in particular the livelihood section with regard to encouraging businesses. It was agreed that one section should be reviewed at a time every 2 months by the Parish Council starting with the April meeting. The next meeting of the Parish Plan Committee was on 24 March 2014 at 3.30pm.

26/14 **PARISH FAYRE**

8 stalls had now confirmed together with a re-enactment group, Litchfield Inflatables, a wedding fare and a barbecue. The 1st World War theme was proving quite an attraction. It was suggested that the Lenghsman be available to deal with the clearing of rubbish etc.

The next meeting of the working group was planned for 10 March 2014 at 6.30pm.

27/14 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The working group had met on 13 February 2014 to delegate tasks and would be meeting again on 26 March 2014. The Borough Council had been notified and had officially agreed to start the designation process. It had been agreed that a housing needs survey would not be necessary.

28/14 **NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE**

Items for the spring edition of the newsletter included the Neighbourhood Plan, the Open Gardens Event, the Parish Fayre, the Parish Directory and Winhill Bloomers need to be sent to the Clerk by the 28 March 2014.

It was noted that the Winhill Walks booklet and the Parish Directory still needed to be uploaded onto the website.

29/14 **REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

The high visibility jackets for the Winhill Bloomers had been delivered and the plants had been ordered. It was reported that the bank clearing work along Newton Road had been completed.

It was agreed that the Peace Wood be planted with poppies and other wild flowers and that the Borough Council be approached regarding the funding of notice boards to commemorate the 94 people mentioned on the honours board in the church.

It was reported that the Winhill in Bloom Competition would be judged on 7 July 2014.

30/14 **PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL**

The elections for a new Youth Council had gone well on that day, with the count on the following day, 28 February 2014. The Chief Executive of ESBC and the Burton Mail would be attending.

It was noted that the Borough Council had been of great assistance in the process.

Resolved:

That up to £20 be spent on refreshments for the Youth Council Election Count.

31/14 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Members were presented with the accounts for February 2014 which were in line with the budget.

32/14 **GRANTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

No requests for grants had been received.

33/14 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	cheque no	minute no
Ryman	Stationary - YPC Elections	53.01	724	204/12
ESBC	Jan. 2014 Salaries	2245.37	725	204/12
JRB Enterprise	Poop Scoop Bags	80.25	726	204/12

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

34/14 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The County Councillor was not present at the meeting. However, the members had continued concern about the future provision for youth services in Staffordshire and the recent press coverage. The members supported Councillor Muir's suggestion that he get in touch with the press regarding the way the matter was being reported.

35/14 **BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

It was reported that Labour had taken control of the Borough Council with the support of four Conservative rebels opposed to the current Conservative leadership. Councillor D Fletcher was now Deputy Leader for the Built Environment and Deputy Leader of the Labour Group. The members congratulated Councillor Fletcher on his new appointments which were considered a just reward for his many years' hard work and commitment to the people of both Winshill and East Staffordshire.

36/14 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Members asked for feedback on the problems of parking at Bearwood Hill House and the lack of a net at the Newton Road tennis courts recently reported to the Borough Council. It agreed that the clerk contact the enforcement officer regarding the parking problem at Bearwood Hill House.

37/14 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on 27 March 2014 at 7.30 pm at The Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

PART II

38/14 **LENGHTSMAN'S HOURS**

The extra hours now worked by the Lenghtsman at the Centre and currently paid from the Strategic Partnership budget were discussed. This was in the context of the Co-ordinator and the Cleaner being employed directly by the Centre in future.

Resolved:

That when the Neighbourhood Resource Centre achieves charitable status the extra 7 hours worked by the Lenghtsman be funded by the Parish Council directly.

The meeting finished at 9.00 pm.

Chairman