



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre on Thursday 23rd October 2014 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

I North (Chairman) S Beddows, D Fletcher, H Gaynor, J Muir, P Perry, P Rose, J Scotland and E Starmer.

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk), K Smith (Centre Co-ordinator), C Wileman (County Councillor), D Leese (Borough Councillor), A Mason (ESBC), Mr I Livingstone and a Burton Mail reporter.

Apologies:

Apologies were accepted from Councillors M Fletcher and R Patel.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Mason informed members of the upcoming meeting of the Neighbourhood Forum and the deadline for submitting new project proposals of 24th October 2014.

PART I

184/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors North, Perry and Starmer declared an interest with regard to the Wheatley Lane Allotment Lease and took no part in the discussion and decision (Minute 186/14 refers).

185/14 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 September 2014 were agreed and signed as correct records of events.

186/14 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received:

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| a) SPCA | 17 th October Bulletin – Revised Quality Council Scheme |
| b) Comm.Coun.of Staffs | Best Kept Village Competition |
| c) ESBC | Neighbourhood Forum Meeting – 24 th November 2014 |
| d) Wheatley Lane Allot. Ass. | New Lease Agreement |
| e) CPRE | Parish Councils' Support |
| f) Tower Branch Labour Party | Congratulations with regards to Peace Wood and Heart of England in Bloom awards |

It was agreed not to enter the Best Kept Village Competition in 2015. It was agreed in principle to apply for an award under the Quality Council Scheme once it is re-launched in 2015.

Resolved:

That the lease with Wheatley Lane Allotment Association (formerly held by them with the Borough Council) be completed and extended from the previous 5 to a period of 20 years.

187/14 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following were reported:

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

Members considered the following applications:

P/2014/01274 Change of use from guest house to children's home – Edgecote Hotel, Ashby Road

P/2014/01285 Installation of solar panels on roof – Weir House, 108 Newton Road

P/2014/01342 Conversion and extension of existing garage to granny flat – 2 Vicarage Close

Resolved:

That the Council objects to P/2014/01274 Change of use from guest house to children's home as it is concerned that there is no indication as to the number of young people to be cared for but considers that there would be inadequate outside amenity space provided for them in any event. As such the proposal would be harmful to the living conditions of the proposed young occupants.

188/14 **YOUTH SERVICES**

The County Councillor advised that there would be no youth clubs provision by the County from December 2014 and that Youth Services would no longer be providing the D of E Awards Scheme.

Following a request from Brizlincote Parish Council it was agreed in principle to form a joint Young People Working Group and also invite Graham Marshment from Burton Adventure Trust. The County Councillor welcomed this approach. Councillors D Fletcher, Rose, Beddows, Muir, North and Gaynor expressed an interest along with the Centre Co-ordinator. Councillor Muir agreed to liaise with Brizlincote PC.

189/14 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The County Councillor reported on the progress with regard to the request for Little Empire Road to be closed to traffic. He also reported that he now had more local autonomy regarding the funding of parking enforcement lines.

Members brought to his attention their concerns regarding safety at the junction of Alexandra Road and Highbank Road and the urgent need for repair of the road surface on Burton Bridge.

190/14 **BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

It was reported that the Borough Council were looking at the situation regarding A boards on adopted footpath areas at the request of the County Highways.

191/14 **MANAGEMENT AND RUNNING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**

The Centre Co-ordinator updated members on recent community involvement and events at the Centre.

192/14 **PARISH PLAN**

There was nothing new to report.

193/14 **COMMUNITY/ PARISH FAYRE**

A meeting is proposed early in the New Year with the theme for 2015 being the 70s or 80s.

194/14 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Councillor Perry reported on the major task of putting the plan together and tying it into the Borough’s Local Plan. Reference was made to the funds available towards the cost of producing the plan.

Resolved:

That consultants be approached for quotes to help in producing the Parish Plan with a view to accepting the most suitable proposal within the budget provided by ESBC.

195/14 **NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE**

The autumn 2014 newsletter was now on the website and ready for distribution. Following a brief discussion on the contents it was made clear that the editorial team has always welcomed articles of local interest for the newsletter (as stated in the newsletter itself by the Chairman).

196/14 **REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

It was reported that the theme for next year would be “Dig for Victory”. It was possible that there would be a significant feature at the bottom of Bearwood Hill/ Newton Road with the support of The Prince’s Trust.

197/14 **PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL**

The Youth Council team building event at Alton Towers had been postponed until next spring due to the unavailability of members during the October half-term.

198/14 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Members approved the accounts for the year up to October 2014 which were on budget.

199/14 **GRANTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

No requests for grant aid had been received.

200/14 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	cheque no	minute no
Various	Gardening Awards	202.20	778	228/13
Clerk	2 nd Qtr Expenses & Office Equip.	169.70	779	228/13
Whiting Landscapes	Peace Wood Maintenance	526.68	780	228/13
SLCC	Annual Subscription	147.00	781	144/14
P Perry	Open Gardens Stationary etc.	8.67	782	228/13
JRB Enterprise	Poop Scoop Bags	80.24	783	228/13

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

201/14 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Councillor Perry raised the question of whether some recognition of being awarded the Heart of England in Bloom Gold award could be added to the Welcome to Winshill signs. Councillor D Fletcher agreed to look into the cost and the County Councillor suggested that the County Council might be able to help with funding.

202/14 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Thursday 27th November 2014 at 7.30pm at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

PART II

MATTERS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE

There were no matters of a confidential nature to discuss.

The meeting finished at 8.50 pm.

Chairman