



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre on Thursday 26th March 2015 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

I North (Chairman), D Fletcher, S Beddows, M Fletcher, P Perry, P Rose and E Starmer.

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk), K Smith (Centre Co-ordinator), I Smith (Community Police) and Mr R Faulkner and Ms L Hughes (Newton Road residents).

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillors H Gaynor, J Muir, R Patel and J Scotland; the Burton Mail Reporter and the County Councillor.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Faulkner raised several issues including the problems of people parking in the hammerhead in Moat Bank, the loss of the post box in Bretby Lane and the problem of speeding along Newton Road.

Mrs Smith considered that it was difficult to police the parking problem but referred to the speed checks that had been carried out along Newton Road with tickets being issued.

Councillor Fletcher suggested that any future community safety initiative could possibly borrow the speed gun owned by Brizlincote Parish Council. He had previously contacted the Post Office and was told that they could not justify reinstating the post box due to its very low usage. It may be possible for the Borough Council to erect “no parking” notices in Moat Bank, however these would be unenforceable as such.

PART I

42/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

43/15 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 February 2015 were agreed and signed as correct records of events.

44/15 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received:

- a) SPCA Annual Subscription and Gazette
- b) Tom Fermor Proposed VE Day Celebration in Alexandra Road

Members agreed to give their blessing to Mr Fermor's initiative and suggested that he be invited to the next meeting.

45/15 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following were reported:

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

Members discussed the following applications:

P/2015/00253 Installation of insulation to all elevations – 192 & 193 Bearwood Hill Road

46/15 **YOUTH SERVICES**

It was reported that there had been a meeting with Helen Gill of the County Council to try and get the arrangement with the PRU renegotiated so as to allow some form of community use of the building.

47/15 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The County Councillor was not present.

48/15 **BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

Nothing to report - reference was made to the forthcoming elections on the 7 May 2015.

49/15 **MANAGEMENT OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**

The Centre Co-ordinator reported that there were a few changes with some services being discontinued and others starting up following the contractual changes at Children's Services. The trustees of the new Community Centre Charity had met the previous evening. It had been made clear that the Parish Council grant would be £10,000 in total and that this would allow for the Co-ordinator doing an element of work on behalf of the Parish Council. The Trent & Dove lease of the building to the Parish Council had been renewed for another 12 years and as such it would now be sub-let to the new Community Centre Charity to manage. Members considered a request for funds to bring the building up to scratch.

Resolved:

That a sum of up to £1000 be made available for work to the Neighbourhood Resource Centre doors and a new vacuum cleaner.

50/15 **PARISH PLAN**

The Parish Plan Committee meeting on 16th March 2015 had been cancelled.

51/15 **FUTURE WINSHILL MEMORIAL**

The erection of a permanent memorial at the Peace Wood was discussed. It was agreed to have a fund raising campaign running for a year from 11 November 2015. It was suggested that the local schools could also be involved.

52/15 **COMMUNITY/ PARISH FAYRE**

It was reported that all was going to plan including the proposed closure of Canterbury Road.

53/15 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

It was reported that the consultation exercise with residents was going well with over 300 questionnaires returned to-date. It was agreed that Lufton and Associates input the data and produce the survey/baseline report next.

The Clerk agreed to apply for further Government grant aid to support this work and the production of a pre-submission plan for the further statutory consultation.

54/15 **NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE**

It was agreed that the spring edition of the newsletter goes out after the end of April with the closing date for submitting articles of 20th April 2015.

55/15 **REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

It was reported that Winhill Bloomers had done the planting up at the Centre.

Work has been completed to erect the bird and bat boxes along the Dale Brook and the County Councillor had agreed to arrange grant funding for the erection of information boards at both ends.

Councillor M Fletcher was hopeful of obtaining funding for 5 history boards located around the Parish at sites like the old mill and at the bottom of Bearwood Hill Road (site of tram crash).

It was noted that the theme for this year's Heart of England in Bloom Competition was "Green Streets".

56/15 **PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL**

Following the decision of the Youth Council to go ahead at Wheatley Lane Recreation Ground with a scheme from Freemove the next step is to get the company to come and meet the Youth Council in order to come up with an agreed design.

57/15 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Members agreed the accounts for March 2015 which were on budget.

58/15 **GRANTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Members considered a grant aid request from Winhill Preschool for updating their outdoor play areas. The Grants Committee had recommended that 50% of the money requested be approved.

Resolved:

That a grant of £250 to Winhill Preschool be approved for updating their outdoor play areas.

59/15 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

| | | £ | cheque no | minute no |
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| Argos | Projector | 249.99 | 810 | 228/13 |
| Lufton & Ass. | Neighbourhood Plan | 350.00 | 811 | 233/14 |
| R Delaware | Young Plants | 1,327.30 | 812 | 228/13 |
| Reflex | Questionnaires for Neigh. Plan | 778.80 | 813 | 233/14 |
| Lufton & Ass. | Neigh. Plan Consultation | 1,700.00 | 814 | 233/14 |
| Bloomin Gardens | Landscaping Works | 774.00 | 815 | 228/13 |
| Nature's Woodland | Bird Bat Boxes | 162.00 | 816 | 215/14 |
| Hawkesmill Nurs's | Young Plants | 857.70 | 817 | 228/13 |

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

60/15 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

There was nothing to report.

61/15 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Thursday 26th March 2015 at 7.30pm at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

PART II

At this point the Co-ordinator, police and public left the meeting.

62/15 **REVIEW OF THE LENGHTSMAN'S DUTIES**

Members discussed the duties required to be carried out by the Parish Lengthsman in relation to the future needs of the Parish and in view of the Resource Centre becoming a separately managed charity with effect from 1st April 2015. It was accepted that it would take T & D time to implement all the changes agreed.

Resolved:

- To go back to the original 30 hours/week asap now that the NRC is "under new management" - this will mean that whilst the Lengthsman can still use the Centre as a base (toilets/drinks/office/shelter etc) his only requirement is to carry out minor maintenance at the NRC as and when required.
- As the duties have changed over time the tasks should be reviewed in accordance with the SLA.
- To review these tasks in relation to the current tasks and make suitable adjustments along with the working hours - there should be some degree of float time/flexibility to deal with issues as they arise and also matters reported in the book at the NRC.
- To pursue further the idea of seasonal working in line with T &D's own initiatives but first to see how the new arrangements work out over the summer months.

The meeting finished at 9.00 pm.

Chairman