



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at Winshill Neighbourhood Resource Centre at 7.30 pm on Thursday 25th February 2016.

Present:

Councillors S Beddows, H Gaynor, G Lomas, I North (Chairman), J Norton, L O'Mahoney, P Rose and K Smith.

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk), R Faulkner (Borough Councillor) and C Wileman (County Councillor), Mr A Scott (Local Resident) and a Burton Mail Reporter.

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillors D Fletcher, M Fletcher and E Starmer.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Scott explained the principles behind his proposed community website. The main aims being to bring all the information from the many community organisations together as well as offering IT advice and support. He had already had positive feedback from several groups and hoped that the Parish Council would support this non-profit making venture.

Members considered the idea to be good in principle and thanked Mr Scott who agreed to write with further details of the scheme together with what he required from the Parish Council in the way of support.

PART I

20/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Smith declared an interest in respect of the application for a grant made by Winshill Surgery's Patient Participation Group (Agenda Item 34/16 refers).

21/16 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th January 2016 were agreed and signed as correct records of events.

22/16 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received:

- a) ESBC Rest Centre Training Day – 1st March 2016
- b) Wheatley Lane Allot. Ass. Request for Financial Contribution towards Running Costs

It was agreed that the annual request for financial support from Wheatley Lane Allotment Association be considered at the next meeting.

23/16 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following were reported:

- a) Applications which have been decided under delegated powers
- b) Applications to which we can respond

P/2016/00098 Change of building from clinic to three flats at 110 Bearwood Hill Road

P/2016/00096 Felling of Silver Birch tree (covered by TPO) at 139 Newton Road

Resolved:

That the Parish Council objects to the felling of the Silver Birch (P/2016/00096) as it is a healthy protected tree which forms an important aspect of the local street scene.

24/16 **COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

The County Councillor reported that Highways had spoken to the builder had been obstructing the footpath with a portaloo at the junction of Newton Road and Mill Hill Lane. Highways had also asked for a condition restricting delivery/unloading hours if the application for a dwelling in the garden of 95 Newton Road is allowed.

He explained that he had been involved with the school parking problems in Alexandra Road including discussions on a "walking bus" as well as formalising the parking at Ashfield House. The main area for consideration this next year is the safety issues surrounding Hawfield Lane and the nearby primary schools with a feasibility study looking into crossing facilities together with parking and speed restrictions.

Reference was made to a request from Little Empire Road residents for a raised flower bed and to pot holes generally – these need to be reported on 0300 111 8000.

The Chairman said that he would like to thank the County Councillor on behalf of local residents for his continuing efforts and in particular working with the Parish Council in order to best help meet the needs of the people of Winshill.

25/16 **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Councillor Faulkner reported that the pathway between Kimberly Drive and Vancouver Drive had been cleared.

He was also aware that Holy Rosary RC Primary School was supportive of the "walking bus" and he asked people to help put weight behind it by visiting the school's website. He was prepared to volunteer to be a lollypop person some of the time in the interests of child safety. A sum of £4,500 for the proposed planting scheme along Newton Road in the recreation ground had been approved in principle with local residents contributing their time "in kind". He also asked if the Parish Council might make a small contribution following their earlier support for the scheme.

26/16 **NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE CO-ORDINATORS REPORT**

The Administrator reported that everything was going well with attendances for the various groups up.

A recent community event in respect of a local leukaemia sufferer went well with £3,201 being raised at the Centre. Councillors Smith and O'Mahoney together with the trustees were thanked for their efforts. The family appreciated the support given by the local community.

The Administrator reported that the Borough Council were prepared to match fund the proposed outdoor gym equipment at Canterbury Road and that Tesco had agreed either £12,000, £10,000 or £8,000 through its community bag scheme depending on customers votes.

Resolved:

That the Parish Council agrees to contribute £100 towards refreshments at the recent community fund raising event.

27/16 **PARISH PLAN**

There was nothing new to report.

28/16 **COMMUNITY/ PARISH FAYRE**

Everything was going to plan as previously reported.

29/16 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Borough Council has indicated that it is doing some work behind the scenes in preparation for final consultation on the proposed Neighbourhood Plan.

The 'Basic Conditions' report is the consultants next work priority and he should be starting in the next day or two.

30/16 **NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE**

Agreed that future newsletter articles to include a report from the Allotment Association and potholes with the likely deadline to be around 20th April for distribution in early May 2016.

31/16 **REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

It was noted that Brizlincote Parish Council was also entering the Heart of England in Bloom Competition this year.

32/16 **PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL**

A date for the next meeting of the Youth Council still needs to be arranged although the commissioning of the play equipment on Wheatley Lane has been delayed due to bad weather.

33/16 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The accounts up to month ending February 2016 were agreed.

It was agreed that Councillors Smith and O'Mahoney could undertake training towards a food hygiene certificate if they so wished. All members were encouraged to undertake any training they considered appropriate.

34/16 **GRANTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

The Grants Committee reported back on the request for Touch of Life Dance Crew in respect of workshops for young people from the Winshill area and Winshill Medical Centre Patient Participation Group for a blood pressure monitor for the waiting room. It was pointed out that both applicants had failed to comply with the stipulated criteria and in particular they had failed to submit copies of their recent account.

It was agreed following a short discussion that a working group be set up to review the criteria for making grants as a matter of urgency. This was referred to the next meeting.

Resolved:

- To not approve the grant aid request from Touch of Life Dance Crew in respect of workshops for young people from the Winshill area as it had not been possible to establish how many children from Winshill would benefit and as no financial information was provided.
- To not approve the grant aid request from Winshill Medical Centre Patient Participation Group for a blood pressure monitor for the waiting room as it had not been possible to establish how this related to the general practice finances and as no financial information was provided.

35/16 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	cheque no	minute no
Tower View School	Grant Aid	300.00	889	237/14
ESBC	Jan. 2015 Salary Costs	1085.43	890	237/14

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

36/16 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Councillor Lomas reported back on the setting up a community speed watch. He had been advised that there was no effective benefit in doing this in conjunction with Brizlincote PC. There would need to be a Speed Watch Coordinator and six volunteers. It would cost in the region of £1,000 to set up (Genesis Radar plus two signs) with everyone undertaking a two hour training session. Members agreed to move to the next stage and to seek funding from the Borough and County Councils in addition to the Parish Council.

37/16 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Thursday 24th March 2016 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 9.00 pm.

Chairman