



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre on Thursday, 24 September 2009 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

J Scotland (Chairman), D Bartram, S Edmonds, D Fletcher, M Fletcher, J Muir, I North, and P Rose.

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk).

Apologies:

Apologies were received from R Patel and K Lamb (County Councillor).

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

140/09 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

S Edmonds declared an interest with regard to minute 150/09 Grant Applications.

141/09 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 August 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record.

142/09 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported details of the following correspondence:

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| a) Staffs Playing Fields Ass. | Subscription for 2009/2010 |
| b) ESBC | Gambling Act 2005 Policy Review Consultation |
| c) ESBC | Development of Neighbourhood Delivery Plans |
| d) SCC | Neighbourhood Highway Teams |
| e) South Staffs PCT | AGM 30 September 2009 |
| f) Trent & Dove | Stakeholder Exhibition - Evening Presentation |
| g) St Marks | Thank You for Grant Approval |
| h) Com. Council Staffs | European Social Fund Community Grants |

Resolved:

That the Parish Council pays the annual subscription of £15 to join the Staffordshire Playing Fields Association.

143/09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk reported on the following:

- a) Applications that have been decided under delegated powers;
- b) Applications for which time to respond has now passed;
- c) Applications to which we can respond.

It was noted that the applicant had appealed against the decision to refuse a revised outline application for 6 detached dwellings to the rear of No. 70 Scalpcliffe Road was now likely to be dealt with by Written Representations.

144/09 MANAGEMENT AND RUNNING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE

The chairman of the Strategic Partnership Board/Advisory Committee updated members on recent developments. It was reported that the finances were in a healthy state and the use of the centre for children's parties would be trialled.

145/09 PARISH PLAN

The vice-chairman of the Parish Plan Committee had met with the Young People's Finishing Group who had been looking at alcohol free zones. Members of the Parish Council supported the idea for an alcohol free zone to cover all public areas in Winshill.

A further meeting had also taken place with the youth panel at Winshill Youth Club and it was planned for this to continue on a monthly basis.

A meeting with staff and tenants of Hepworth House had been arranged for 7 October with a view to working together at the Horticultural Centre.

Meetings were being arranged with all the schools in Winshill with a view to meeting with the school councils or similar.

Progress on the parish plan included benches on order for Bearwood Hill and Winshill Recreation Ground and the lighting installation for the Canterbury Road play area programmed for the end of October.

Other initiatives under consideration were:

Community involvement in adopting a low bed etc. With the possibility of entering Heart of England in Bloom

Producing a Winshill Planning Design Statement

Holding a Winshill floral feature competition as an addition to Burton in Bloom

146/09 NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE

There question was raised as to whether website should be more interactive and responsive to comments from the public. It was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.

147/09 REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

It was agreed that quotes be obtained for increasing the size of the existing 16 flower beds from 8 feet to 16 feet next year. Members also considered that replacement trees were required for the rear of the resource centre.

Consideration was given to making a presentation to the present lengthsman, who is due to retire at the end of the month.

Resolved:

That a sum of £100 be approved for a retirement present for the lengthsman.

148/09 **RISK ASSESSMENT**

It was agreed that this item would no longer need to be a standing item on the agenda following the decision of to employ the new lengthsmen through Trent & Dove.

149/09 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Members were advised of the financial position as at the end of September 2009.

150/09 **GRANTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

A request for a grant of £1000 had been received from Burton Community Renewal. This was referred to the Grants Committee for further consideration.

151/09 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	Cheque no
Lengthsman	Mileage and Equipment	56.80	375
Bigfun UK Ltd	Hire of Ride (Youth Centre)	500.00	376
Staffs Newspapers	Newsletter Delivery (Balance)	5.01	377
LCN.Com	Website Renewal	34.50	378
ESBC	August Salaries	2040.58	379

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

152/09 **PACT MEETING REPORT**

It was reported that the main issues to be raised at the next meeting related to parking problems outside the co-op, street lighting in East Street and the untidy garages in Vancouver Drive.

153/09 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

There were no matters to report.

154/09 **REPORTS OF BOROUGH COUNCILLORS**

There were no matters to report.

155/09 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

The problem of weeds growing from the wall in Church Hill Street was raised by a member.

156/09 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Resolved:

That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Thursday 22 October 2009 at 7.30 pm at The Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

The meeting finished at 21.00 hours.

Chairman