



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre on Thursday, 27 November 2008 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Councillors D Fletcher (Chairman), J Scotland (Vice Chairman), D Bartram, S Edmonds, M Fletcher, M Gale, P Hancox, I North and R Patel.

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk), I Hall & 2 Students (Abbot Beyne School) and C Simmons (Heart of Burton Partnership).

Apologies:

Apologies were received from J Muir and P Rose.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ian Hall and 2 of the students from Abbot Beyne's Namibia Project gave a short presentation of their work at the Dibasen School in this war torn part of Africa. In all 3 teachers and 14 students had experienced a challenging time which proved very rewarding. In around a period of a week they had managed to redecorate and partially renovate the school as well as making many friends leaving with the message "onwards together". The Parish Council congratulated them on their remarkable achievement.

158/08 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

159/08 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 October 2008 were approved and signed as a correct record.

160/08 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported details of the following correspondence:

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| a) ESBC | Parish Councils' Forum – 11 February 2009 |
| b) ESBC | Parish Precept 2009/2010 |
| c) Communités & LG | Consultation Paper on Codes of Conduct |
| d) ESBC | Agenda for the planning applications committee to be held at the Town Hall at 1400 on Monday 17 November 2008 |
| e) South Staffs PCT | Lifestyle Advisors |
| f) Orbit Housing | Handyman Service |
| g) SCC | Winshill Village Primary School – School Governor Vacancy |

161/08 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Chairman 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 planning applications for the conversion of a former coach house to a dwelling on Newton Road and a revised outline application for 6 detached dwellings to the rear of No. 70 Scalpcliffe Road had been refused.

162/08 **MANAGEMENT AND RUNNING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**

The new Administrator had been appointed and would start on 1 December 2008.

The next meeting of the Strategic Partnership Group (Resource Centre Sub-committee) will be on 3 December 2008.

All of the funding is now in place for the current financial year.

163/08 **PARISH PLAN**

The public meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Thursday 4 December at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre. The plan will then be brought back to the Parish Council for approval before being launched in April 2009. It was agreed that there should be no deadline as such for comments on the plan, only a practical cut-off date with regard to printing.

The Heart of Burton Partnership was thanked for its contribution of £3,000 towards the production of the plan.

164/08 **NEWSLETTER**

The Newsletter was now in the process of being delivered to every door.

Members considered the presentation and contents of this issue to very good. This had been helped contributions made from various organisations.

165/08 **REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

It was agreed that winter planting of the planters should take place together with bulbs for the spring. Possible initiatives would also be investigated for the new year including around the Neighbourhood Resource Centre in conjunction with the Heart of Burton Partnership.

166/08 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Members were advised of the financial position as at the end of November 2008.

167/08 **REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

Members agreed to check the electronic versions now available with a view to suggesting amendments where necessary. It was also suggested that there should be some kind of Induction Pack produced for new members.

168/08 **GRANTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

A request had been received for grant aid from the Burton Youth for Christ. This was referred to the Grants Sub-committee.

169/08 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	Cheque no
Initial	Washroom Services	116.09	298
Mothercare	Gift Voucher for Cleaner	20.00	299
Clerk	July-Sept. Expenses	136.79	300
Lenghsman	Mileage & Equipment	119.29	301
South Staffs Water	Water Rates	87.60	302
Planters Bretby	Plants	18.98	303
Orbit Housing	Care & Repair	27.00	304
Zurich Municipal	Insurance	341.25	305
DMH Solutions	Risk Assessment Package	91.87	306
ESBC	Quarterly Trade Refuse	52.24	307
ESBC	October Salaries	1,751.02	308

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

170/08 **COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

There were no matters to report.

171/08 **REPORTS OF BOROUGH COUNCILLOR**

There were no matters to report.

172/08 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Works had recently been carried out to cut back the trees and secure the embankments in Hollow Lane following the concerns raised earlier in the year by local residents.
The Christmas Fair would be held at the Resource Centre on the 6 December.

173/08 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Resolved:

That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Thursday 18 December 2008 at 7.30 pm at The Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

Chairman