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WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Parish Council Elections

The Parish Council elections will take place at the same time as the Borough Council elections on Thursday 3rd May, 2007.

Anyone who wishes to stand for the Parish Council can obtain nomination papers from the Town Hall, Burton upon Trent, on **01283 508000**.

For further information see the Parish Council website.

The Parish of Winshill Website



www.winshill.com

PACT

Police and Communities Together hold meetings at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre in Canterbury Road at 7pm on the first Monday of each month. People attending the meeting highlight problems which they would like to be resolved. At the end of the meeting a vote is taken and the three problems with the most votes are then acted upon by the police, Parish Council and other agencies working together. They then report on progress at the start of the next meeting.

Footpath Right of Way

Thank you to all of those who took the trouble to fill in evidence sheets regarding the existence of a public right of way between Berry Gardens and Jacobean Court.

The evidence we have collected contains: -

- Several witness statements from people who have used the footpath continually over the last twenty years
- A map of Burton from 1850 which clearly shows the footpath
- Title deeds on which the right of way is acknowledged
- A Section 53 Footpath Modification Order made by ESBC to alter the route of the footpath

All this evidence has now been sent to the County Council. We eagerly await their comments.

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Editorial

The First Four Years

As we come to the end of the first full term of the Parish Council's existence, it is, perhaps, a good time to look back on the last four years to reflect on what we have achieved.

Amongst our achievements are: -

- * Appointed a lengthsman to keep Winshill clean and tidy
- * A Neighbourhood Resource Centre which houses Money Spider Credit Union, Umbrella Parent and Toddler Group, Council Link, CAB and many other community services
- * Grants given out to local organisations such as local churches, St Mark's Scout Group, Ashby Road Tennis Club, local schools' soccer teams
- * Regular Parish Newsletters and Parish Council website
- * Contribution to a footpath on Winshill Recreation Ground
- * Successful opposition to unacceptable planning applications such as the proposed development around the Water Tower
- * Represented you at P.A.C.T. meetings
- * Collected evidence to present to the County Council to preserve the right of way on the foot path between Berry Gardens and Jacobean Court

The main feature of our existence has, I believe, been our willingness to work with the Borough and County Councils and other organisations for the benefit of Winshill.

Where Do We Go From Here?

That really depends on you. As I mentioned in a previous editorial, we have begun the process of consultation in order to produce a Parish Plan. When we have analysed responses from our trial run we will begin the process of sending consultation letters to every household, school, sports club, church and any other organisations we know exist within the parish.

This consultation will be your opportunity to contribute to the Parish Plan by saying what it is you would like to see for Winshill.

How have we done?

We would like to hear your views on the first four years of the Parish Council.
You can write to us with your views at

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