



## **WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at Winshill Neighbourhood Resource Centre at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

### **Present:**

Councillors \*R Faulkner, \*D Fletcher, M Fletcher, A Lawrence, G Lomas, \*M Metcalfe, L O'Mahoney, K Smith and C Wileman (also the County Councillor).

\* = also a Borough Councillor.

### **Also present:**

S Taylor (Clerk) and S Bullock (local resident).

### **Apologies:**

There were apologies from Councillors Rev. P Boshier and M Webb.

### **MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Concerns were raised regarding a tree overhanging the footpath at the bottom of Ashby Road and the need for the drive to Abbot Beyne School from Newton Road to be cleared of leaves etc. The County Councillor agreed to report the overhanging tree to the Highway Authority whilst it was agreed that the drive to the school could be tidied up as suggested by Mrs Bullock, as it is situated just off the public highway.

### **PART I**

#### **153/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors D Fletcher, M Fletcher, Lawrence, Smith and O'Mahoney all declared an interest regarding the NRC Charity.

#### **154/19 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019 were agreed and signed as a correct record of events.

#### **155/19 CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence to report.

#### **156/19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Members considered and raised no objections to the following planning applications:

P/2019/01020 – Crown reduction of Copper Beech Tree at 197 Newton Road

P/2019/01064 – Single storey rear extension at 143 Mill Hill Lane

P/2019/01088 – Crown reduction of Beech Tree at 138 Alexandra Road

#### 157/19 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The County Councillor advised members that the surface dressing was proceeding well and was being co-ordinated with the gas works in Hawfield Lane. Patching was being carried out in Newton Road and Ashby Road and the gullies in Eldon Street were scheduled to be repaired.

Work will be undertaken to make the footpath between Perth Close and Adelaide Close accessible for push chairs, whilst Trent & Dove will cut back the vegetation on the footpath between Vancouver Drive and Kimberley Drive.

He referred to the changes made to the grit bin filling schedule as a result of reduced funding with priority given to steep hills.

#### 158/19 **BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

It was reported that the Washlands Project and the repaving of Station Street had been approved with work programmed to start in the New Year.

#### 159/19 **TRENT WASHLANDS LANDSCAPE VISION**

As mentioned above, Phase 1 has now been approved.

#### 160/19 **NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

It was noted that 2156 people (including repeats) had received lunches, barbecue meals, etc. over the course of the summer holidays.

The new Citizen's Advice service was struggling to keep up with demand due to the lack of a referral service. Whilst there is money in the budget to provide additional time, it was agreed the Chairman and Centre Administrator should have a meeting with Sally Holden of South Derbyshire CAB first to discuss the viability of this.

The community clean-up day jointly funded by the Parish Council and Trent & Dove had been met with an overwhelming amount of rubbish taking 3 days in total to get removed.

#### 161/19 **REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

Winshill Parish received its 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive gold award and a special RHS award for the Peace Wood and Memorial Garden at the Heart of England in Bloom awards evening in Dunchurch. There were also gold awards for Tower View School and Mill Hill Lane Park. At the "Its your Neighbourhood" awards evening in Birmingham, Little Empire Road the Neighbourhood Community Centre and the Peace Wood were all judged to be outstanding.

The Winshill in Bloom presentation evening is on 19<sup>th</sup> September at the WNRC at 6pm and the Britain in Bloom Results will be known on the 25<sup>th</sup> October.

#### 162/19 **CELEBRATING 80 YEARS SINCE THE START OF WW2**

The WW2 books are now printed and are steadily being taken up subject to a suggested £4 donation. The book has been dedicated to Audrey Prime who helped provide valuable information prior to her death. All those who assisted with information attended a tea party at the Centre given by Councillors Dennis and Margaret Fletcher.

It was agreed that special dispensation be given to friends of Audrey Prime to put a bench in the Peace Wood commemorating her life.

#### 163/19 **ENGAGING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE**

The youth club was still well attended and the lads from BACT had been put forward for a Trent & Dove community award.

164/19 **NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE/FACEBOOK**

On the Winshill In Bloom Page the “hits” had increased steadily with the news of the Heart of England in Bloom awards. Likewise, on the Winshill Parish Page news of the speed indicator signs and the WW2 booklet had generated a lot of interest.

165/19 **PARISH PLAN**

It was noted that the working group were due to meet the next day.

166/19 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Members reviewed and agreed the accounts for the year up to 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

The Clerk reported that he had received the External Auditor’s Report and Certificate for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

167/19 **APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING**

There were no applications to consider.

168/19 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	cheque no	minute no
ESBC	July/Aug. Salary Charges	2,299.62	1188	192/18
Planters	Tub Plants	29.98	1189	192/18
Idverde	August Grounds Maintenance	670.00	1190	192/18
Bearwood Hill Allot.	Management Grant	330.00	1192	149/19
Zurich Municipal	Public Liability Insurance	265.50	1193	192/18
Mazars	External Audit Fees	360.00	1194	192/18
Hornby Ltd	Speed Indicator Sign Poles	263.00	1195	192/18
Elizabeth Court	Grant	500.00	1196	149/19

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

169/19 **CLERK AND MEMBERS’ REPORTS**

Reference was made to the need for some more Member training to be provided.

Results from the Community Speedwatch on Newton Road showed an alarming number of vehicles going over the 30mph limit. Hopefully the soon to be erected speed indicator signs will help address this.

170/19 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

**Resolved:**

That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 7.30 pm 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.