



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held remotely by Zoom at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 19th August 2020.

Present:

Councillors S Bullock, *D Fletcher, M Fletcher, *M Metcalfe, G Lomas, and C Wileman (also a County Councillor). * = also a Borough Councillor.

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk).

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillors K Smith, A Lawrence, R Faulkner and Rev P Boshier.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no matters raised.

PART I

93/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors D Fletcher and M Fletcher declared an interest regarding the NRC Charity.

94/20 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th July 2020 were agreed and signed as a correct record of events.

95/20 CORRESPONDENCE

An e-mail had been received from a Peter Levy expressing his concerns regarding the Planning Application for Waterloo Mount on Tower Road, particularly in view of recent suggestions of criminal activity in the area. The Chairman reported that he had been invited to speak on this application at the Planning Committee meeting on 25th August on behalf of the Parish Council.

96/20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

- P/2020/00726 – Erection of single/two storey extension and balcony at 126 Ashby Road
- P/2020/00728 – Crown lift lower branches of Silver Birch at 100 Newton Road
- P/2020/00733 – Erection of single storey extension and front porch at 4 Church Hill Street
- P/2020/00780 – Felling of Corsican Pine at 3 the Limes Ashby Road

Members raised no objections to any of the above.

97/20 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The County Councillor referred to the investigation into who was responsible for repairing the sink hole close to the Swan Junction.

He reported that the Borough Council had agreed to improve the public footpath between Tower Road and Ashby Road and that the County Council would then consider it for adoption.

He also raised the matter of the 74 acres of land off Sales Lane being sold for a reported £700,000. The land is not currently allocated for housing in the South Derbyshire Local Plan.

He suggested that the Parish Council could investigate the possibility of buying the land and setting up a local energy company for use as a wind farm, carbon offset or similar.

He was awaiting funding from the County Council with regards to the information leaflets giving advice on the various organisations offering help during the current crisis.

The overhanging hedge on Ashby Road had now been although it was noted that there were issues with the contractor not doing a very good job of clearing out the roadside hedges and weeds on Newton Road and Elms Road.

98/20 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORT

The first full council meeting since Covid 19 had taken place and it was reported that the leisure centres were in the process of being reopened.

99/20 TRENT WASHLANDS LANDSCAPE VISION & TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION.

It was noted that a footbridge from the area of Mill Hill Lane onto the Washlands would not be considered in the current round of funding.

100/20 NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

The Centre Charity was looking to reopen on 7th September for certain activities.

The Chairman reported that the 10-year lease for the Centre had now been signed and all the work to replace the doors and windows was complete. Also, the hedges at the back of the Centre had been recently cut-back.

101/20 REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

The new bench had been installed close to the Peace Park at the top of the steps.

There had been problems with the grounds maintenance contract with Idverde resulting in the watering not being carried out to the hanging baskets. Discussions were ongoing to try and amicably resolve the situation.

It was agreed in principle to plant a semi-mature Copper Beech tree in the Peace Wood to commemorate those who had died during Covid 19 and not been allowed a proper funeral. This would be planted in around November.

102/20 ENGAGING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

There was nothing new to report.

103/20 NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE/FACEBOOK

It was agreed to try and repair or otherwise replace the damaged noticeboard located at the bus-stop.

104/20 **PARISH PLAN**

There was nothing further to report.

105/20 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Members reviewed and agreed the accounts for the year up to 19th August 2020.

106/20 **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

Resolved:

That the Annual Governance Statement for Year Ending 31st March 2020 be approved.

107/20 **FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2019**

Resolved:

* That the Financial Accounts for Year Ending 31st March 2020 be approved.

* That the Annual Return be submitted to the External Auditor.

108/20 **APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING**

There were no applications for funding.

109/20 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	cheque no	minute no
ESBC	June Salaries Recharge	1,148.02	1278	211/19
A&M Gardening	Grounds Maint. Part 2	1,275.00	1279	211/19
C Stewart	Internal Audit	200.00	1280	211/19
NBB Furniture	Bench	588.00	1281	66/20
Farm Fresh Rev.	Grant/Contribution	1,000.00	1282	89/20
A&M Gardening	Grounds Maint. Part 3 + Extra	1,540.00	1283	211/19

Resolved:

That payments of the above accounts are confirmed.

110/20 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

It was reported that the story board on Newton Road needs to be restored.

111/20 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Wednesday 16th September 2020 at 7.30 pm.

PART II

MATTERS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE

There were no matters of a confidential nature to discuss.

The meeting finished at 8.45 pm.

Chairman