



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held remotely by Zoom at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 17th June 2020.

Present:

Councillors Rev P Boshier, *R Faulkner, *D Fletcher, M Fletcher, *M Metcalfe, G Lomas, K Smith and C Wileman (also a County Councillor). * = also a Borough Councillor.

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk), Mr P Daws, Mr and Mrs S Arkesden and S Bullock (local residents).

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillors E O'Mahoney and A Lawrence.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Daws raised his concerns regarding the damage to trees which had been ripped down by youths alongside the Dale Brook together with drug taking in the evenings. The Chairman advised that he had walked along the footpath besides the brook following a complaint received from Mr Dunn and asked for further clarification on the area in question. Mr Daws referred everyone to a video which he taken recording the damage to the trees. There then followed a discussion on the extent of the damage being caused as well as the other antisocial activities reported.

PART I

Following the start of the meeting it was agreed that the Chairman would be taking the problems reported along the Dale Brook up with the Borough Council as the landowner to see what action could be taken by way of notices and enforcement as well notifying the local police to make them aware of the reported problems.

57/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors D Fletcher, M Fletcher, and Smith declared an interest regarding the NRC Charity. Councillor Faulkner declared an interest as a Planning Committee Member and took no part in the discussion or decision made with regards to the planning application at 160 Newton Road.

58/20 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 20th May 2020 were agreed and signed as a correct record of events.

59/20 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Mr P Dunn Damage to trees along the Dalebrook
- b) Trent & Dove Terms of the Lease for the Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

60//20 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

P/2020/00533 – Erection of a conservatory at 136 Newton Road

P/2020/00323 – Erection of 4 dwellings on land to rear of 160 Newton Road

With regards to Erection of 4 detached dwellings and alterations to existing vehicular access at 160 Newton Road, Mr and Mrs Arkesden gave permission for a letter of objection that they had written to the Council to be read out. After discussing the proposed development Members voted unanimously to object to the application for the following reasons:

The application is incorrect in that it states that it is for 5 No. New dwellings.

The application is contrary to Policy 7 of the Winshill Neighbourhood Plan as it would represent overdevelopment of the site and be out of character with the larger former nursing home. As such it would have a detrimental impact on the immediate area not least due to the scale and massing of the proposed dwellings.

The proposed dwellings would also harm the living conditions at neighbouring properties in Hanchurch Close by appearing overbearing and resulting in loss of sunlight/overshadowing to their rear private garden areas. There would also be a loss of privacy and loss of amenity due to vehicular movements close by.

The application is also contrary to Policy 8 of the Winshill Neighbourhood Plan in so far as the design does not reinforce the local architectural distinctiveness of the former care home and the access and car parking arrangements would dominate much of the site resulting from the overdevelopment. As such the proposed design and layout is not well integrated with the character of the local built environment.

The suggestion in the Ecological Survey that the proposal would present an opportunity to increase the biodiversity and ecological value of the site is strongly refuted and is highly likely to have a negative impact following the construction of the dwellings and garden areas. Further the scale of the development will seriously detract from the amenity space available to the occupants of the now approved HMO, which in the Council's view will not sit comfortably in such close proximity to the proposed 5 bedroom family dwellings.

61/20 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The County Councillor advised Members that traffic regulation orders had now been made for parking restrictions at Newfield Lane and West Street as well as the zig-zag lines outside "the Pru" being confirmed (made enforceable). The footpath between Perth Close and Adelaide Close had also been improved to accommodate wider buggies and those physically challenged. Gulley emptying was currently in progress in the area including the key locations of Ashby Road, Newton Road and a notice had been served on the owners of the overhanging hedge near the bottom of Ashby Road.

62/20 **BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

Reference was made to the recent business rates relief following the pandemic. The town centre was now starting to open again following the relaxing of the lockdown with parking charges being reinstated after 29th June. A parking app was now available which would enable motorists to park longer than the equivalent cash payment.

63/20 TRENT WASHLANDS LANDSCAPE VISION

The £1 million refurbishment project near the library including works to Newton Road Recreation Ground were now ongoing.

It was agreed to keep the item on future agendas by way of an update particularly with regards to the Trent Valley Partnership and possible links to Dale Brook.

64/20 NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

The Centre Charity had a list of some 124 vulnerable people who it was helping during the pandemic by way of food parcels, running errands and other support.

The Clerk reported that he had now received a copy of the 10-year lease for the Centre from Trent & Dove. This would commence on 1st July 2020 with the landlord agreeing to continue to pay the buildings insurance. The doors and windows for the Centre were due to be replaced in the next few weeks.

Resolved:

That the Clerk and Chairman sign the lease agreement for the Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

65/20 REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

All the baskets and tubs have now been planted up with the Parish looking as good as ever despite the limitations following the pandemic. This was very much due to the help from the Borough Council's Greenhouse Centre.

66/20 REQUEST FOR A BENCH ON THE PEACE PARK.

Councillor Wileman referred to the request for a bench to be located at the top of the steps at the back of Greenway/Kinver Drive. Members agreed that this was consistent with benches provided elsewhere in the Parish.

Resolved:

That a sum of up to £500 be made available to provide a bench in the Peace Park.

67/20 ENGAGING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

It was agreed that £1000 of the approved budget could be used to provide activity packs for some 100 plus children during the lockdown as the youth club was unable to meet.

68/20 NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE/FACEBOOK

There was nothing new to report.

69/20 PARISH PLAN

The next meeting could possibly take place by Zoom with the need to discuss further the likely format of the new plan and how best to carry out the consultation following the matters raised at the November 2019 Parish Council meeting.

70/20 FINANCIAL REPORT

Members reviewed and agreed the accounts for the year up to 17th June 2020.

71/20 **APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING**

There were no applications for funding to consider.

72/20 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	cheque no	minute no
SPCA	Annual Subscription	708.00	1267	211/19
A Lakin	Grounds Maintenance	1,275.00	1268	211/19
E Roy	Annual Website Provision	140.00	1269	211/19
ESBC	April '20 Salary Charges	1,148.02	1270	211/19
Mid Mercia CAB	Annual Service Provision	5,500.00	1271	211/19
Clerk	Half Year Office Costs/Equip.	282.57	1272	211/19
S Bullock	Compost for Tubs	32.40	1273	211/19
ESBC	May '20 Salary Charges	1,148.02	1274	211/19
NRC Charity	Annual Operating Grant	21,000.00	1275	211/19

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

73/20 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

The Clerk advised Members of the casual vacancy following the resignation of Councillor Webb, who was no longer living in the area. He agreed to contact the Borough Council's Monitoring Officer to seek permission/instruction on filling the vacant position.

74/20 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Wednesday 15th July 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 8.30 pm.

Chairman.