



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at Winshill Neighbourhood Resource Centre at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 18th March 2020.

Present:

Councillors Rev P Boshier, *D Fletcher M Fletcher, *M Metcalfe, L O'Mahoney, K Smith and C Wileman (also a County Councillor).

* = also a Borough Councillor.

Also present:

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

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillors *R Faulkner, G Lomas, A Lawrence & M Webb.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was pointed out that the agenda had been foreshortened in the light of the current constraints with regards to the Corona-Virus Pandemic.

The issue of the overhanging hedge in Ashby Road was raised again.

PART I

37/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors D Fletcher, M Fletcher, L O'Mahoney and Smith declared an interest regarding the NRC Charity. Councillor Boshier declared an interest with regards to the grant request from St. Mark's church and took no part in the discussion of this or the decision made.

38/20 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th February 2020 were agreed and signed as a correct record of events.

39/20 URGENT MATTERS

Councillor Wileman raised the recent concerns of residents regarding flooding in Newton Leys and the poor condition of the footpath between Tower Road and Ashby Road. The County Council were dealing with both these issues subject to any future funding that may be available.

40/20 REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

It was unlikely that the Heart of England in Bloom Competition would be held this year, however, the plug plants were arriving the next day and still need planting on.

41/20 **CONTRACTS**

Members considered the quotes from Idverde and A &M Gardening for maintain the shrub beds and erecting the hanging baskets and watering.
They also considered the quotes from Elite Windows and Bartrams for replacing the doors and windows in the Centre.

Resolved:

- That A &M Gardening be awarded the contract to maintain the shrub beds for the sum of £3820 pa and Idverde be awarded the contract for erecting the hanging baskets and watering for the sum of £3840 pa.
- That Bartrams quote of £12,181 (later revised to £12,528 inc. VAT) for replacement UPVC windows with laminated glass and wooden doors and a software-based entry system be accepted.

42/20 **USE OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**

The role that the Charity was playing in the light of the pandemic was noted. Groups of volunteers were helping to support and take food to the elderly and vulnerable people who had self-isolated so far.

The various groups had stopped meeting in accordance with the latest guidance and the Administrator was working from home and attending the Centre as necessary.

It was agreed that the use of the Centre as a focal point and the help that the Charity can provide should be publicised using social media, notices and word of mouth.

43/20 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Members reviewed and agreed the accounts for the year up to 18th March 2020.

44/20 **APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING**

Members considered an application for grants from St Mark's Church and Tower View Primary School and Winhill Allotment Association.

Resolved:

- That a sum of £1095 be granted to Winhill Allotment Association in respect of the annual administrative costs for managing the allotments in 2000/2001.
- That St Mark's Church be given a grant of £675 towards the cost of clearing and cultivating a strip of wasteland within the churchyard.
- That Tower View Primary School be given a grant of £250 towards its art project once the scheme is able to commence.

45/20 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	cheque no	minute no
Burton Rowing Club	Grant	500.00	1249	192/18
ESBC	Parish Council Election	7,656.22	1250	192/18
Heritage Roofing	Roof Repairs	7,380.00	1252	156/19
Burton Env.	Asbestos Removal at Allotments	420.00	1253	15/20
Cripwell	Centre Electrics	5,263.32	1254	26/20
Idverde	Feb.'20 Grounds Maintenance	670.00	1255	192/18

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

46/20 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

The training event organised in-house for Thursday 26th March at 7.00 pm had been cancelled due to the Corona-virus pandemic.

47/20 **FUTURE MEETINGS AND DEVOLVED DECISION MAKING**

In line with recent Government advice the members agreed to suspend future Parish Council meetings until advised that it is safe to resume. In the meantime, members will communicate, be updated and consulted as necessary by email.

Resolved:

That the Clerk be authorised to use his delegated authority as necessary in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair to enable the day to day running of the Council's business subject to members being consulted first on all new or significant matters.

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.