



## **WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held remotely by Zoom at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

### **Present:**

Councillors S Bullock, \*D Fletcher, M Fletcher, G Lomas, \*R Faulkner, K Smith .and C Wileman (also a County Councillor).

\* = also a Borough Councillor.

### **Also present:**

S Taylor (Clerk), J Batten, I Elswood and E Sarjeant (Local Residents).

### **Apologies:**

There were apologies from Councillors Boshier, Metcalfe and Lawrence.

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

There were no matters raised.

### **PART I**

#### **165/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

#### **166/20 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020 were agreed and signed as a correct record of events.

#### **167/20 CORRESPONDENCE**

There were no new matters to report.

#### **168/20 FEEDBACK ON RECENT CRIME/ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

Councillor Wileman updated Members following the recent meeting with the police and the Borough Council. An additional gate and security camera had been erected at Canterbury Road Park and the shelter and seating removed. As a result of this and possibly recent inclement weather there had been a sharp reduction in illegal activity on the park, albeit with it being displaced elsewhere. Also, the police had made an Operational Order allowing them to divert additional resources to the area, subject to availability. It was agreed that the situation should be monitored, whilst accepting that there was more to do.

Councillor D Fletcher agreed with the action to-date but was concerned with the effects of the long-term removal of park equipment for children playing in the park.

## 169/20 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

- P/2020/01115 - Erection of a two storey side and rear extension and single storey front extension at 4 Newton Mews
- P/2020/01249 – Erection of single storey rear & side extension at 146 Scalpcliffe Road
- P/2020/01254 – Demolition of conservatory/erection of single storey rear & side extension at 164 Scalpcliffe Road

## 170/20 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The County Councillor stated that the patching on the A511 near Beaufort Road was complete. The cyclic maintenance of gulley emptying had also been completed recently and remedial work was in hand to resolve the water pooling around the gulleys on Burton Bridge.

## 171/20 **BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

There was nothing new to report.

## 172/20 **TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION.**

The Chairman informed members that following the evaluation of the results of the consultation exercise using weighted criteria the projects to be put forward for funding were as follows:

High Street property intervention  
Cycle routes enhancement  
Canal tow path improvement  
Relocation of library and other facilities to the Market Hall  
University of Wolverhampton learning centre at the Brewhouse

This will amount to a bid to the Government of £21 million with £4 million kept in reserve.

## 173/20 **NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**

The Centre had been very busy preparing some 200 food and toy hampers for those most in need during the pandemic. Any volunteer delivery drivers would be welcome.

## 174/20 **REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

The Copper Beech Tree, replacement Acer and 6 Hornbeam trees (commemorating those who died in WW2) should be planted in the Peace Wood in the week before Christmas.

With regards to the request from Bob Anderson asking if the small crosses he had received from New Zealand commemorating his Anzac relatives that had died, it was agreed that these could be placed with a plaque separate from the other WW1 crosses.

A form of wording was discussed for the plaque at the Copper Beech Tree regarding those people in Winshill who have died during the pandemic without being able to be given a proper funeral by their relatives.

## 175/20 **ENGAGING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE**

There had been no recent activities due to the pandemic.

176/20 **NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE/FACEBOOK**

Councillor Lomas reported on recent activity on Facebook.

177/20 **PARISH PLAN**

Members agreed the revised questionnaire that had been circulated. Councillor Wileman agreed to investigate using “Survey Monkey” to process and evaluate this.

178/20 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

With regards to the need to set the budget for 2021/2022 members were made aware of the Government’s Council Tax Support Grant of £3722 being the same as for the previous financial year. It was agreed to set the budget for 2021/2022 at 75,700 (see attached) with the precept set at a figure of £63,003.20 with the difference being met from grants and other income. This would result in a Parish Council Tax Rate Freeze. This equates to £26.37 for an average Band D property or approximately 50 pence per week.

**Resolved:**

That the budget for 2020/2021 be set at £75,000 with the precept for 2021/2022 being set at £63,003.20.

179/20 **APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING**

Members considered a request from Winshill Allotment Community Chicken Club for funding towards fencing to protect the birds from Avian Bird Flu.

**Resolved:**

That a sum of £464.20 be agreed for Winshill Allotment Community Chicken Club to provide fencing to protect the birds from Avian Bird Flu.

180/20 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	cheque no	minute no
ESBC	Nov. Salaries Recharge	1,148.02	1300	211/19

**Resolved:**

That payment of the above account is confirmed.

181/20 **CLERK AND MEMBERS’ REPORTS**

Members agreed to ask the Borough Council to provide a handrail next to the steps towards the Newton Road tennis courts following a recent request.

The Clerk informed the Members that recent Government advice was for Parish Councils to continue to meet remotely until May 2001.

182/20 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

**Resolved:**

That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.30 pm.

**PART II**

**MATTERS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE**

183/20 **CASUAL VACANCY**

After some discussion and considering the qualities of both the remaining applicants having spoken to them prior to the meeting, Members agreed to co-opt John Batten as the new Member.

The meeting finished at 8.35 pm.

Chairman