



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held remotely by Zoom at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 17th February 2021.

Present:

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

* = also a Borough Councillor.

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk).

Apologies:

There were apologies from Councillor Lawrence.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

PART I

19/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

20/21 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th January 2021 were agreed and signed as a correct record of events.

21/21 CORRESPONDENCE

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| a) Staffordshire Lieutenancy | Unsung (Super) Heroes during the Covid Pandemic |
| b) ESBC | Burton Washlands Biodiversity Update |
| c) Susan Frith | Muddy and Overgrown Areas in and around Peace Wood |
| d) ESBC | Stay Local Campaign |

It was agreed that the Chairman follow up the request from Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant in helping to identify the County's unsung heroes with respect to the work done by the Neighbourhood Resource Centre's Charity Administrator over the past 12 months.

22/21 FEEDBACK ON RECENT CRIME/ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

There was nothing new other than the ongoing slight increase in anti-social behaviour around the Buckingham Court Area as previously reported and being followed up by the police.

23/21 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

P/2020/01475 - Crown reduction of Holly and Birch trees at the Vicarage 54 Mill Hill Lane

P/2020/01485 – Retention of a detached Wendy House at 41 Scalpciffe Road

P/2021/00019 – Erection of a single storey rear extension at 63 Scalpccliffe Road

P/2021/00072 – Felling of 1 Cherry Tree at 6 Alexandra Road

P/2021/00107 – Reduction in height by 1.2 m of 2 Silver Birch trees at 2A Bretby Lane

24/21 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

The County Councillor reported that the work to clear the gulleys on Burton Bridge had found them to be heavily silted up. It was proposed to change the cleaning cycle from 12 to six months and ask the Borough Council to consider increasing the sweeping cycle on the bridge. There will be a consultation exercise carried out online possibly by using u-tube in respect of proposals for a segregated cycleway along Station Street between the pedestrian area and the railway station.

25/21 **BOROUGH COUNCILLORS’ REPORT**

The handrail requested at the last meeting for the access to the Newton Road Park near the tennis court had been installed. It was reported that the works to the Dale Brook were still ongoing and the Chairman agreed to seek assurances that the adjacent footpath remains open.

Reference was also made to the Stay Local Campaign.

26/21 **TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION.**

There was nothing new to report.

27/21 **NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**

The Centre Charity Administrator outlined the recent services provided during the pandemic including food bags for elderly residents and bags containing ingredients for pancake day. It was hoped to be able to provide some 1000 Easter Eggs for children in the community. The “Alexandra Roadies” were hoping to erect scarecrows down the street and bunting at the Centre. The Chairman reported that a quote of £3,657.65 had been received from Cripwell’s for installing 12 new wall mounted heaters with individual controls and guards at the Centre including disposal of the old heaters and making good the paintwork. Whilst this was considered extremely good value it was noted that a quote was still awaited from Parkers (further to the meeting confirmed as £9,541.46).

Resolved:

That the quote from Cripwell’s of £3,657.65 for replacement heaters at the Centre be accepted unless a lower quote be received from Parkers in which case the matter be brought back for the Members to determine.

28/21 **REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

The planting of the Copper Beech Tree, replacement Acer and 6 Hornbeam trees in the Peace Wood was still delayed due to the weather.

It Was reported that negotiations to extend the existing grounds maintenance contract with A & M Gardening Services had been successful at agreeing prices in line with the current year with the addition of watering at a similar price to that previously undertaken by Idverde and

works around the Centre. In view of the recent failure of Idverde to fulfil its contractual obligations and the good service provided to-date by A & M, it was suggested that a 3-year extension to the contract be agreed with A & M to maintain continuity and to take into account the costs incurred upfront in providing a bowser for the watering.

Resolved:

That the existing contract with A & M Gardening Services be extended by 3 years on a rolling basis (to be reviewed each year), and be extended to cover the watering to beds, tubs and hanging baskets and works around the Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

29/21 ENGAGING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

There had been no recent activities due to the current lockdown regulations.

30/21 NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE/FACEBOOK

There was nothing new to report.

31/21 PARISH PLAN

It was reported that there had been 191 responses to the survey to-date. The members of the working group had agreed the basis of a format for the plan with a view to dividing it up between them and reporting back with an initial draft to the March meeting. It was agreed to extend the deadline for responses to the end of March 2021.

32/21 FINANCIAL REPORT

Members reviewed and agreed the accounts for the year up to 17th February 2021.

33/21 APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

An application for an annual management grant from Winshill Allotment Association will be submitted to the next meeting.

34/21 REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID

		£	cheque no	minute no
ESBC	Jan '21 Salaries Recharge	1,148.02	1304	211/19
Mazarsars	External Audit Fees	480.00	1307	211/19
Chairman	Remembrance Day Wreaths	40.00	1308	211/19

Resolved:

That payment of the above account is confirmed.

35/21 CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS

Concern was raised regarding the state of the verges following the gas works in Newfield and Wheatley Lanes. The County Councillor stated this was the responsibility of the contractor to put right and agreed to follow this up.

36/21 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Wednesday 17th March 2021 at 7.30 pm.

PART II

MATTERS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE

The meeting finished at 8.45 pm.

Chairman