



## WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held remotely by Zoom at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

### **Present:**

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

\* = also a Borough Councillor.

### **Also present:**

S Taylor (Clerk).

### **Apologies:**

There were apologies from Councillors Faulkner, Metcalfe and Lawrence.

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

There were no members of the public present.

The Chairman welcomed the new Member John Batten to the meeting.

### **PART I**

#### **1/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

#### **2/21 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020 were agreed and signed as a correct record of events.

#### **3/21 CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported that Trent & Dove in partnership with Burton Albion Community Trust were proposing “Covid Hero” Awards to honour those people who have been true heroes throughout the pandemic and deserve some recognition for their selfless acts of kindness. The Chairman proposed the Centre Charities Administrator, Kim Smith, who everyone agreed had done a brilliant job and gone the “extra mile” together with other volunteers in providing help and support to those most in need in the community including delivering numerous food parcels throughout the pandemic. During the discussion Kim temporarily left the meeting.

### **Resolved:**

That the Neighbourhood Resource Centre Administrator, Kim Smith, be put forward to receive a Covid Hero Award.

#### **4/21 FEEDBACK ON RECENT CRIME/ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

Councillor Wileman updated Members following the recent email from Paul Cotton of the Police. As a result of the recent measures undertaken in conjunction with the Borough Council and possibly recent inclement weather the incident rate had significantly dropped although there were problems reported in the nearby Buckingham Court area. It was suggested that the Police Protection Area currently covering the Canterbury Road Park be extended to cover this area enabling the police and council enforcement officers to issue fines following a warning.

#### **5/21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

- P/2020/01495 – First floor front extension at 12 Hilcrest Avenue
- P/2021/00016 – Erection of a front porch & conversion of outbuildings to ancillary accommodation at 58 Bearwood Hill
- P/2021/00024 – Erection of a single front & side extension at 120 Wheatley Lane (Revised scheme)

#### **6/21 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The County Councillor reported that following Storm Christoff there had been renewed concern from Newton Leys. The authorities are continuing to monitor the grill behind the properties, whilst looking at a long-term solution to the problem. Recent remedial work to the Dale Brook further downstream at Wheatley Lane had been completed, however the presence of untidy plastic netting/sheeting had been raised with the Borough Council. Work to clear the gulleys on Burton Bridge was in hand.

#### **7/21 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

There was nothing new to report.

#### **8/21 TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION.**

It was reported that the new plans for the Bargates area represented an improvement on those previous with the cafes and restaurants proposed together with the housing facing more towards the river.

#### **9/21 NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**

There was a brief discussion regarding the CAB telephone support during Covid. With the current contract coming towards an end, it was agreed that there was a need to reassess the level of support required.

The Centre Charity Administrator outlined the full extent of the services provided during the pandemic from delivering food hampers to those most in need and providing breakfasts and hot pork rolls for collection to helping to meet the needs of families with children at Christmas. Trent & Dove had helped alongside the local volunteers with generous food contributions from Morrison's and Farm Fresh and funding from the National Lottery.

A recent initiative involved the provision of slow cookers to deserving families.

It was noted that the Centre was being used for Covid testing on Thursday.

Members thanked Kim and her team for what it believed to be one of the best community responses to the pandemic in Staffordshire with people being helped not only in Winshill, but as far afield as Stapenhill, Horninglow and Rolleston.

10/21 **REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

The planting of the Copper Beech Tree, replacement Acer and 6 Hornbeam trees in the Peace Wood had been delayed due to the weather. The shrub plants for the hanging baskets and tubs were due to arrive at the Greenhouse Centre during the second week in March.

Councillor Bullock pointed out that the container had finally been removed from Newton Road Recreation Ground and suggested that the residual area be planted up with wildflowers. She had cleared the path through the woods with 70 kg of daffodils being planted along its edge.

11/21 **ENGAGING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE**

There had been no recent activities due to the pandemic although Burton Youth for Christ had been trying to positively engage with children on the park.

12/21 **NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE/FACEBOOK**

Councillor Lomas reported on recent activity on Facebook mainly related to the Parish Plan Survey.

13/21 **PARISH PLAN**

It was reported that there had been 172 responses to the survey to-date with several common themes emerging together with some very interesting comments. There was a need for more young people to respond as well as those over 75. Also, the responses from the Dalebrook area were on the low side. It was agreed to continue with the questionnaire whilst seeking ways to initiate a greater response from the above groups.

Overall, it was considered that people had come up with some great ideas which the Parish Council could act upon in conjunction with other organisations. Improving methods of communicating and getting information across to the public was also seen as a key issue for future consideration.

14/21 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Members reviewed and agreed the accounts for the year up to 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

15/21 **APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING**

There were no applications received.

16/21 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	cheque no	minute no
Survey Monkey	Questionnaire	408.00	1302	159/20
ESBC	Dec. Salaries Recharge	1,148.02	1303	211/19
Resource Centre	New Locks & Alarm	772.01	1305	211/19
Clerk	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Office Costs	156.38	1306	211/19

**Resolved:**

That payment of the above account is confirmed.

17/21 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

The Chairman agreed to ask the Borough Council to provide a handrail next to the steps towards the Newton Road tennis courts following the recent request as well as raise the issue of overflowing waste dog bins.

Councillor Lomas raised concerns of cars parking and churning up the grass around the Bretby Lane Island.

Concern was raised at the amount of litter on the streets, possibly due to staff absences and other Covid restrictions at the Borough Council.

18/21 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

**Resolved:**

That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7.30 pm.

**PART II**

**MATTERS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE**

The meeting finished at 8.45 pm.

Chairman