



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 19th May 2021.

Present:

Councillors J Batten, Rev. P Boshier, S Bullock, *R Faulkner, *D Fletcher, M Fletcher, A Lawrence, *M Metcalfe and K Smith.

* = also a Borough Councillor.

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk).

Apologies:

There were apologies from Councillors Lomas and Wileman.

MATTERS RAISED AT THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Chairman's Annual Report and the Annual Accounts were presented to the Annual Parish Meeting. The achievements of the Parish Council over the last year and the challenges resulting from the recent Corona Virus Pandemic were mentioned (see attached report).

The Clerk went through the finances including income and expenditure for the year ending 31st March 2021.

The Neighbourhood Resource Centre Charity Administrator outlined work carried out over the past year to help those people most in need during the recent hardships caused by the pandemic. (See attached report).

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no matters raised.

PART I

72/21 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2021/22

It was unanimously agreed that Councillor D Fletcher be elected as Chairman.

73/21 ELECTION OF VICE- CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2021/2022

It was unanimously agreed that Councillor Lomas be elected as Vice-Chairman.

74/21 ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE GRANTS TO ORGANISATIONS WORKING GROUP FOR THE YEAR 2021/2022

Councillors Lomas, Metcalfe and Smith were elected as members to the Grants to Organisations Working Group.

75/21 **ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE PARISH PLAN WORKING GROUP FOR THE YEAR 2021/2022**

Councillors D Fletcher, Faulkner, Lomas, Metcalfe, Smith and Wileman were elected as members to the Parish Plan Working Group.

76/21 **ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP FOR THE YEAR 2019/2020**

Councillors D Fletcher, Lomas, Metcalfe and Smith were elected as members to the Information and Publicity Working Group.

77/21 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

78/21 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st April 2021 were agreed and signed as a correct record of events.

79/21 **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Emma Eames The Dale Brook Footpath

80/21 **FEEDBACK ON RECENT CRIME/ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

There had been a further monthly update from the police.
Concern was expressed regarding the lack of a police response to reports from members of the public of potential illegal activity on Wheatley Lane Recreation Ground.

81/21 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Members considered and raised no objections with regards to the following applications:

- P/2021/00451 – Erection of a single storey side & rear extension at 11 Melbourne Avenue
- P/2021/00542 – Revised matters regarding new dwelling on land at Trentside 95 Newton Road
- P/2021/00556 – Erection of a dwelling at land adjoining 1 Eldon Street – Revised Scheme
- P/2021/00659 – Felling of a Willow and a Sycamore Tree at 128A Newton Road

82/21 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The connection from the gully on Newton Road near the park entrance requires excavating and repairing prior to the entrance being resurfaced on completion.

83/21 **BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

Patricia Ackroyd had been elected as Mayor for 2021/22.

84/21 **TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION FUND**

The Government had requested that plans to be worked up further with meaningful consultation.

85/21 **NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**

The Centre Charity Administrator's report is attached.

86/21 **REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

The tree guard to the Copper Beech Tree has now been erected. The wildflowers have also been sewn in the Peace Wood, in Vancouver Drive (2 locations) and on the area close to the roundabout at the top of Bretby Lane. The tubs are also being planted up, although there will be no competition this year. The community garden to the rear of the Centre has also been planted. It was reported that the Heart of England judging would be done remotely through submissions this year, whilst the "in your neighbourhood" submissions including the Community Centre, Wyndham Crescent and the Peace Wood would take place on 29th July. There will be no submission from Little Empire Road due to the illness of the main person involved. It was agreed that the Clerk write to them with the Parish Council's thanks and best wishes. To-date has been for a service to dedicate the Copper Beech Tree due to covid restrictions.

87/21 **ENGAGING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE**

Discussions were ongoing with Burton Albion Community Trust to agree an evening going forward for the youth clubs.

88/21 **NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE/FACEBOOK**

There was nothing new to report.

89/21 **PARISH PLAN**

The members of the working group were still working towards producing an initial draft as soon as possible.

90/21 **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

Members reviewed the risk assessment and approved the Annual Governance Statement for the year ending 31st March 2021.

91/21 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Members approved the final accounts for the year ending 31st March 2021.

92/21 **APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING**

Members considered the application for a donation towards a covid memorial at Tower View Primary School (councillor Boshier declared an interest as a governor and took no part in the decision making).

Resolved:

That a grant of £900 towards the cost of a covid memorial at Tower View School (estimated total cost £4,000).

93/21 REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID

		£	cheque no	minute no
ESBC	Feb'21 Salary Charges	1,148.02	1311	211/19
Winshill Allot. Ass.	Annual Grant	1,120.00	1312	50/21
Hardy Signs	Peace Wood Signs	215.52	1313	211/19
Comm. Heartbeat	Annual Defib.Charge	198.00	1314	211/19
Coles Nursery	Bedding Plants	1,729.72	1315	211/19
Bretby Garden Cent.	Bedding Plants	147.41	1316	211/19
Clerk	Jan – Mar '21 Office Costs	231.07	1317	211/19
M W Cripwell	New WNRC Radiators	4,389.18	1318	27/21
JRB Enterprise	Poop Scoop Bags	252.96	1319	211/19
ESBC	Mar'21 Salary Charges	1,148.02	1320	211/19

Resolved:

That payment of the above account is confirmed.

94/21 CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS

It was noted that the information boards at St Mark's Church and on Newton Road were worn and needed replacing.

Members were invited to a tour round Wheatley Lane Allotments on Saturday 22nd May at 10.00am.

95/21 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Resolved:

That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Wednesday 16th June 2021 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

WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Chair's Report to the Annual Meeting, 2021

RESOURCE CENTRE ADDITIONS AND ALTERATIONS

Despite the lock downs, it has been another very busy year. Work at the Centre has seen the replacement of all doors and windows, the fitting of new heaters throughout the building and, thanks to Aaron and his Trent and Dove Volunteers, the area outside the back door has been extended into a place where people can meet and chat. Following the completion of these projects, Trent and Dove Housing Association have granted us a ten-year lease which will help us to plan long term for the development of the Centre activities.

PLANTING

Preparations for Winshill In Bloom are well in hand. We were able to do the usual preparation of plants at the Greenhouse Centre whilst maintaining safe distancing. The raised beds have been prepared for planting in our attempt to create a Community Garden and the fruit trees have been removed to the land above the car park to create a community orchard. The woodland next to Newton Road Recreation Ground has been vastly improved with the clearing of scrub and the introduction of clear pathways. There has also been the addition of the Copper Beech Tree to the Peace woods as a memorial to those who died of Corona virus or during the pandemic. It is protected by a cast iron tree guard. We now need to arrange for a special ceremony as soon as larger numbers of people can gather outdoors.

PARISH PLAN

The response to the online questionnaire has been very encouraging and there have been lots of suggestions as to how we can improve Winshill. We are still in the process of collating all the information before moving on to the next step of preparing a new Parish Plan. All this takes time particularly as we have been unable to meet in person.

SUPPORT DURING THE PANDEMIC

Throughout the lock down, Winshill *Together* working under the umbrella of the Resource Centre has organised groups of volunteers to help vulnerable people in a number of ways: -

- Collecting and delivering medical prescriptions
- Putting together and delivering food parcels
- Providing personal contact to isolated individuals by telephone.

Kim Smith and her volunteers have, once again, worked tirelessly for the people of Winshill. *Winshill Together* were nominated as community champions with Trent and Dove and won their category.

SPEED WATCH

There is evidence that the speed signs have led to a reduction in speeding along Newton Road, but the statistics provided suggest there is still more to be done.

DEFIBRILATOR

The defibrillator stationed at the Centre is proving its worth.

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Finally, I would like to thank our Clerk, Steve Taylor for all the support, help and advice that he gives to the Parish Council and for the efficient way he manages its affairs.

Dennis Fletcher
Chair
May 2021

Winshill Neighbourhood Resource Centre
Centre Co-Ordinator Report – Kim Smith
WPC 2020/21

The Resource centre had to find a new way of working, to be able to support the community of Winshill due to the pandemic.

With a small team of volunteer's, which we named (Winshill Together) the centre was turned into a foodbank with volunteers befriending and supporting residents over the phone on a weekly basis, doing shopping, fetching prescriptions, and delivering fresh and ambient foods to those in need in the community.

During the lockdowns, hot food was cooked for residents to pick up along with activity sheets for the children.

We had so much help from different, groups, organisations, local councillors, and residents.

We were overwhelmed with the amount of support we had with the many donations and funding we received.

Our volunteers organised many competitions, delivered numerous care packages to the elderly, teenagers, and parents.

All the special times were also not forgot, Mother's Day and Father's Day treat bags were provided, Halloween goody bags, VE DAY afternoon teas, Christmas hampers, selection boxes and presents for all the family and so much more.

The volunteers were then rewarded for all their hard work with a Trent and Dove Covid Hero award and have also been nominated for a support Staffordshire award for our work with the over 65's.

The centre has also had many changes with new doors, window's, blinds, heaters, and a new outside patio area done by the Trent & Dove volunteer team.

The Resource centre this year has been a great support to the residents of Winshill and the surrounding areas.

We are re-opening slowly now that the lock down is easing, with some of the groups returning, such as Karate, slimming world, face to face meetings, Youth Club, and the health visiting team.