



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:

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

* = also a Borough Councillor.

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk).

Apologies:

There were apologies from Councillors Boshier, Lawrence and Smith.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

PART I

36/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors D Fletcher and M Fletcher declared an interest regarding the NRC Charity and Councillor Batten regarding the grant application from Winshill Allotment Association.

37/21 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th February 2021 were agreed and signed as a correct record of events.

38/21 CORRESPONDENCE

a) Trent & Dove Covid Heroes Awards Evening Friday 26th March 2021

The Chairman reported that he had follow up the request from Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant in helping to identify the County's unsung heroes in the Parish with respect to the work done by the Neighbourhood Resource Centre's Charity over the past 12 months.

39/21 FEEDBACK ON RECENT CRIME/ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

There had been a monthly update from the police as well as it being reported that following a recent assault in the vicinity of Jacobean Court and Berry Gardens the police had detained the likely offenders.

40/21 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

There were no new applications to consider.

41/21 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The County Councillor reported that the recent work to clear the gulleys on Highbank Road as well as the cutting back of hedges on Berry Hedge Lane. He had been allocated £7,500 for local projects and was considering improving the road drainage and access to Newton Road Park.

42/21 **BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

Reference was again made to the recent remedial works to the banks of the Dale Brook with fencing erected to protect the grass having fallen across the footpath. Councillor Falkner agreed to take the matter up with Mike Hovers at the Borough Council.

43/21 **TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION.**

There was a brief discussion about the proposed relocation of Burton Library of which there had been mention in the press and a petition against the move. It was reported that there would be further public engagement which would also consider the concerns being voiced.

44/21 **NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**

The Centre Charity was continuing to support the local community during the pandemic. At the recent Trustees meeting it was agreed to make the paved area to the rear of the Centre wider to accommodate the installation of an outdoor café area. A £2,000 grant was available to purchase the chairs and tables. These could be stored in the space created in the store shed by selling off any of the garden equipment now surplus to requirements and using any income received towards the project.

45/21 **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.

A &M Gardening Services had signed the extended contract for maintaining the beds; watering to beds, tubs and hanging baskets and works around the Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

Volunteers were working hard at the Centre to restock the raised beds so that the produce can be used for future deliveries from the charity. The fruit trees at the back of the Centre are to be transplanted to the rear of the car park to create a community orchard.

Mention was made to the damage caused to the planting area at the end of Dalebrook Road by a bus needing to take evasive action from a car being driven recklessly.

The three additional crosses and the plaque for the members of ANZAC related to a resident of Winshill who were killed during the World War would be installed later in the week.

46/21 **ENGAGING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE**

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

It was suggested that when restrictions are relaxed the youth club operate initially as a drop-in centre rather than an organised meeting night until things get more back towards normal.

47/21 **NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE/FACEBOOK**

There was a need to respond to two questions recently raised on the Facebook Page. These concerned the success of the previous Parish Plan and the proposed relocation of Burton Library. After a brief discussion, the Chairman and the Clerk agreed to reply to these in conjunction with Councillor Lomas.

48/21 **PARISH PLAN**

It was reported that there had been over 200 responses to the survey to-date. The members of the working group had helped to summarise the responses by dividing them up between themselves and reporting back. The next stage would be to come up with an initial draft by the end of April with a view to holding a public meeting once Covid regulations allowed. Concern was raised at the limited responses from people under 30 and over 75 years old.

49/21 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

50/21 **APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING**

Members considered the application for the annual management grant from Winhill Allotment Association. It was agreed to update the £15/plot agreed in 2016 to £16/plot up to a maximum of 70 occupied plots. Members were invited to visit the allotments to see the progress made.

Resolved:

That a management grant for 2021/22 for Winhill Allotment Association of £1,120 be approved.

51/21 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

| | | £ | cheque no | minute no |
|--------------------|-----------------|--------|-----------|-----------|
| Comm. Chicken Club | Grant for Fence | 426.69 | 1309 | 179/20 |
| Info. Commission | Annual Charge | 40.00 | 1310 | 211/19 |

Resolved:

That payment of the above account is confirmed.

52/21 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Problems raised were mainly to do with the Borough Council's functions of litter picking, weed spraying and dealing with fly tipping, with the worst areas affected being the top of Bretby Lane, the Dale Brook and Newton Road Park. It was agreed to take these matters up with the Borough Council, whilst it was accepted that they were having staffing problems due to the pandemic.

53/21 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Wednesday 21st April 2021 at 7.30 pm.

PART II

MATTERS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE

The meeting finished at 8.40 pm.

Chairman