



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 17th May 2023.

Present:

Councillors J Batten, Rev. P Boshier, S Bullock, *D Fletcher, M Fletcher, M Metcalfe, J Muir, and C Wileman (also a County Councillor). * = also a Borough Councillor.

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk).

Apologies:

There were apologies from Councillors Lawrence, North and *Smith.

MATTERS RAISED AT THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Chairman's Annual Report and the Annual Accounts were presented to the Annual Parish Meeting. This outlined the achievements of the Parish Council over the last year. (See attached report).

The Clerk advised that the internal audit of the accounts had been completed and went through the finances including income and expenditure for the year ending 31st March 2023.

The Neighbourhood Resource Centre Charity Manager's report outlining the work carried out over the past year with emphasis on the help given to residents during the cost-of-living crisis was read out by the Chairman.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

PART I

77/23 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2023/24

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

78/23 ELECTION OF VICE- CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2023/2024

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

79/23 ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE GRANTS TO ORGANISATIONS WORKING GROUP FOR THE YEAR 2023/2024

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

80/23 **ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE PARISH PLAN WORKING GROUP FOR THE YEAR 2023/2024**

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

81/23 **ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP FOR THE YEAR 2023/2024**

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

82/23 **ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE WINSHILL BLOOMERS WORKING GROUP FOR THE YEAR 2023/2024**

Councillors Bullock, D Fletcher, M Fletcher, North and Smith volunteered to be members of Winshill Bloomers.

83/23 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

84/23 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th April 2023 were agreed and signed as a correct record of events.

85/23 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported on the outcome of the Parish Council Elections.

86/23 **FEEDBACK ON RECENT CRIME/ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

Members considered the recent police update, with a reported 14% increase in local crime mainly due to vehicle theft and personal robbery. Anti-social behaviour has decreased although there was still a problem around the public open spaces and Buckingham Court.

87/23 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Members raised no objections to the following application:

P/2023/00398 – Erection of a pitched roof to partially converted garage at 107 Empire Road
P/2023/00458 – Erection of single/two storey extension & garage conversion at 98 Newton Rd
P/2023/00511 – Outline application to erect a dwelling in garden of 34 Newton Leys

88/23 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The County Councillor advised that the survey for the more substantial roundabout at the Ashby Road/Beaufort Road junction is planned for September. He gave notice of road maintenance works at Melbourne Avenue, Bretby Lane, Church Hill Street and the bottom of Bearwood Hill. There was a brief discussion on grass cutting with a suggestion that the County, Borough and Trent & Dove should look into the potential for a joint contract. Concerns were raised regarding the condition of the bollard on Stapenhill Road near the end of Spring Terrace Road.

89/23 **BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

The Chairman explained the changes in leadership at the Borough Council following the Borough Council Elections. He is now a cabinet member with responsibility for parks, open spaces, and the environment. The new council leader is Mick Fitzpatrick.

90/23 **THE COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS**

The Neighbourhood Resource Centre is still heavily involved in providing help and support to those most in need in the community.

91/23 **TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION/TRANSFORMING THE TRENT VALLEY**

The Trent Valley Partnership were pleased with the progress at Newton Road Park and a meeting had been arranged with the National Forest regarding the proposed orchard, which is subject to a National Lottery grant. The laying of the matting will be undertaken once the banks have been strimmed. The local Round Table have asked to be shown round the scheme on 15th June at 7.30 pm.

92/23 **NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**

The Members noted the written report from the Centre Manager.

93/23 **REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

Councillor M Fletcher reported that the plants had been purchased from Planters at a 40% discount plus special offers. Volunteers were helping to clear the Peace Wood and fill the hanging baskets. A special mention was made of the contribution made by the schools, Little Empire Road and Paul Steed towards helping to meet the 5th of July judging date.

94/23 **ENGAGING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE**

The youth club was currently running well.

95/23 **WEBSITE/FACEBOOK**

The articles for the next edition of the parish newsletter need to be received by June 21st (the date of the next meeting).

96/23 **PARISH PLAN**

There was nothing new to report.

97/23 **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

Members reviewed the risk assessment and approved the Annual Governance Statement for the year ending 31st March 2023.

98/23 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Members approved the final accounts for the year ending 31st March 2023.

99/23 APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

Members referred an application for a donation towards helping publicise the 22nd Burton St Mark's Scout Group to the Grants Working Group for further consideration.

100/23 REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID

		£	cheque no	minute no
A & M Gardening	Annual Contract/Newton Road	6485.00	1461	209/21
S Bullock	Seeds etc.	24.98	1462	209/21
Planters, Bretby	Plants	35.18	1463	209/21
SPCA/NALC	Annual Subscription	759.69	1464	209/21
E Roy	Annual Website Renewal	140.00	1465	209/21
C Stewart	Annual Audit Fees	200.00	1466	209/21

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

101/23 CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS

The Chairman advised the Members that the covid memorial tree (Copper Beach) had died and needed to be replaced. Councillor Bullock referred to the recurrence of Japanese Knotweed on Newton Road on Mr Pipes' land. It was suggested that a sign advising dog walkers of their responsibilities is required at Newton Road Park following recent events.

102/23 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Resolved:

That the next Meeting of the Parish Council be held on Wednesday 21st June 2023 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 9.00 pm.

Chairman