



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre 7.30 pm on Wednesday 15th February 2023.

Present:

Councillors J Batten, S Bullock, Faulkner*, D Fletcher*, M Fletcher, Lawrence, Metcalfe, Smith and C Wileman (also the County Councillor). *also a Borough Councillor.

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk).

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillors Boshier and Lomas.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

PART I

20/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

21/23 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th January 2023 were agreed and signed as a correct record of events.

22/23 CORRESPONDENCE

Bearwood Hill Allotment Association had written to thank the Parish Council for the grant given towards helping manage the plots. .

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

Members considered the recent police report which indicated an increase in theft related crimes over the past 12 months but a decrease in anti-social behaviour related incidents.

24/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members considered the following application

P/2023/00043 – Erection of a part single/part 2 storey extension at 1 Monsaldale Close
P/2023/00121 – Revised scheme for detached bungalow to the rear of 58 Salisbury Avenue
P/2023/00135 – Re-pollard 2 Lime Trees down to 5m height at 8 Alexandra Road

Members still raised objections to P/2023/00121 despite the revised plans regarding the parking arrangements. This was on the grounds that this single storey and cramped backland development would be out of keeping with the character and appearance of the neighbouring properties contrary to Policies 7 and 8 of the Winshill Neighbourhood Plan. Councillor Faulkner abstained from the discussion and vote.

25/23 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The County Councillor advised that the County had concluded its investigations on the flooding that had taken place at Newton Leys/Sales Lane and reported back to residents. The flash flood was the result of an extreme storm event not helped by the runoff from the adjacent saturated ploughed fields, increased urbanisation, and obstructions to the flow such as fence panels. The residents had been made aware of their responsibility as riparian owners of the brook with suggestions that fence panels over the brook be removed and higher concrete walls constructed to the sides of the brook. The Council for its part, would advise the farmer on the preferred direction of furrowing (parallel to the brook) as well as resisting any future development that is likely to increase surface water runoff.

26/23 **BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

Reference was made to the Borough Council's "warm spaces" grants and in particular its support for the Winshill Neighbourhood Centre and Trent & Dove.

27/23 **THE COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS**

The Neighbourhood Centre Charity had received funding from the Borough Council to enable it to act as a hub to provide a warm space, food, and provisions to those struggling with the cost-of-living situation. The Centre continued to be very busy providing support to residents. It was noted that it was important that the scheme was being implemented fairly and the Centre Manager advised that she had quite strict when necessary.

28/23 **TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION/TRANSFORMING THE TRENT VALLEY**

Work has started on the scheme to improve the riverbank and the woodland areas in Newton Road Recreation Ground. Idverde have carried out strimming within the woodland at a cost of £442. A local farmer (Simon) had cleared and taken away loads of brambles. Councillor Bullock asked for help in the week to help dig out the roots. To-date 3 owl boxes and 7 bird boxes have been put up in the woods. The work along the riverbank will commence on the 6th March followed by the area of meadow and wildflower planting. It is planned publicise the project on Facebook and through the Burton Mail with a meeting also arranged with the Borough Council's Marketing Manager.

29/23 **NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**

The Centre Manager reported on events at the Centre and in particular recent covid clinics to help encourage local residents to take up the vaccine.

30/23 **REVIEW OF PLANTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

Councillor M Fletcher advised Members of a RHS seminar organised for 16th March with the Heart of England in Bloom competitions likely focussing on community and volunteers. The entry forms for this year's competitions have been completed and sent off.

Work has recently been undertaken in the Peace Wood and a noticeboard erected by the Borough Council. A meeting of Winshill Bloomers will be organised in the near future.

31/23 **ENGAGING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE**

There was nothing new to report with the youth club still well attended.

32/23 **WEBSITE/FACEBOOK**

The notice boards still require some attention, particularly the one by the bus stop.

33/23 **PARISH PLAN**

It was agreed that a further meeting should be arranged for Wednesday 1st March at 6.00 pm.

34/23 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Members reviewed and agreed the Accounts on 15th February 2023.

35/23 **APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING**

Members considered a request for a start-up grant from Winshill Rainbows and a bid from St Mark's Bumps and Babies towards child safe equipment.

Resolved:

- That a £500 grant be given to Winshill Rainbows to enable them to start-up again after Covid
- That a grant of £159 be given to ST. Mark's Bumps and Babies towards the purchase of child safe equipment

36/23 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	cheque no	minute no
ESBC	Dec'22 Salary Costs	1144.43	1444	219/21
Parkers	Resource Centre Electrics	2547.29	1445	219/21
S Bullock	Gardening Equipment	8.98	1446	219/21
JRB Enterprise	Poop Scoop Bags	273.60	1447	219/21
Bearwood Hill Allot.	Management Grant	330.00	1448	16/23
Clerk	3 rd Quarter Office Costs & Equip.	115.02	1449	219/21

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

37/23 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

It was reported that the Winshill in Bloom sign at the bottom of Dale Brook had been knocked over. Concerns were raised regarding a multiple dog walker on the park not clearing up their poop. It was agreed to refer this matter to the Borough Council.

38/23 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

That the next Meeting of the Parish Council be held on Wednesday 15th March 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 9.15 pm.

Chairman