



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre 7.30 pm on Wednesday 19th July 2023.

Present:

Councillors J Batten, Rev. P Boshier, D Fletcher (also a Borough Councillor), M Fletcher, M Metcalfe, I North, and C Wileman (also the County Councillor).

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk).

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillors Bullock, Lawrence, Muir and Smith.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

PART I

122/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

123/23 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st June 2023 were agreed and signed as a correct record of events.

124/23 CORRESPONDENCE

Dawn Wain from Dalebrook had raised the ongoing problems with groups of male and female youths on Wheatly lane Park, at weekends and school holidays drinking playing loud music some evenings to 2-3 in the morning. She was looking to gain support to have a bench removed from the park that is behind the houses on Dalebrook Road. The Parkour concrete gym is also continually covered by broken glass and rubbish as well as graffiti. Residents are continually reporting the anti-social behaviour to the local police and 101, as well as having contacted East Staff Borough Council to come and clean up the mess. Members agreed to raise these concerns further with the police and Borough Council.

125/23 FEEDBACK ON RECENT CRIME/ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Members noted the recent 45% decrease in overall crime in the area, with the main problems being that of anti-social behaviour and vehicle related theft.

126/23 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Members raised no objections to the following application:

P/2023/00683 – Conversion of existing garage to hair salon at 17 Herbert Street

P/2023/00709 – Raising crown and associated works to Beech tree at 138 Alexandra Road

P/2023/00804 – Re-pollarding of Ash tree at the Sump, 114 Newton Road

127/23 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The County Councillor reported that resurfacing works would be carried out to Bretby Lane and Empire Road during August, followed by surface patching to Melbourne Avenue, Church Hill Street and Newton Road outside the Park. The roundabout at Ashby Road is due to be reconstructed between the 2nd October and 5th November with traffic management measures required to be in place.

128/23 **BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

The Chairman reported on the proposals that the newly elected administration had for the Borough. These were under the main areas of:

- Tackling the cost-of-living crisis
- Tackling enviro-crime
- Supporting local communities
- New green deal
- Protecting our heritage
- Improving the Washlands
- Housing and Planning
- Economic growth
- Local Democracy

129/23 **THE COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS**

It was noted that the Centre Charity would be providing some summer holiday food bags as well as running a "Snack Attack" holiday club on Wednesdays and Fridays. Farm Fresh Revolution will continue to run from the Centre rather than the schools as they can provide for families from all the schools as well as other members of the community.

130/23 **TRANSFORMING THE TRENT VALLEY- NEWTON ROAD PARK**

The sticky weed still needing to be pulled up before the end of July when the harrowing is planned. There is no date on the matting arrival yet. The judges for RHS Burton and Winshill in Bloom seemed very impressed. It is proposed to colour code all woods (when open) as to their accessibility for pushchairs, disabled and wheelchair use as not all will have the accessibility.

The Community Orchard is progressing well.

A Bug Hunt will be organised for August and also TTTV have their Celebration in The Park at Newton Road Park on 9 September 11 am till 3 pm.

Sticky grass pulling will take place 7 mornings a week (unless heavy rain) from 9 am if anyone has any free time to help starting Saturday 22 July.

A walk and talk around the park is being considered for people that are interested as well as elderly and socially isolated that don't get out much and make friends. This hopefully will improve their mental well-being.

Councillor North arrived at this point (approx..8.00 pm) having previously given his apologies.

131/23 **NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**

The Centre Manager's report was circulated. It was noted that the Parish Fayre would be on 20th August between 11.30 am and 4.30 pm. Posters and the Facebook page advertising the event would be done in the coming week and Members were asked to help share the posts. The Members asked for an itemised cost breakdown to be provided regarding the proposed £2,000 donation towards the Parish Fayre. They also asked that the contribution made by the Parish Council in supporting the event be publicised.

132/23 **THE ENVIRONMENT, PLANTING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

It was reported that the Heart of England in Bloom judging on 5th July had gone well, with the results expected by October. Some 30 people had attended the buffet at the Centre as part of the presentation on the day. The Members expressed their gratitude to everyone who had been involved in helping the to make the event a success.

133/23 **ENGAGING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE**

It was noted that the youth club would be running in the day during the 6-week holiday period.

134/23 **WEBSITE/FACEBOOK**

It was agreed that the notice board next to the bus stop in Hawfield Lane be relocated in Wheatley Lane Allotments and that a suitable person be asked to carry out the work.

135//23 **PARISH PLAN**

After some debate it was agreed that the Parish Plan working group allocate the delivery of action areas listed below for the current year to the various working groups where possible.

1. Publish a Parish Newsletter
2. Organise community action days – possibly starting with the Dale Brook area?
3. Banners to better publicise the Parish Fayre
4. Acquire small trees for residents to take home and plant
5. Discuss net-zero initiative for the Community Centre
6. Look into electric vehicle charging points
7. Possibility of improving area of Nelson 's Stores and former DIY shop
8. Review the Neighbourhood Plan
9. Installation of outdoor gym equipment on Newton Road Park
10. Bringing sports clubs together to reach out to the community

136//23 **WORKING GROUPS**

Please see the attached report which was discussed and agreed.

137/23 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Members reviewed and agreed the Accounts on 19th July 2023.

138/23 **APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING**

The application for funding from Winshill Scouts was still awaiting for details/costs of the proposal to be provided.

139/23 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	cheque no	minute no
ESBC	Salary Costs	1,144.43	1472	212/22
Planters	Plants	708.07	1473	212/22
J Batten	Plants, etc.	18.47	1475	212/22
A&M Gardening	Grounds Maintenance	3,220.00	1476	212/22

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

140/23 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

The Clerk asked members if they still wished to go ahead with the repair of the Speed Indicator Sign as the previous operator of the equipment, Graham Lomas, was no longer a councillor and available. Members agreed to go ahead with the repair and also to write to Graham and thank him for the invaluable contribution he had made to the Parish over recent years.

141/23 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

That the next Meeting of the Parish Council be held on Wednesday 16th August 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

WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL WORKING GROUPS (July 2023)

The purpose of the working groups is to consider issues and report back to the Parish Council, making recommendations as necessary. The working groups can appoint a spokesperson, but there is no requirement to take minutes of meetings.

Unlike working groups committees are much more formal, often have budgets delegated to them, and therefore need to keep appropriate minutes of meetings and decisions taken. They also need to appoint a Chair and report back to the Parish Council.

Winshill have working groups dealing with publicity, grants to organisations, the Parish Plan and planting/Peace Wood. The current funds in the budget for these areas are £1000, £3000, £3000 and £6000 respectively.

In addition, the Parish Council looks to facilitate services within the community and makes funds available to others including the Centre Charity (£21000), the CAB (£5500), the Parish Fair (£2000) and Youth Work (£1000).

It is good practice/important that the principle of any expenditure given to outside organisations is agreed in advance (with detailed estimates provided where necessary) by the Parish Council prior to any moneys being committed. Similarly, estimates need to be agreed regarding internal budgets with the actual expenditure being reported and recorded in the minutes. In the rare event of the need to make an urgent payment, this should be agreed by the Chairman and the Clerk and reported to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

For information expenditure to-date for the above is as follows:

Publicity – Nil

Grants to Organisations - £800 (Winshill Allotments)

Parish Plan - £341.28 (poop scoop bags)

Planting/Peace Wood - £2,263.46 (£285.15 – Peace Wood beds and roses, £24.98 Newton Road plants, £765.26 compost and bedding plants, £708.07 plants/adopt a tub & £480 work to Bretby Lane roundabout).

Centre Charity - £21000

CAB - £5500

Parish Fayre – Nil

Youth Work - Nil

Steve Taylor - Clerk