



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre 7.30 pm on Wednesday 21st August 2024.

Present:

Councillors J Batten, S Bullock, D Fletcher (also a Borough Councillor), M Metcalfe, J Muir, I North, K Smith (also a Borough Councillor) and C Wileman (also a County Councillor).

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk).

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillors Boshier, M Fletcher and Lawrence.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

PART I

134/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Smith declared an interest with regards to her role with the Centre Charity.

135/24 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th July 2024 were agreed and signed as a correct record of events.

136/24 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk brought the Parish.UK website to Members attention as it provides data on all parish councils and attempts to get local businesses to subscribe to be included on its site.

137/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members considered the following applications:

- P/2024/00606 – Retention of shipping container for storage purposes at St Mark’s Church
- P/2024/00617 – First floor rear extension to flat at Queen’s Fish Bar West Street
- P/2024/00711 - Change of use from C3 to C2 children’s care home at 14 Ashby Road
- P/2024/00766 – Felling of Silver Birch Tree at 100 Newton Road
- P/2024/00777 – First floor extension at Trentside, 95 Newton Road
- P/2024/00797 – Crown raising/pruning of Yew tree at 199 Newton Road

Members raised objections to P/2024/00766 to fell a Silver Birch tree at 100 Newton Road as it is considered an important part of the street scene.

138/24 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The County Councillor gave an update on the work to the Swan Junction. The carriageway across Burton Bridge were due to be returned to four lanes as soon as possible and work to improve the traffic lights completed by the end of the month. A forum to consider how to improve the flood risk at Newton Leys was being set up to include affected residents, local authorities and the Environment Agency. Tower View School is looking at converting to Academy Status.

139/24 **BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

The Chairman in his capacity as a Borough Councillor reported on the two forums to consider climate change and town centre parking charges. The grounds maintenance contract was being reviewed along with the policy on tree planting with respect to biodiversity. Other issues under consideration were the use of weedkillers, fly tipping, a food waste collection service and the charges for garden waste collection. . An energy audit was being conducted to include an operations appraisal and education programme regarding the carbon footprint.

140/24 **THE COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS**

There Centre Charity was still helping people from all over the Burton area.

141/24 **NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**

The Centre Charity had organised a trip to Skegness for 150 people. The Parish Fayre was well attended and reported as being the best to-date

142/24 **TOWARDS A CARBON NEUTRAL WINSHILL**

The recent changes in regulations regarding the installing solar panels at the Centre meant that there was a delay of 8 weeks to undertake a redesign and allow a period for objections.

143/24 **THE ENVIRONMENT, PLANTING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

The Chairman thanked everyone who had been involved in the organisation and planting for the Heart of England and Britain in Bloom competitions and judging days.

144/24 **ENGAGING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE**

The youth clubs were continuing to run during the daytime in the school holidays. Some of the children would move up from the younger group to the older group in September.

145/24 **WEBSITE/FACEBOOK**

Concern had been raised by some of the residents of Newfield Road regarding the trees to the rear of their gardens.

146//24 **PARISH PLAN**

Further community action days had been arranged for the 25th September and 16th November. There was also going to be a rubbish collection/amnesty day on 15th November.

The lack of a police presence in Winshill was a cause of concern, not helped by one of the two local community officers being off long term sick. More generally Members expressed a view that

policing in the town was an issue with the poor condition of the flag over the police station sending out the wrong message.

147/24 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Members reviewed and agreed the Accounts for Period ending 21st August 2024.

148/24 **APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING**

It was reported that the cost of running the Parish Fayre had gone over the £2,500 budget.

Resolved:

That n additional £200 towards the Parish Fayre be agreed.

149/24 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	cheque no	minute no
Planters	Plants etc.	76.16	1554	215/23
NRC Charity	In Bloom Buffets	354.32	1555	215/23
SPCA	Annual Subscription	788.00	1557	215/23
Information Commission	Annual Fees	40.00	1558	215/23
ESBC	July 24 Salaries Charge	1144.43	1559	215/23
NRC Charity	Farish Fayre Contribution	2,500.00	1560	215/23

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

150/24 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

It was reported that the overgrowing hedges on Ashby Road were again in need of attention.

151/24 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

That the next Meeting of the Parish Council be held on Wednesday 18th September 2024 at 7.30 pm.

PART II

MATTERS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE

There were no confidential matters to discuss.

The meeting finished at 9.15 pm.

Chairman