



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre
7.30 pm on Wednesday 17th July 2024.

Present:

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

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk), Rosemary Marsden & Terry Marsden (residents of Highfield Drive).

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillor Lawrence.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The residents of Highfield Drive were still very concerned regarding the environmental impact of work already undertaken and proposed by the new owner of No. 2 Highfield Drive to remove mature trees covered by TPOs , with plans to then erect security gates and fencing.

Both County Councillor Wileman and Borough Councillor D Fletcher had already investigated their concerns and agreed to try and help where possible within their respective council's legal powers.

PART I

116/24 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

117/24 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th June 2024 were agreed and signed as a correct record of events.

118/24 **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was nothing new to report.

119/24 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Members considered the following applications:

P/2024/00598 – Extensive work/felling to various trees covered by TPOs at 2 Highlands Drive
P/2024/00540 – Variation to planning permission for 16 bungalows at 89A Bearwood Hill Road
P/2024/00224 – Retention & Alteration to fence at 8 Dalebrook Road

Members raised very strong objections to P/2024/00598 to fell various established trees covered by TPOs in view of the environmental impact of such action and more specifically the effect on the character of the area and harm to wildlife.

120/24 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The County Councillor advised Members regarding the traffic management measures associated with the major resurfacing of the Swan Junction. Bearwood Hill road was to be shut from 23rd July until 1st August and there would be exit only from Newton Road until 5th August. Between the 12th and 19th August there would be lane closures across Burton Bridge with road closures overnight between 8 pm and 5am. The signals would also be adjusted as part of the works.

121/24 **BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

The Borough Councillor advised that the redevelopment works at the Bargates was progressing and would be completed in 2025. The planning for the revamping of the Washlands/High Street was well ahead.

122/24 **THE COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS**

There was nothing further to report on the Cost-Of-Living Crisis.

123/24 **NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**

The Centre was currently providing advice to residents with cash flow problems due to changes in their Universal Credit arrangements.

124/24 **TOWARDS A CARBON NEUTRAL WINSHILL**

The Ward Enhancement Grant request for installing solar panels at the Centre had been approved and it was expected that work would commence on 12th August 2024.

125/24 **THE ENVIRONMENT, PLANTING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

It was reported that the judging on 3rd July had gone well, although the results wouldn't be known until September/October. The judges had offered advice regarding the Britain in Bloom judging taking place on 6th August. This would include Newton Road Park, the Peace Wood, Winshill Allotments, Little Empire Road and the Neighbourhood Resource Centre. A banner provided by the RHS had been displayed outside the Centre.

The judging of the annual gardening awards including adopt a tub was taking place on 19th July with certificates being awarded at an event later in October.

126/24 **ENGAGING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE**

It was noted that the youth clubs would run during the daytime in the school holidays.

127/24 **WEBSITE/FACEBOOK**

There was nothing new to report.

128//24 **PARISH PLAN**

There was nothing new to report.

129/24 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Members reviewed and agreed the Accounts for Period ending 17th July 2024.

130/24 **APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING**

Members agreed the funding of £2,500 towards the Parish Fayre in accordance with the budget.

131/24 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	cheque no	minute no
Planters	Plants etc.	206.94	1549	215/23
JRB Enterprise	Poop Scoop Bags	273.60	1550	215/23
Clerk	Apr. – Jun. Office Costs	123.77	1551	215/23
ESBC	Jun. 24 Salaries Charge	1144.43	1552	215/23
Burton YFC	Grant	330.00	1553	215/23

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

132/24 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

There were questions raised about grass cutting generally and specifically the work undertaken by A&M Gardening for the Parish Council. Councillor Muir advised that Alexandra Road would be closed the following Saturday afternoon for a residents' event. The Lombardy Poplars near the Tennis courts in Newton Road had been cut down and the wood put to good use in the park.

133/24 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

That the next Meeting of the Parish Council be held on Wednesday 21st August 2024 at 7.30 pm.

PART II

MATTERS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE

There were no confidential matters to discuss.

The meeting finished at 8.45 pm.

Chairman