



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 15th May 2024.

Present:

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

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk), Mark Whiffin, Mia Shenton, Finley Dowell (residents of Nelson Street), Rosemary Marsden, Terry Marsden and John Bell (residents of Highfield Drive).

Apologies:

There were apologies from Councillors Lawrence and Muir.

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 2024.

The Neighbourhood Resource Centre Charity Manager outlined the work carried out over the past year with emphasis on the ongoing help given to residents during the cost-of-living crisis, the support to community groups meeting at the centre and the organisation of the Parish Fayre and the weekly youth clubs.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There residents of Nelson Street raised their concerns regarding the lack of on-street parking during National Grid works and the recent problems of getting tickets from the police for parking on the footpath or too close to the junction. It was generally accepted that parking was a problem in the area and that there was no simple solution. The County Councillor agreed to see what he could do to help including speaking to the police. .

The residents of Highfield Drive were very concerned regarding the environmental impact of work undertaken by the new owner of No. 2 Highfield Drive to remove mature trees (possibly covered by TPOs), with plans to then erect security gates and fencing. The Borough Council Planning Officers had been informed and were involved. The residents wanted clarification as to who is responsible for the main drive, which trees are covered by TPOs, together with assurances regarding the future access to their properties.

Both County Councillor Wileman and Borough Councillor D Fletcher agreed to investigate the highway and planning aspects of their concerns as a matter of urgency.

PART I

73/24 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2024/25

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

74/24 ELECTION OF VICE- CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2024/2025

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

75/24 ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE GRANTS TO ORGANISATIONS WORKING GROUP FOR THE YEAR 2024/2025

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

76/24 ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE PARISH PLAN WORKING GROUP FOR THE YEAR 2023/2024

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

77/24 ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP FOR THE YEAR 2023/2024

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

78/43 ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE WINSHILL BLOOMERS WORKING GROUP FOR THE YEAR 2023/2024

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

79/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Smith declared an interest regarding the NRC Charity.

80/24 MINUTES

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

81/24 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported on the Borough Council's Green Week and Fun Weekend taking place during the middle of June in the Marketplace.

82/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No planning applications had been received.

83/24 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Wileman reported on the plan to introduce electric buses on routes 8 and 9.

84/24 **BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

The Chairman reported that the Borough Council was investigating potential future no-mow/wildflower areas in the interest of biodiversity. He stated that residents of affected areas would be consulted first with reference to Brookside,

The Borough Council were planning to introduce a subscription based green waste service for those who opted to have a bin. The annual charge was yet to be determined.

85/24 **THE COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS**

The Centre Charity was continuing to provide support to those in most need. Extra funding to support the Centre was available until September.

86/24 **NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**

The Centre Manager referred to her earlier report to the Annual Parish Meeting.

87/24 **TOWARDS A CARBON NEUTRAL WINSHILL**

The Ward Enhancement Grant request for installing solar panels at the Centre had been resubmitted on behalf of the Centre Charity. There were still some outstanding matters to resolved regarding who would be responsible for the future repair and maintenance.

88/24 **THE ENVIRONMENT, PLANTING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

Mention was made of the 80-year anniversary of D-Day being remembered in the Peace Wood with banners and red, white and blue plants. Assistance was sought to help plant up the beds and planters with Planters at Bretby again giving a 50% discount on plant purchases. A £30 allowance would be given to those organisations wishing to sponsor and plant up a tub. The judging for the Heart of England in Bloom will take place on 3rd July and for Britain in Bloom on 6th August.

89/24 **ENGAGING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE**

There was nothing new to report on this item.

90/24 **WEBSITE/FACEBOOK**

Councillor Bullock gave an update on the Facebook Page.

91//24 **PARISH PLAN**

It was reported that St Mark's church needed funding towards its roof repairs. Members agreed to the request from St Mark's Church to support their bid to the Borough Council's Ward Enhancement Scheme towards the cost of roof repairs.

92/24 **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

Members reviewed the risk assessment and approved the Annual Governance Statement for the year ending 31st March 2024.

93/24 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Members approved the final accounts for the year ending 31st March 2024.

94/24 **APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING**

Members considered an application for a grant from Burton Youth for Christ towards assisted learning in schools. It was agreed that more information was required before giving this proper consideration, bearing in mind it would relate to the school year starting in September 2024

95/24 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	cheque no	minute no
Various	Plants etc for Newton Road	199.01	1533	225/23
Amazon	Litter Picking Equipment	499.38	1534	225/23
Eric Roy	Web Site Hosting etc	150.00	1535	225/23
A & M Gardening	Grounds Maintenance	3626.00	1536	225/23
CAB	Annual Advisory Service	5500.00	1537	225/23
Various	Tower View Grant/Plants	186.90	1538	225/23
Clerk	Jan.24 – Mar. 24 Office Costs	99.49	1539	225/23
ESBC	Apr. 24 Salaries Charge	1144.43	1541	225/23

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

96/24 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Mention was made of the motor bikes being ridden around Newton Road Park. The police had been informed but had taken no action to-date.

97/24 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

That the next Meeting of the Parish Council be held on Wednesday 19th June 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

Report of the Chair to the Annual Parish Meeting 15th May, 2024

Following the completion of our third Parish Plan in 2022-23 a Parish Plan sub-committee was formed to guide and oversee the implementation of its Action Plan. Copies of the Action Plan with completed or ongoing works highlighted are available. There have now been three community action days with two more in the pipeline. We have produced a discussion document, “Towards a Carbon Neutral Winshill” which will help to guide our actions on Environment and Climate Change.

The Resource Centre continues to be the central hub for the Winshill community and caters for everyone during these difficult times. The continued success of the Centre is down to the Centre Manager Kim Smith supported by the Centre Trustees and volunteers. The Centre hosts the food bank, the breakfast club, the luncheon club and the youth club as well as co-ordinating the many social activities.

The Parish Council continues to fund the Resource Centre, the Parish Fair and South Derbyshire Citizen’s Advice Bureau to continue provide a service for the people of Winshill.

Winshill in Bloom continued to provide colour to the parish with its many hanging baskets and planters and the In Bloom competitions culminated in a Presentation Evening in October.

In RHS Heart of England in Bloom Winshill achieved Gold awards or its equivalent in both our Parks entries (Newton Road and Mill Hill Lane) in It’s Your Neighbourhood entries (Newton Road Wildlife Woodland, Wheatley lane Allotments, Wyndham Wonders, the Neighbourhood Resource Centre and Little Empire Road) whilst Elizabeth Court achieved a Silver equivalent. In the Urban category, Winshill achieved its 10th Gold award and has been nominated to represent Heart of England in the national finals this year.

The Parish Council continues to provide annual grants to its Allotment Associations and makes grant funding available to many other local organisations.

We attempt to keep the community informed of our activities via notice boards at the Centre, in the Peace wood, on Newton Road Park and on Bearwood Hill Road. We also communicate through our website at

Winshill.info, through the Resource Centre website and the Winshill in Bloom website.

I would like to thank the many, many volunteers in so many different areas without who make Winshill the success that it is.

The Parish Council has successfully supported the Burton Canoe Club in its bid to East Staffordshire Borough Council's Ward Enhancement Fund to provide new landing stages at the club. The bid for solar panels for the Centre was also successful but there are further negotiations needed for it to go ahead.

I would like to thank my fellow Parish Councillors for their continued help and support, our many partners including schools and churches and Trent and Dove Housing; Paul Steed at the greenhouse Centre, East staffs Borough Council; A & M Gardening ; Planters at Bretby for their continued sponsorship and, finally,our Parish Clerk, Steve Taylor for his wise advice and his support throughout the year.

**Dennis Fletcher
Chair
15th May, 2024**