



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre 7.30 pm on Wednesday 15th October 2025.

Present:

Councillors J Batten, S Bullock, D Fletcher (also a Borough Councillor), M Metcalfe, A Lawrence, and I North.

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk).

Apologies:

Councillors M. Fletcher, J Muir, K Smith and C Wileman.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

PART I

174/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Lawrence declared an interest with regards to the Centre Charity.

175/25 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th September 2025 were agreed and signed as a correct record of events. It was agreed at the request of Cllr North that the sequence of events under Minute 152/25 of the August meeting should have read “There was some disagreement on how the budget for youth work should be used. Following a remark made by the Chairman concerning two of the Members, Councillor Smith went into her office thereby leaving the meeting. Councillor North then proposed a vote of no confidence in the Chairman which was not seconded. At this point Councillor North left the meeting”.

176/25 CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman had responded to East Staffordshire Borough Council regarding a map and a table showing the children’s play areas, amenity green space, public parks and gardens, cemeteries, allotments, publicly accessible semi-natural and natural green spaces they know of within the parish. The Chair agreed to report back to the Borough Council. To the areas listed he had added the amenity green spaces at Brookside, land at the top of Edon Street/Herbert Street and land off Dalebrook Road.

177/25 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Members considered the following planning consultation:

P/2025/00892 – Permission in principle to erect 6 one-bedroom flats at 15-25 Nelson Street

P/2024/01101 – Application to vary condition 5 (P/2024/00711) for the change of use from C3 to C2 children's care home for up to 4 no. children and associated external works including formation of a parking area to enable vehicular access to the premises from Highfield Drive to 14 Ashby Road

P/2025/01124 – Felling of Ash Tree (T1 of TPO396) at 209 Ashby Road

P/2025/01154 – Installation of external wall insulation and render to all elevations at 3 Moat Bank

P/2025/01158 – Change of use of dwelling (Class C3) to children's care home (Class C2) for up to 2 children at 35 Kinver Road

P/2025/01160 – Outline application for 2 dwellings including details of means of access, layout and scale at 3 Durban Close

Members wished to object to P/2025/01124 as it would be detrimental to the treescape and wished to raise concerns about the number of parking spaces provided with regards to P/2025/00892.

Objections were raised in respect of P/2025/01160 on the grounds that the development would be cramped so as to be detrimental to the amenity of the neighbouring properties and the future occupants; and P/2024/00711 on the grounds that the increased traffic on Highfield Drive would be detrimental to public/highway safety.

178/25 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The County Councillor was not present.

179/25 **BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

There was nothing new to report.

180/25 **THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSALS TO REORGANISE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.**

There was nothing new to report.

181/25 **NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE CHARITY**

The Charity had had its AGM the previous day and consequently had not had time to send a full Trustee Report. The trustees of the charity had not changed.

It was suggested that the CAB provide a quarterly report like the one they have provided to Eton & Horninglow Parish Council.

182/25 **THE ENVIRONMENT, PLANTING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

It was reported that the plants had been purchased for the winter planting.

183/25 **WEBSITE/FACEBOOK**

Councillor Bullock agreed to post the Remembrance Day arrangements on Facebook.

184/25 **APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING**

There were no new applications for funding.

185/25 FINANCIAL REPORT

Members reviewed and agreed the Accounts for the Period ending 15th October 2025. The Clerk reported that the External Audit had been completed and the report put on the Website. Following the recent request made by Cllr Lawrence it was agreed that the budget item for “Youth Work” would in future be exclusively for the Youth Club at the Resource Centre and that an application be made for funds this financial year, with a grant being given in future years subject to such funding being ring fenced. It was agreed to review the Financial Regulations at the December meeting.

186/25 REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID

		£	cheque no	minute no
A & M Gardening	Grounds Maintenance	3,500.00	1618	215/23
ESBC	Sep 2025 Salary Charges	1,262.87	1619	215/23
Centre Charity	Parish Fayre Funding	2,500.00	1020	215/23

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

187/25 CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS

It was agreed that a holly bush blocking part of the footpath from a property in Alexandra Road be reported to the County Councillor. Whilst concerns were raised regarding the lack of a police response to issues reported at Newton Road Park there had been a quick response by the PCSO to a break in at Winshill Allotments. It was suggested that the Police and Crime Commissioner be invited to attend a future meeting.

188/25 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Resolved:

That the next Parish Council Meeting be held on Wednesday 19th November at 7.30 pm.

PART II

MATTERS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE

There were no matters of a confidential nature.

The meeting finished at 8.30 pm.

Chairman