



Winhill Parish Plan



A Plan For Our Community
2022—2026



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Introduction

At Winshill Parish Council we are, I believe, justifiably proud of our achievements over the nineteen years of our existence.

From the outset we aimed: -

- To make Winshill a place of which we can all be proud.
- To make Winshill a place where all who live there feel they have a stake in their community.
- To make Winshill a place where people feel their opinions are valued.
- To represent the people of Winshill and put their hopes and aspirations at the top of our agenda.

It was not long before we realised that to further those aims we needed to consult with the people to ascertain their desires. It did, however, seem reasonable for us to assume they would want :-

- To be able to walk around safely and free from intimidation.
- To keep the area free from over-development and ensure that such developments as there are, are in keeping with the surroundings.
- To ensure Winshill has a clean, litter free environment.
- To ensure there will be adequate provision of areas where children can play safely.
- To see our parks and open spaces protected and improved in a way which satisfies the needs of the majority.

We produced our first Parish plan in 2009 following consultations in 2008. Our second Parish Plan was produced in 2013. In both cases we produced an Action Plan to guide our future activities.

I believe that as a result of our actions Winshill is a very different place from what it was in 2003.

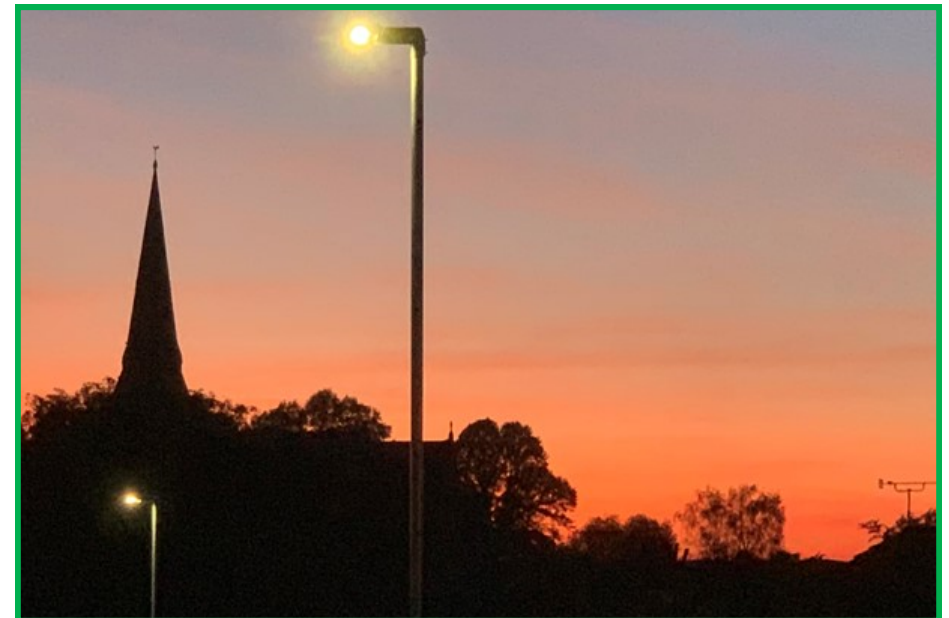
For a list of our achievements please refer to the section “Winshill Parish Council 2003 – 2022” on page 5.

This document contains a lot of interesting facts and information about Winshill including its history. By far the most important section, however, is the Action Plan which sets out what we intend to do over the next three or four years based on the results of our consultation. We hope that you will keep the plan and judge us against those stated intentions.

May I thank you all for the time and care you took in responding to our survey.

Dennis Fletcher

Chair of Winshill Parish Council.

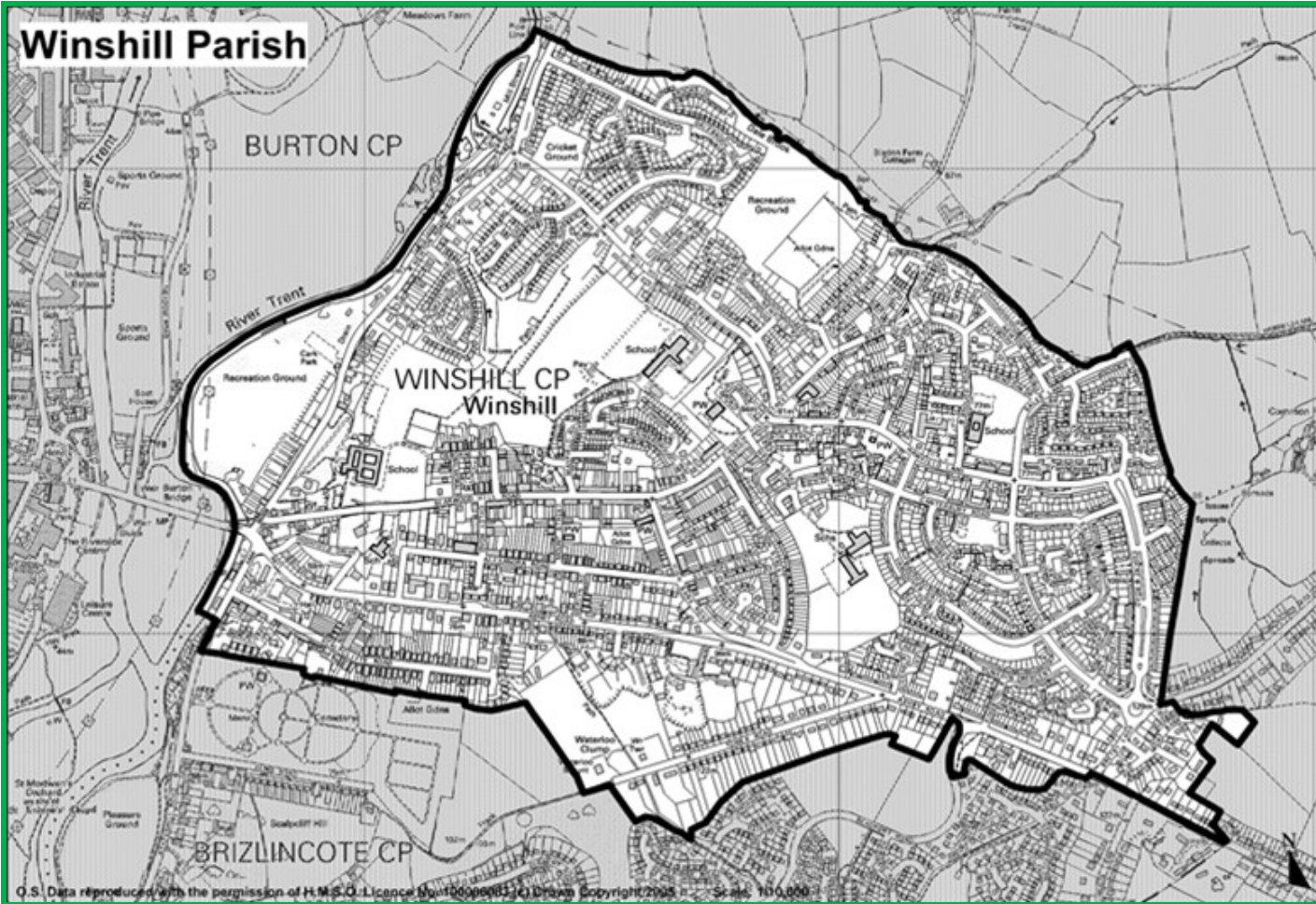


An outline of Winshill

Winshill lies in the borough of East Staffordshire in the County of Stafford where it borders with Derbyshire. It is on the East side of the River Trent and is watched over by the Water Tower on Waterloo Clump (so named after Wellington's victory over the French) and St. Mark's Church.

The Water Tower is Burton's most famous landmark and it can be seen from miles away from whichever direction you approach Burton upon Trent.

Winshill was parished in 2003 and elected its first parish council that year.



A brief history of Winhill

The name Winhill has its origin in Old English and means Wine's Hill. There was a settlement here in the late 11th Century when William 1st installed privileged tenants at Winhill. By this time there was a corn mill on the Winhill bank of the River Trent, and in the 14th Century a fulling mill, which became a cotton mill in the late 18th Century was built on an island nearby.

By the end of the 18th Century the village was grouped around a green on the east side of the hill. The medieval Burton bridge crossed into Winhill at its east end, and the road to Ashby-de-la-Zouch then followed a line along Bearwood Hill Road and High Bank Road. A tollgate was placed near the foot of Bearwood Hill Road when it became a turnpike road in 1753. Ashby Road was put onto a more direct line in the later 1830's and the tollgate was then near Moat Bank.



Winhill was popular in the 19th Century with prosperous citizens of Burton who built large houses like Bladon House, The Woodlands, Highfield House and Moat Bank on the higher ground overlooking the town. At the same time rows of houses were being built for brewery workers on Bearwood Hill Road, Church Hill Street, North Street, East Street and West Street.

Winshill Parish Council 2003 to 2022

Winshill Parish Council was formed in 2003 following the Borough Council's decision to parish Burton. At the time this document is created the Parish Council will have been in existence for just 19 years and yet in that short time it has achieved so much.

- Three massive consultations that helped to produce our three Parish Plans.
- Production of a Neighbourhood Plan to help us have some measure of control over planning issues, and Production of an Emergency Plan to help us through difficult times.
- 17 Shrub beds created and maintained in addition to those at the Winshill Neighbourhood Resource Centre (WNRC), 27 Tubs planted by community Groups (Adopt a tub), 7 Barrier Baskets on Ashby Rd opposite Bretby Lane, 12 Hanging Baskets on Bearwood Hill Road, 6 Hanging baskets above the "new" shops in Hawfield Lane and 6 up the pole planters outside Buckingham Court and 2 outside the WNRC.
- Gardening workshops for schools and local groups, including raised allotment beds at each of the 4 schools.
- Annual Parish Fayres.
- WNRC providing a venue for local groups and volunteers.
- Allotment beds at the WNRC, with Community orchard adjacent.
- Orchard at Tower View school.
- Financial support to Bearwood and Wheatley Lane allotment Associations.
- Bench Seats on Bearwood Hill, Wheatley Lane Rec, Melbourne Avenue and the Peace Wood.
- Created the Coltman VC Peace Wood.
- Helped with Grey to Green Projects on Little Empire Road, Newton Road Park, Wyndham Crescent and the WNRC.
- Best Floral Feature competitions held for Commercial organisations, Non - Commercial Organisations, Individuals and Adopt-a- Tub; with a presentation evening each September.
- Won 6 successive Gold medals in RHS Heart of England in Bloom, Finalists in RHS Britain In Bloom 2019.
- Gold Award for the Peace Wood in H of E in Bloom Open Spaces category 2018, 2019 and 2021.
- Top Awards on four occasions for the WNRC in RHS It's Your Neighbourhood category.
- Supported Tower View School to obtain three Gold awards in School' section of H of E in Bloom.
- The only Youth Parish Council in Staffordshire.
- Gym equipment on Canterbury Road Park, Recreational Equipment on Wheatley Lane Recreation ground.
- Maintenance Plan for the Dales and Newton Road Park.
- Grants to various organisations.
- Winshill Walks booklets.
- Healthy eating cookery leaflets.
- Wild Flower Meadows.
- Displays of WW1 and the men who served.
- A memorial in the Peace wood to those from Winshill who served in conflicts in the last century.
- A memorial tree planted next to the Peace Wood for those in Winshill who died of Covid 19 or lost loved ones during the pandemic.
- Speed indicator display (SID) signs on Newton Road.
- Defibrillator at the WNRC.
- Community Speed Watch operating in Winshill.

Introduction to the Parish plan

This is the third Parish Plan produced for Winshill. It continues and extends the work undertaken following the two previous plans.

The Planning Framework

The Local Planning framework has changed considerably over the years since the formation of Winshill Parish Council. There are three different types of local plan that can directly affect life in Winshill. They have confusingly similar titles:

1. The “Local Plan’ by the local planning authority – East Staffs Borough Council’s local plan is used as a guide to judging planning issues and includes Winshill.
2. “Winshill Neighbourhood Plan” is a planning document that aims to enhance and protect the built and natural environments. It has policies on housing provision, building conversion and sub-division for residential development and many more. For more detail consult the Winshill Neighbourhood Plan 2015. The Neighbourhood Plan can influence the Local Plan.
3. “Winshill Parish Plan” – Winshill Parish Council have produced two previous Parish Plans This is the third.

What is a Parish plan?

A Parish Plan is a statement from the Parish Council outlining its ‘vision’ for the future of the Parish based on the views of parishioners following wide ranging consultation. It will highlight: -

- What is important to people in the parish.
- How the future of the parish can be safeguarded.
- What facilities the parish needs for the future.
- What problems there are that need to be tackled.
- What action needs to be taken to tackle issues and who should be responsible for ensuring the actions are undertaken and what partners will be involved.

How useful will a Parish plan be?

Parish Plans do not have any statutory powers. However they often influence borough/county councils when they are making decision. They can influence inspectors during public enquiries or other disputes. They should influence Borough and County councils when they draw up future policy. But, the main thing is, they help members of the community to focus on key issues affecting them and help drive projects forward to sort the issues out.

About the consultation

An online questionnaire was published on Facebook the Parish Council web page inviting people to take part in a consultation exercise to help shape future actions for the benefit of the people of Winshill.

A paper copy of the questionnaire was made available for those who preferred one. Depending on the questions people were asked either to write or grade their answers.

The questions were: -

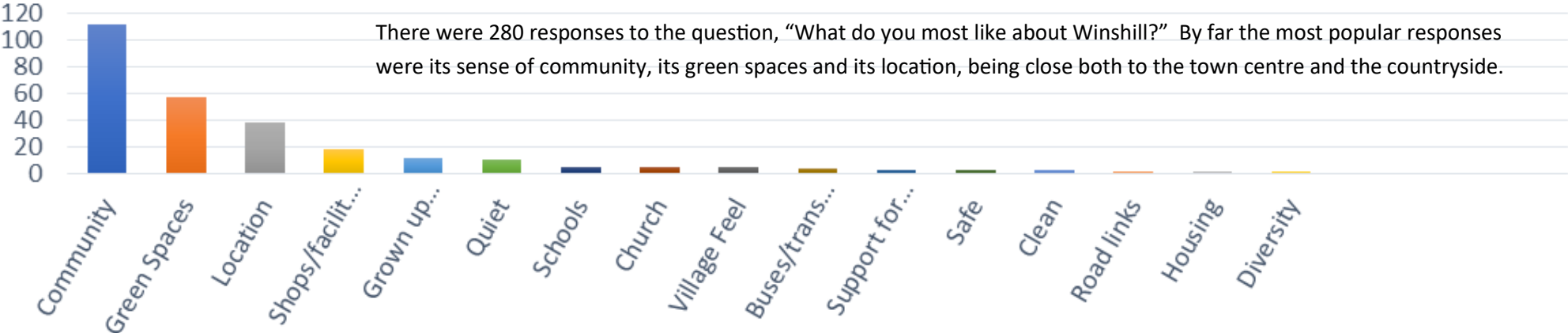
- What is your postcode?
- What is your age?
- Tell us what you like most about Winshill.
- What do you like least about Winshill?
- If you were able to improve two things about Winshill, what would they be?
- How often do you participate in activities (sport, leisure, community initiatives etc.) in Winshill?
- If you do not participate in activities in Winshill, please tell us why?
- What types of activities would you participate in if they were available in Winshill?
- How strong is the sense of community in Winshill?
- Would you like to see any changes made to Winshill Parish Fayre such as the date, additional activities etc.?
- How effective do you think support for young people is in Winshill?
- Do you feel that elderly residents are supported in Winshill?
- How often do you visit the public parks in Winshill?
- How satisfied are you with the parks in Winshill?

- If you visit any of the public parks in Winshill, what improvements would you like to see?
- How would you rate the planting in and around Winshill?
- Overall, how clean is Winshill?
- Overall, how safe do you feel in Winshill?
- Do you think speeding traffic is a problem in Winshill?
- Do you have issues with parking where you live?
- Do you use the bus?
- How important do you think it is that Winshill plays its part in tackling climate change?
- How proud are you to live in Winshill?
- Do you have any other comments, questions, or concerns that would be helpful when producing the Plan or is there anything that we haven't mentioned which concerns you?

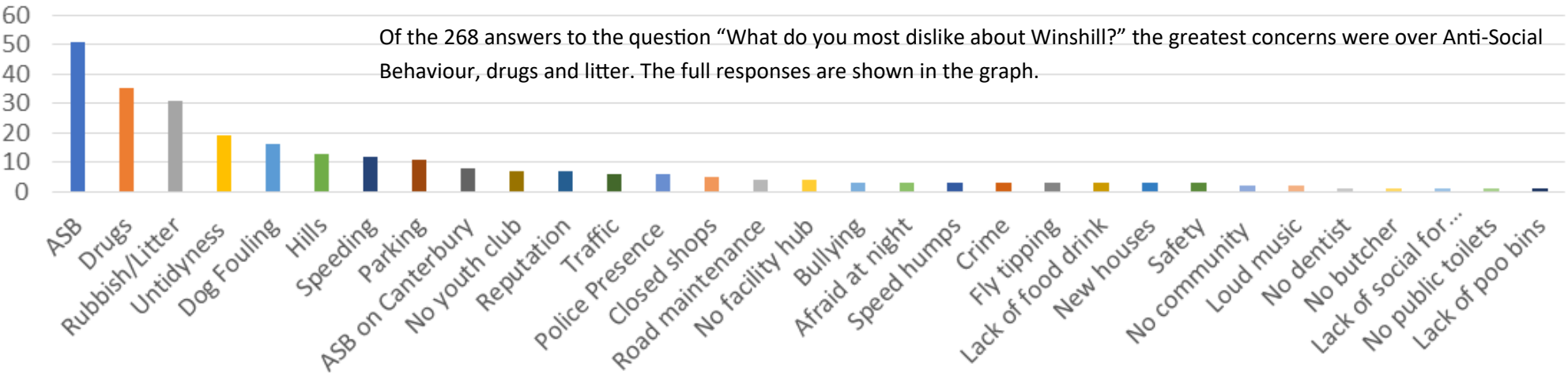
The responses were analysed using “Survey Monkey” and an Action Plan was created to enable us to plan future actions for the development of Winshill.

What we learned from the consultation

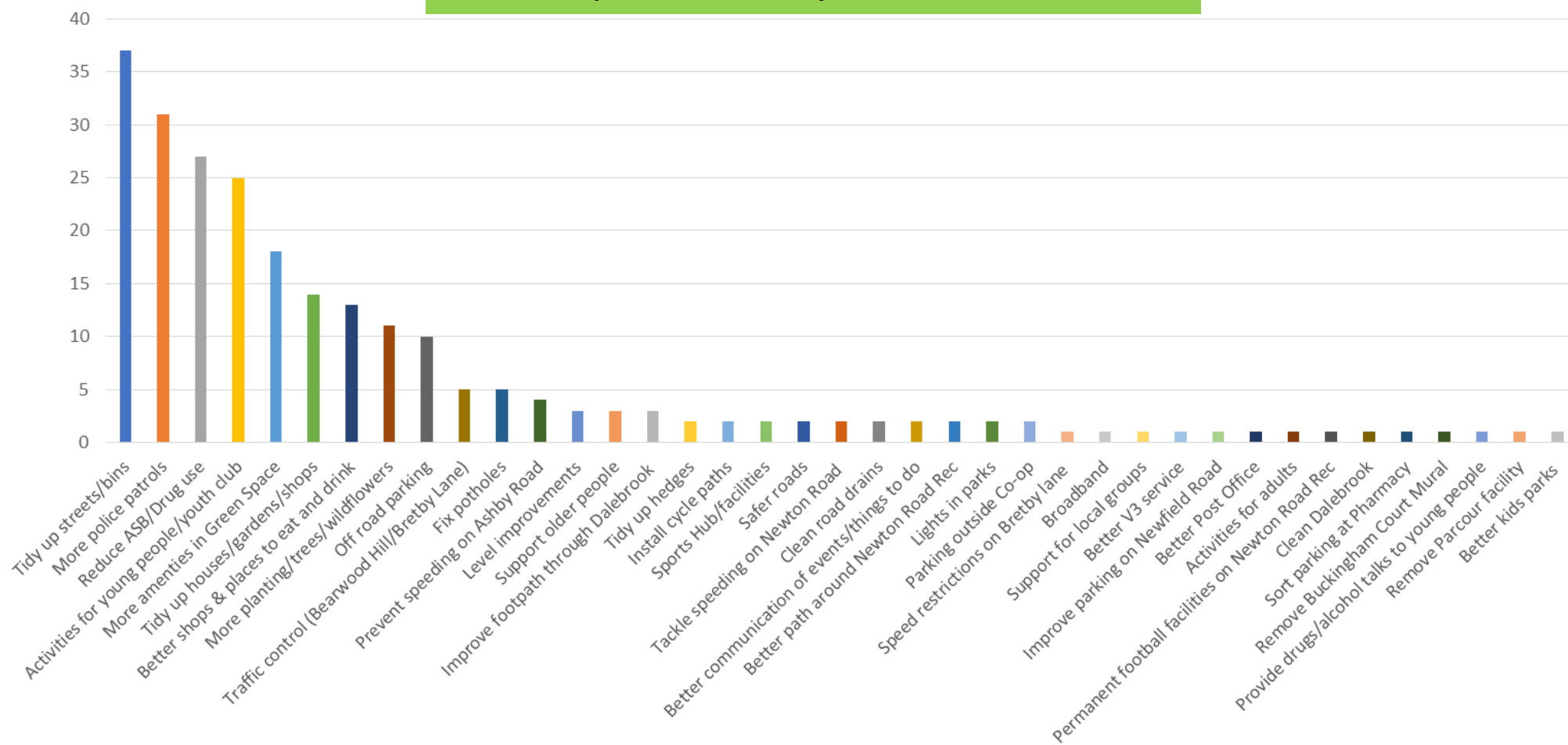
What people most like about Winshill



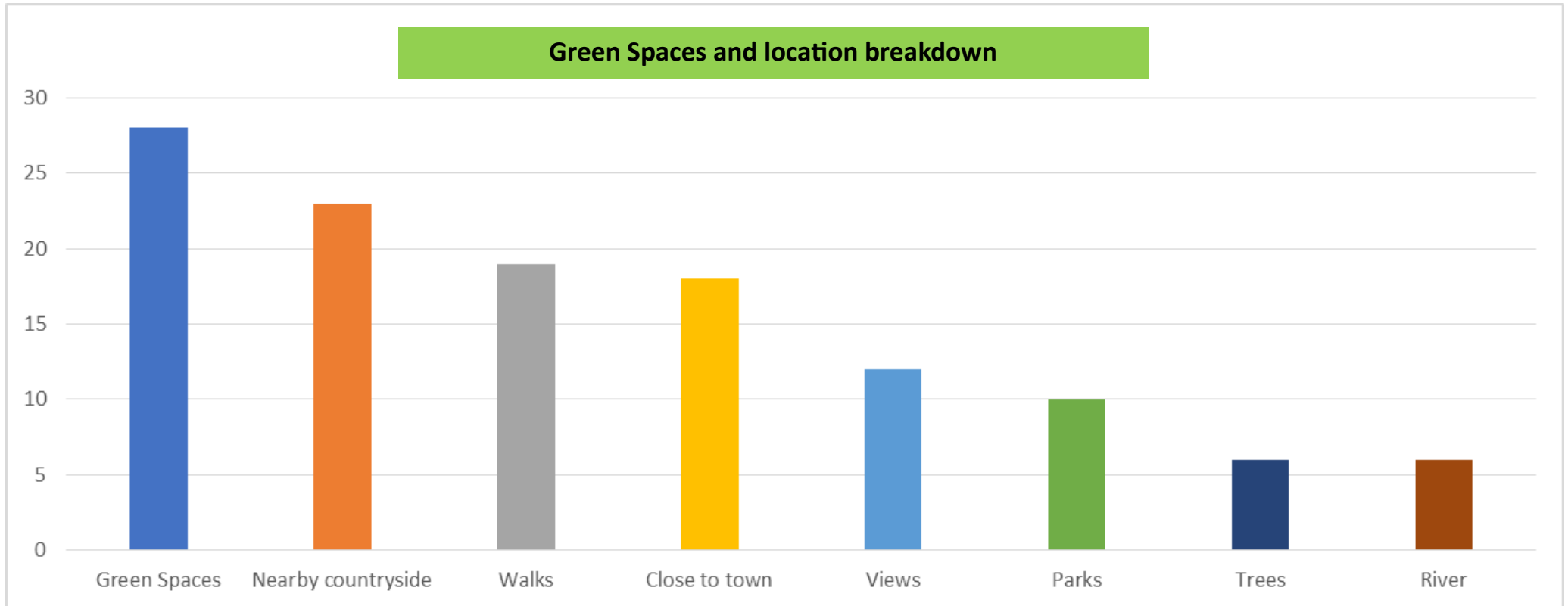
What people dislike about Winshill



What improvement would you like to see in Winshill?



When asked what improvements they would like to see in Winshill, 243 ideas were put forward. The most frequently occurring items concerned street tidiness and litter, reducing anti-social behaviour and drug use, and greater police presence. There was also strong support for activities for young people and more amenities in green spaces.



Many people listed location and environmental factors in their list of likes. The above graph is a break down of the responses.

Introduction to the action plan

The Action plan is divided into five sections

1. Community.
2. Environment.
3. Traffic and Road Safety.
4. Leisure and Wellbeing.
5. Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour.

For each section the plan shows a series of visions and the actions needed to achieve them.

Each action shows the partners we will work with to achieve it, the priority given to the action and the timescale for its implementation.

- Short term timescales mean the vision would be expected to be achieved in 0 to 2 years
- Medium term in 2 to 4 years
- Long term over four years.
- Where the plan shows “ongoing” in the timescale column, this means that the action will be continuous, possibly over a number of years.

It should be pointed out that, to achieve the community’s visions, most of the actions will require the help and co-operation of other agencies and may need some form of financial commitment that may impinge on the Parish Precept.

In the Action Plan the following abbreviations are used: -

BACT	Burton Albion Community Trust
CAB	Citizen’s Advice Bureau
EA	Environment Agency
ESBC	East Staffordshire Borough Council
FF	Farm Fresh
GC	Greenhouse Centre
HG	Harvey Girls
JC	Job Centre
NF	National Forrest
P & CC	Police & Crime Commissioner
SCC	Staffordshire County Council
SSRP	Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership
T & D	Trent & Dove
TTTV	Transforming the Trent Valley partnership
WNRC	Winshill Neighbourhood Resource Centre
WT	Woodland Trust

1. Community Action Plan

Vision	Action	Partners	Priority	Timescale
Winshill residents are able to find the support when they need it in their local community.	Contract with Citizen's Advice Bureau to provide advice to Winshill residents on issues including housing, debt and benefits.	CAB, WRNC	1	Short term
	Host a lunch club and coffee morning for Winshill residents every week.	WNRC	2	Short term
	Offer basic guidance and signposting to other organisations when residents contact Winshill Parish Council or WNRC about a particular concern or request for support, where both organisations cannot directly assist.	T&D, CAB, HG, BACT, JC, NHS etc.	1	Short term
	Continue to support the local Food Bank and Farm Fresh initiative established at WNRC.	WNRC, FF	1	Short term
	WNRC to offer residents use of laptops & printers for job searching and application	WNRC	2	Medium term
	Offer WNRC to mental health support groups to meet at. Encourage grant applications.	WRNC	2	Medium term
	Re-introduce 6 monthly newsletters to Winshill residents which includes contact details and information about support services available to Winshill residents.		2	Medium term
Winshill will have available a wide range of activities where everybody can take part and feel welcome.	Winshill Parish Council will continue to sponsor Winshill Parish Fayre every year.	WNRC	1	Medium term
	Winshill Parish Council will host four Community Action Days per year. These action days will focus on litter picking and conservation.	WNRC ESBC	2	Medium term
	Winshill Parish Council will continue to support the Youth Club run by WNRC.	WNRC, BACT	1	Short term
	Work with interested residents to establish a Winshill walking/rambling club.		3	Medium term
	Review and increase offer of fitness/yoga/Pilates classes taking place in Winshill.	WNRC	3	Medium term
	Begin arts and crafts classes and look at setting up a regular re-use workshop.	WNRC	3	Medium term
	Look out for any activities offered by other organisations and encourage them to hold their activities in Winshill.	WNRC	3	Ongoing
	Connect local residents together where it is clear there are shared interests for setting up a new club or association.		3	Medium term
Winshill residents are aware of all the activities and events that are taking place in the parish.	Start 6 monthly newsletter to Winshill residents delivered to all Winshill households and posted on the Winshill Parish Council website and social media channels.		1	Medium term
	Advertise larger events which are taking place in Winshill such as the Parish Fayre and Community Action Days. This could include the use of banners, social media advertising and inclusion in the newsletter.	WNRC	2	Medium term
	Work with local businesses and other organisations to promote Winshill events and activities.	Organisations and local business	3	Long term
Winshill Community is involved in decision making and aware of where to raise concerns.	The Winshill Parish Council newsletter will contain details of the next 6 Parish Council Meetings and contact details for all councillors.		1	Medium term
	Winshill Parish Council agendas and minutes will be available on all Parish noticeboards.		1	Short term

2. Environment Action Plan

Vision	Action	Partners	Priority	Timescale
Winshill will be a net zero emissions parish by 2050.	Offer every Winshill household with a suitable tree to plant in their garden (subject to garden size).	T & D, WT, ESBC, NF.	1	Medium term
	Lead by example. Carry out environmental audit of Winshill Neighbourhood Resource Centre and bring forward a plan to ensure the building is a net zero emitter of carbon emissions.	T & D, WNRC	1	Short term
	Review Winshill Neighbourhood Plan to ensure it aligns with our vision for a net zero Winshill. This includes consideration of the environmental standard of new builds, placement of renewables, establishing areas for tree planting.	ESBC	1	Medium term
	Meet with Trent and Dove to discuss plans for decarbonising their property estate in Winshill.	T & D	1	Short term
	Lobby partners to increase coverage of electric vehicle charging points, including on-street charging for those who do not have a driveway.	SCC, T & D	1	Short term
	Explore opportunities for better cycling and walking connectivity across the River Trent towards the town centre and Wetmore/Stretton/Eton Park	SCC, ESBC	2	Long term
	Keep Winshill residents informed about progress, encourage them to monitor and reduce their carbon emissions and signpost them to grants/funds to decarbonise.		2	Short term
	Planning Applications that come to Winshill Parish Council for comment will be reviewed in light of the 2050 net zero commitment.		1	Ongoing
Winshill will be a clean, tidy and litter free environment.	Carry out a litter bin audit with a view to increasing number or size of bins across the Parish.		1	Short term
	Review ESBC litter picking routes to understand whether any changes are required. Work with ESBC Councillors to implement any changes.	ESBC	1	Short term
	Provide a twice yearly bulk collection service for Winshill residents	T & D	2	Medium term
	Contact the owners of dis-used or unsightly commercial properties to work with them to improve the appearance of these premises.		2	Short term
	Winshill Parish Council will hold four Community Action Day's per year with a focus on removing litter and keeping the area smart and tidy.	ESBC	2	Medium term
	Work with ESBC and the Environment Agency to improve and maintain Dalebrook.	ESBC, EA	3	Medium term
	Work with local schools to embed learning about the negative impacts of litter. Invite local schools/students to take part in our Community Action Days.	Local schools	3	Medium term
	Raise awareness of litter problem through communications and increase signage across Winshill parks to encourage people to take their litter home.	ESBC	2	Short term
	Work with ESBC to review Public Space Protection Orders and attached Alcohol Free Zones to reduce discarded bottles and broken glass in our parks.	ESBC	3	Medium term
	Review enforcement regime for litter and dog fouling and recommend changes which may help tackle litter and dog fouling problem.	ESBC	3	Medium term

2. Environment Action Plan contd.

Vision	Action	Partners	Priority	Timescale
We will protect and enhance Winshill's green spaces.	Review our Neighbourhood Plan to ensure our green spaces are protected from any new development.		1	Medium term
	Establish whether WPC can purchase land in the surrounding area to ensure it is used for the benefit of local residents and not for housebuilding.		2	Long term
	Work with Transforming the Trent Valley Partnership, ESBC and local volunteers to establish a project on Newton Road Recreation Ground, to increase biodiversity and restore natural habitat in the park and along the river bank.	TTTV, ESBC	2	Long term
	Ask ESBC to upgrade the surface of Wheatley Lane Children's Play Area.	ESBC	2	Medium term
	Purchase new outdoor fitness equipment (strength and circuit training) for Canterbury Road Park, similar to the equipment in Newton Road Recreation Ground	ESBC	3	Medium term
	Continue with planting and wildflower schemes across Winshill to enhance the attractiveness of our Parish and ensure it is one we can proud of.	Gardening Contractor	2	Ongoing
	Review whether further benches are needed in all of our parks and fund new benches where required.	ESBC	4	Medium term

3. Traffic and Road Safety Action Plan

Vision	Action	Partners	Priority	Timescale
Reduce the incidence and potential consequences of excessive speed on certain Winshill roads with particular focus on reducing the risk of accidents and injury.	Use SID sign in SPY mode to monitor traffic on roads identified by survey to confirm speeding issues.	WSG	1	Ongoing
	Work with SSRP to authorise safe permanent SID sign locations on roads verified to have speeding issues	SSRP	1	Short term
	Rotate the SID sign between these locations.	WSG	1	Ongoing
	Work with SSRP to risk assess and authorise additional Community Speed Watch (CSW) sites for specific areas of Winshill identified by survey to have speeding issues.	SSRP	1	Ongoing
	Work with SSRP to recruit and train additional CSW volunteers to operate in specific areas of Winshill. e.g. Newton Road, Ashby Road and Hawfield Lane.	SSRP	2	Short term
	Create a dedicated Winshill Community Speed Watch Group	SSRP	2	Short term
	Purchase additional Speed gun	SSRP	2	Short term
	Consult with SSRP to task police to enforce speed limits	SSRP	1	Short term
Ensure that parking in Winshill does not adversely affect the safety or amenity of pedestrians, road users or residents.	Enforcement of parking on double yellow lines, close to junctions and on pavements	SCC	2	Medium term
Ensure safety of pedestrians crossing Winshill roads when walking to local schools.	Consult with SCC regarding conducting a feasibility study to provide safer pedestrian crossings on stretch of Hawfield lane for pupils attending Winshill Village School.	SCC	1	Short term
	Review of school crossing patrols in Winshill	SCC	1	Short term

4. Leisure and Wellbeing Action Plan

Vision	Action	Partners	Priority	Timescale
There is an absence of dog fouling on our streets and in our parks.	More dog waste bins are place strategically around our parks and in our streets and these are regularly emptied.	ESBC, Wardens, PCSOs, WNRC	1	Ongoing
	Poo bags continue to be provided by the WNRC.		1	Ongoing
	Increased publicity about the dangers of dog faeces and the need to report those owners who do not pick up after their dogs.		1	Ongoing
The health and wellbeing benefits of gardening and associated activities are understood by all residents of Winshill.	Gardening projects are encouraged in schools.	Greenhouse Centre, Winshill Bloomers	1	Ongoing
	“In Bloom” is expanded and assistance given to groups who wish to enter Heart of England in Bloom -“It’s Your Neighbourhood.”		1	Ongoing
	Winshill In Bloom competitions advertised on social media.		1	Ongoing
	All Winshill allotments activities will be advertised on social media.		1	Ongoing
The health and welfare benefits of exercise are understood by all residents of Winshill.	The location of outdoor gyms are advertised on social media.	ESBC, Local Sports Clubs and WNRC	1	Medium term
	Walking groups are encouraged to set up in Winshill.		1	Medium term
	The booklet “Walks in and Around Winshill” is made widely available.		1	Medium term
	Work with groups offering sports and fitness activities for Winshill.		1	Medium term
	Sport for the disabled is encouraged and developed by working with appropriate organisations.		1	Medium term
Social and Leisure activities are made available to all residents in Winshill.	Identify groups offering social and leisure activities in Winshill.	WNRC, ESBC	1	Ongoing
	Ensure groups offering social and leisure activities are supported by offering grants.		1	Ongoing
	Help is given to those wishing to develop social and leisure activities.		1	Ongoing
	Involve more diverse members of our community by holding multicultural activities and events	WNRC	1	Ongoing
The Parish Fayre continues to be an annual feature of the parish and suggestions for further innovations and development are encouraged.	The Fayre is advertised on social media and suggestions welcomed for its improvement.	WNRC	2	Medium term
Work towards a network of public defibrillators throughout Winshill.	Encourage the formation of local community groups to install and maintain public defibrillators around the parish.	Local groups	1	Medium term

5. Crime and Antisocial Behaviour Action Plan

Vision	Action	Partners	Priority	Timescale
Anti-social behaviour on our parks and streets are greatly reduced.	The public are encouraged to report all incidences of anti-social behaviour to police.	ESBC, SCC, P & CC, Police,	1	Ongoing
	Appropriate parties meet on a regular basis to determine the strength of the problem and plan appropriate action	PCSOs and WNRC	1	Ongoing
	The need for reporting is emphasised on Facebook, the parish website and through other channels of communication.		1	Ongoing
Drug taking and drug trafficking are greatly reduced.	The public are encouraged to report suspicious activities to police.	ESBC, SCC, P & CC, Police,	1	Ongoing
	WPC will work with police to identify new crime hot spots	PCSOs, WNRC and Local schools	1	Ongoing
No fly tipping in Winshill	The public are encouraged to keep an eye out for and report all instances of fly tipping. Lobby SCC to reduce charges at waste disposal sites for specific items.	ESBC, PCSOs, Wardens	2	Long term
More visible policing in Winshill	Lobby P & CC to ensure PCSO's are supported by regular police patrols.	P & CC, Police	2	Long term

Conclusion

This Parish Plan could not have been produced without the help of those of you who responded to the Parish Council's Survey either online or by providing a paper copy. We offer our sincere thanks to all of you and to those who attended the public meeting to consider the draft plan and to suggest improvements to it.

We were pleased with the serious nature of the responses and were impressed with their quality. We were also pleased that no unreasonable expectations were expressed in the responses. The Action plan details what we intend to do as a result of the consultation.

Comments on the plan, suggestions as to how we can improve it and suggested additions will be welcome at any time.

The following are members of the **Parish Plan Working Group** who created the questionnaire, collated your responses and created the action plan.: -

Dennis Fletcher

Graham Lomas

Mike Metcalfe

Kim Smith

Ray Faulkner

Conor Wileman

The support of the Parish Clerk and the rest of the Parish Council was also invaluable.



The functions of statutory bodies

Many people confuse the function of the differing statutory bodies when trying to obtain advice, seek assistance or make a complaint. Most organisations will refer you to the appropriate bodies but, to help you, we have listed the various statutory bodies and major organisations together with a brief description of their functions.

Types of Council

In Winhill you will be served by three different types of council; Staffordshire County Council, East Staffs Borough Council and Winhill Parish Council

Staffordshire County Council is responsible for services across the whole of a county, like:

- Education
- Transport
- Planning
- fire and public safety
- social care
- libraries
- waste management (though collection of waste is devolved to the borough council)
- trading standards

East staffs Borough Council covers a smaller area than the county council. It is responsible for services like:

- waste collection & recycling
- Council Tax collections
- planning applications

Winhill Parish Council operates at a lower level than the other two. Councillors are elected and can help on a number of local issues, like providing:

- allotments
- public clocks
- bus shelters
- community centres
- play areas and play equipment
- grants to help local organisations
- consultation on neighbourhood plans

Decision making

The full council (a meeting of all council members) is responsible for all decisions. But in practice, most of the work is given to smaller groups of councillors or council officers (paid staff).

Every council must publish:

- details of when key decisions will be taken
- agendas of meetings – at least 5 working days beforehand
- minutes of meetings – showing the decisions that were made

You can view council meeting agendas, minutes and reports on the county, borough and parish council websites.

You can also attend most council meetings.

At parish council meetings there is a ten minute slot at the beginning of each meeting for members of the public to express their concerns or voice their opinions

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