



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre
7.30 pm on Wednesday 22nd April 2026.

Present:

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

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk).

Mr Towell & Mr Barker representing Mrs Samara the owner of No. 2 Highfield Drive.

Mrs Mullholland, Mr & Mrs Simmonds, Mr & Mrs Marsden and Mr Chilvert (Residents of Highfield Drive).

Apologies:

Councillors M Fletcher & C Wileman.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The residents from Highfield Drive raised various issues of concern which had already been raised with the Borough Council as the Planning Authority and the County Council as Highway Authority. These were not matters for which the Parish Council had any responsibility or control over.

Further to this they raised their concerns regarding the proposed tree works at No 2 Highfield Drive listed under **Planning Applications** below. These applications had previously been brought to the Members attention, with copies from the planning portal made available to them at the meeting.

PART I

47/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Lawrence & Smith declared an interest with regards to the Resource Centre Charity and Councillors Batten & North with regards to the Winshill Allotment Association Management Grant.

48/26 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th March 2026 were agreed and signed as a correct record of events.

49/26 CORRESPONDENCE

There was nothing new to report.

50/26 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members considered the following application:

P/2026/00276 – Major works to TPO protected trees at 2 Highfield Drive

P/2026/00278 – Major works to TPO protected trees at 2 Highfield Drive

P/2025/01181 – Demolition of 77,79,81,83,85 &87 Vancouver Drive to facilitate the erection of 17 dwellings.

P/2026/00314 – Felling of a Silver Birch at 100 Newton Road

P/2026/00351 – Crown 6 Holly Trees at 5 Highfield Drive.

Resolved:

With regards to P/2026/00276 and P/2026/00278 :

To object to the loss of any protected trees at No 2 Highfield Drive unless there was sufficient evidence to suggest that a tree is either dangerous or dying.

Members considered that the trees at this location are an important part of the local landscape and biodiversity of the area - hence the reason for the protection orders which need to be strictly adhered to.

Further it is hoped that any works that are permitted are the result of a proper and detailed survey by an independent and qualified arboricultural expert.

In addition, there should be a requirement that any tree removed be replaced by a suitable species of tree at that location.

51/26 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORT

The wildflower programme was discussed with some members raising concerns regarding the grass being allowed to grow in these areas creating a somewhat untidy appearance. Councillor Fletcher explained the Borough Council's biodiversity and urged Members to wait until the wildflowers appeared before passing judgement.

The food waste collection had commenced, albeit not without a few initial teething problems.

A question was raised as to what the Special Precept for Winhill (not the Parish Precept) was and how it is worked out. This is charged by the Borough Council for grass cutting amongst other things.

52/26 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The County Councillor was not present.

53/26 THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSALS TO REORGANISE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

There had been no further updates.

54/26 QUARTERLY UPDATES

The Parish Plan Working Group had arranged a litter pick for 2nd May from 10am until 12pm.

55/26 THE ENVIRONMENT, PLANTING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

The proposed purchase of battery powered tools for use by the Winhill Allotment Association and to be made available for work undertaken within the area of the Parish was also considered.

Resolved:

That the purchase of battery powered tools be held temporarily in abeyance whilst consideration is given to the need for appropriate training in respect of its use on Borough Council owned land.

56/26 **WEBSITE/FACEBOOK**

There was nothing new to report.

57/26 **APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING**

The annual management grants given to the Winshill Allotment Associations (£1540) and Bearwood Hill Allotment Association (£550) were discussed and agreed.

The grant applications previously received from Winshill Bowls Club and Winshill Football Club were given due consideration.

Resolved:

- (i) That a grant of £500 be approved towards the purchase of a new mower by Winshill Bowls Club.
- (ii) That a grant of £500 be approved towards the costs of travel to Lingen to participate in a youth football tournament.

58/26 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Members reviewed and agreed the Final Accounts for the Period ending 31st March 2026.

59/26 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	cheque no	minute no
Planters etc.	Plants	546.44	1656	212/24
Derby Garde Centre	Plants	200.00	1657	212/24
JRB Enterprise	Poop Scoop Bags	352.22	1658	212/24
WNRC Charity	Youth Club/Buffer	1,307.27	1659	212/24
ESBC	Mar2026 Salary Charges	1,262.87	1660	212/24

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

60/26 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

No further issues were raised.

61/26 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

That the Annual P[arish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting be held on Wednesday 20th May at 7.00 pm and 7.30 pm respectively.

PART II

MATTERS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE

There were no matters of a confidential nature.

The meeting finished at 9.00 pm.

Chairman