



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre
7.30 pm on Wednesday 18th February 2026.

Present:

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

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk).

Apologies:

Councillors R Cope, A Lawrence, J Mur, K Smith and C Wileman.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present although it was reported that a Mr Woodward was seeking help in removing the cuttings from a laurel hedge located on land adjacent to Church Close.

PART I

17/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

18/26 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th January 2026 were agreed and signed as a correct record of events.

19/26 CORRESPONDENCE

An email had been received from a young resident requesting a skate park on the Mill Hill Lane Park. Whilst noting the suggestion it was agreed that there was no funding available for such a project even if this were to be considered the best location.

20/26 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members raised no objections to the following application:

P/2026/00087- Change of use from Water Tower to residential dwelling at Tower Road

P/2026/00095- Felling of 3 Lime trees (G4 of TPO 101) at 4 Alexandra Road

P/2026/00131- Crown reduction up to 6m of Copper Beech tree at 136 Scalpciffe Road

21/26 **BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

The grounds maintenance undertaken by Idverde had improved and the decision was being taken to continue with the contractor rather than to go through the complexities of bringing the contract back in house.

The garden waste early bird offer has now expired. The food waste collection service comes into effect at the end of March.

A Citizen's Jury of 25 jurors assisted by experts is being set up to assess the risks versus the benefits of using glyphosates.

There are plans in place for a new improved greenhouse at the Cemetery. This will improve the quality and capacity for plant production and to make it a Centre of Excellence.

22/26 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The County Councillor was not present.

23/26 **THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSALS TO REORGANISE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.**

Members had been sent the latest proposals.

24/26 **QUARTERLY UPDATES - PARISH PLAN**

The Parish Plan Working Group had met and updated the action plan, a copy of which was circulated to the Members. Future objectives included reviewing and updating the Parish Plan as well as the Emergency Plan, including contact details of all emergency services and "lead organisations".

25/26 **THE ENVIRONMENT, PLANTING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

A meeting of the Winshill Bloomers working Group was scheduled for the next day. The question of whether the Parish Council should enter "Heart of England in Bloom" again this year was put to the Members. It was noted that the schools and other locations were interested in participating again. It was agreed that entering "Heart of England in Bloom" was best decided upon by those involved in the Working Group.

Resolved:

That the decision of whether to enter "Heart of England in Bloom" be delegated to the Winshill Bloomers Working Group.

The Borough Council's Open Spaces department will be carrying out improvement works in the vicinity of the Peace Wood including improvements to the pathways recently affected by flooding. It was proposed that trees donated by the Woodlands Trust could be planted in the Peace Wood and on Newton Road Park.

The trees planted by the Borough Council on the land adjacent to Brookside was raised regarding whether nearby residents had been consulted as not everyone was apparently in favour.

26/26 **WEBSITE/FACEBOOK**

There were no new updates.

27/26 **APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING**

No new applications had been received.

It was agreed to review the amounts of the annual management grants given to the two allotment associations at the next meeting.

28/26 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Members reviewed and agreed the Accounts for the Period ending 18th February 2026.

29/26 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	cheque no	minute no
Pro Training UK	Defibrillator/Bleed Kit	1,543.20	1652	210/25
ESBC	Jan 2026 Salary Charges	1,262.87	1653	215/23

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

30/26 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

The matter of requesting a quarterly report from the CAB was again raised. It was suggested that this could be like the one provided to Horninglow and Eaton PC. The Chairman agreed to speak to the CAB Manager on this matter and to follow this up with a letter from the Clerk.

31/26 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

That the next Parish Council Meeting be held on Wednesday 18th March 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