



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre
7.30 pm on Wednesday 21st January 2026.

Present:

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

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk).

Apologies:

Councillors M Fletcher, A Lawrence, K Smith and C Wileman.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

PART I

1/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor North declared an interest regarding the grant application from Abbot Beyne School.

2/26 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th December 2025 were agreed and signed as a correct record of events.

3/26 CORRESPONDENCE

An email had been received from a resident regarding a dead swan on Newton Road Park. This had been reported to the authorities concerned although it was noted that no action had been taken to remove it to-date due to concerns regarding avian flu.

4/26 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members raised no objections to the following application:

P/2026/00021 -Raising of ridge height to form loft conversion with dormers to the front and rear elevations, erection of a single storey timber side extension to form storage building and porch canopy to the front at Trentside 95 Newton Road.

5/26 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The County Councillor was not present.

6/26 **BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

New car parking machines have been purchased and installed in all the car park. It is now possible to pay by card, phone or cash. As part of the cemetery expansion project the houses in Scalpcliffe Road will be screened by a fence and tree.

Garden waste registration is now up to 18,033 households. Food waste caddies are now being distributed to households with weekly collections starting on 30th March 2026. Residents will be supplied with indoor and outdoor waste bins and a roll of bin liners for the indoor bins.

7/26 **THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSALS TO REORGANISE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.**

There was nothing new to report.

8/26 **NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE CHARITY**

There was no Trustees. It was agreed that they be asked report quarterly in the future and that this could also incorporate the cost-of-living crisis updated information.

9/26 **QUARTERLY UPDATES**

The following timetable for reporting was agreed by the Members:

CARBON NEUTRAL WINSHILL – January/April/July/October

PARISH PLAN - February/May/August/November

CENTRE CHARITY AND COST OF LIVING CRISIS – March/June/September/December

10/26 **THE ENVIRONMENT, PLANTING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

A meeting in the Peace Wood had taken place with the Borough Council to discuss possible plans for the Mill Hill Lane Park, with the following being discussed:

1. Improvements to the waterlogged path through the Peace Wood
2. Creation of a viewing point on the path through the wooded area below Abbot Beyne School
3. Woodland management of this area to increase light to existing species
4. Scrape of lower fields
5. Tree planting on lower fields
6. Tarmacadam area at entrance to the Peace Wood
7. Enhancing entrance to the park from Kinver Road
8. Erection of information Boards

A further meeting is planned in February to progress the above.

It was suggested that small plants should be allowed next to the proposed memorial trees. A form needs to be drawn up in this respect outlining all the conditions for the memorial tree planting. Members agreed in principle to accept the offer from the Woodland Trust of “ free trees for schools and communities” from the Woodland Trust.

11/26 **WEBSITE/FACEBOOK**

It was agreed not to subscribe for a google map of the Parish on the website but rather to add a link to google maps if considered necessary.

The Information and Publicity Working Group agreed to look at ways of raising awareness and the profile of the Parish Council using social media and other means.

It was mentioned that it would be helpful if the contact numbers of other public organisations along with the services they are responsible for be put on to the website.

12/26 **APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING**

The request from Abbott Beyne School regarding setting up and providing a gym was considered. Members agreed to the suggestion by the Chairman, that he should go and talk to the school regarding their application This is to see how their bid could be framed to satisfy the Parish's grant criteria as the Members had raised several concerns regarding the size and nature of the project.

13/26 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Members reviewed and agreed the Accounts for the Period ending 21st January 2026.

14/26 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	cheque no	minute no
ESBC	Dec 2025 Salary Charges	1,262.87	1648	215/23
Clerk	Office Costs & Equipment	169.99	1649	215/23
Burton Leander R.C.	Grant	500.00	1650	200/25
Bearwood Hill All. Ass.	Grant	500.00	1651	200/25

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

15/26 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Councillor Bullock raised the matter of the installation of the defibrillator and bleed pack on Newton Road Park, for which a Borough Council Community Grant could no longer be paid to the Centre Charity as the Parish Council had paid the invoice as agreed at the last meeting. Members accepted that this would now have to be funded from the Parish Plan budget.

Members raised various issues of anti-social behaviour/criminal damage including to the new boardwalk, book boxes and the setting fire to fairy lights wrapped around a highway bollard. It was noted that arrests had been made in respect of the latter.

16/26 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

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