WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre 7.30 pm on Wednesday 17th June 2026.

Present:

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

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk) and Mrs Samra and Mr & Mrs Marsden (Residents of Highfield Drive).

Apologies:

There were no apologies.
The Chairman read out the letter of resignation received from Councillor Cope.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs Samra referred to the planning applications below for No. 2 Highfield Drive. 4 tree surveys had been conducted by the Borough Council's tree officers since 2024 and 90% of the trees previously listed no longer existed. She had commissioned a nationally recognised level 3 independent tree survey to be undertaken of all the trees on land in her ownership including land acquired from No. 3 Ashby Road.
Mrs Marsden considered that the applications were a repeat of 2 applications recently refused and included the felling of some 54 trees in addition to trees already felled. She considered that there were inconsistencies in that only 20 of the felled trees were to be replaced.

PART I

84/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Lawrence & Smith declared an interest with regards to the Resource Centre Charity and Councillor Smith regarding planning matters.

85/26 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th May 2026 were signed as a correct record with a few minor amendments.

86/26 CORRESPONDENCE

It was agreed to deal with the correspondence from residents of Highfield Drive under PART II.

87/26 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Members considered the following application:

P/2026/00534 – Major works to TPO protected trees at 2 Highfields Drive
P/2026/00536 – Major works to TPO protected trees at 2 Highfields Drive
P/2026/00537 – Major works to TPO protected trees at 2 Highfields Drive
P/2026/00544 - Felling of four pine trees & one American Lime tree and other tree works at St Mark' s Church
P/2026/00478 - Crown reduction to large beech tree at bottom of garden just outside of boundary (TPO 390) at 1 Dalebrook Road

Resolved:

With regards to P/2026/00534, P/2026/00536 and P/2026/00537 :

Winshill Parish Council is concerned that the applications as submitted have the potential to result in the wholesale area of woodland of value not only to the amenity of those living in the immediate neighbourhood , but also the wider townscape. However, it recognises that many of the trees the subject of these applications have been poorly maintained and that action is needed to ensure the health of this wooded area. We therefore raise no objection to the applications subject to the Local Planning Authority considering with the view to including the following conditions in any permission.

1. The submission of a timed schedule of tree works for the approval and monitoring of the arboricultural expert from the Local Planning Authority.
2. The removal of felled wood and grubbed undergrowth waste to be removed by an approved contractor from the vicinity of Highfield Drive.
3. All felled trees shall be replaced by another of the same species to be submitted for approval of the Local Planning Authority and planted within 3 metres of the felled tree.
4. Any replacement tree which within a period of 3 years of the date of planting dies or becomes seriously diseased shall be replaced with another of the same species and be subject to the same control as specified above.

88/26 **BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

There was divided opinion regarding the "no mow May" areas, which was part of the Borough Council's Biodiversity Plan. The Peace Wood had been a blueprint for this. The Chairman was happy as a Borough Councillor to receive emails from individuals on the subject with the programme being reviewed next year.

89/26 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The County Councillor informed Members that Bretby Lane was due to be closed from 17th June until 18th July for gas works and that following this structural maintenance will be carried out in September 2026. There will also be surface patching carried out in Newton Road.

90/26 **THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSALS TO REORGANISE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.**

There had been no further updates.

91/26 **QUARTERLY UPDATES**

A quarterly update from the Centre Charity had been circulated to Members.

92/26 **THE ENVIRONMENT, PLANTING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

The "In Your Neighbourhood" judging will take place on 2nd July followed by the main judging for Heart of England in Bloom on 14th July. This will include the Resource Centre, The Peace Wood and Newton Road Park.

93/26 **WEBSITE/FACEBOOK**

There was nothing new to report.

94/26 **APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING**

No applications had been received.

95/26 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Members reviewed and agreed the Final Accounts for the Period ending 17th June 2026.

96/25 **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

Members reviewed the risk assessment and approved the Annual Governance Statement for the year ending 31st March 2026.

97/25 **ACCOUNTING STATEMENT**

Members approved the Accounting Statement for the year ending 31st March 2026.

98/26 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	cheque no	minute no
Krysal Hosting	Website Domain	23.99	1671	212/24
J Batten	Litter Pick Refreshments	21.15	1672	212/24
Planters .	Plants	516.18	1672	212/24
ESBC	May 2026 Salary Charges	1,262.87	1674	212/24

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

99/26 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Councillor Margaret Fletcher informed the Members that she had made her decision to resign from the Parish Council with immediate effect.

PART II

The Chairman proposed that the meeting move into closed session in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 as the matters to be discussed are confidential in relation to potential legal action relating to the correspondence received.

At 20.45 members of the public were asked to leave the building.

The Chairman, Councillor Dennis Fletcher, then informed the Members that he was resigning from his position as a Parish Councillor.

100/26 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

That the next Parish Council Meeting be held on Wednesday 15th July at 7.30 pm.

The meeting finished at 9.15 pm.

Chairman