



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:

Councillors J Batten, S Bullock, R Cope, D Fletcher (also a Borough Councillor), A Lawrence,
M Metcalfe, J Muir and C Wileman .

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk).

Apologies:

Councillors M Fletcher, I North and K Smith.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

PART I

32/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Lawrence declared an interest with regards to the Resource Centre Charity and Councillor Batten with regards to the Allotment Association Maintenance Grant.

33/26 MINUTES

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

34/26 CORRESPONDENCE

It was reported that the cuttings from a laurel hedge located on land adjacent to Church Close raised by a resident at the last meeting had been cleared away by the Borough Council.

35/26 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members considered the following application:

- P/2026/00173-Change of use from dwelling (C3) to HMO (C4) to accommodate 4 residents at 130 Bearwood Hill Road
- P/2026/00186- Erection of a single-storey side extension at 38 Salisbury Avenue

Resolved:

To object to P/2026/00173 on the grounds that the proposal would not provide any parking for vehicles and the amenity space for the four separate residents would prove inadequate.

36/26 **BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

The Citizen's Jury of 25 jurors assisted by experts set up to assess the risks versus the benefits of using glyphosates have recommended to gradually reduce the use of glyphosate over time.

The plans are ongoing for the new improved greenhouse at the Cemetery which will be part of a competitive process to implement the new structure.

The food waste collection service will commence on 30th March 2026, and the garden waste collection service now has 22,343 households subscribing.

37/26 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The County Councillor reported that £1.1million had been allocated in the highway's capital programme for work in the vicinity of the Bretby Road Roundabout. Other areas included Derby Road, Wellington Street and Station Street.

The surface dressing programme is due to commence in July.

38/26 **THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSALS TO REORGANISE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.**

There had been no further updates.

39/26 **QUARTERLY UPDATES - CENTRE CHARITY - PARISH PLAN**

The Members had received a comprehensive report from the Centre Charity, which was well received. Some concern was raised regarding the cost of the electricity bills following the installation of the solar panels. Some key statistics had been received from the Citizens Advice and circulated to the Members following the information requested at the last meeting.

The Parish Plan Working Group had met again to update the Emergency Plan for Winshill.

40/26 **THE ENVIRONMENT, PLANTING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

The flooding problem in a part of the Peace Wood was again Raised with the problem thought to be caused by a blocked surface water drain. This needs to be investigated and resolved before any future ground works are carried out.

The discount arrangement with Planters had been agreed again for this year with 40% off plants including "multi-buys" and 205% off other items.

A lady was reported to be very happy with the first memorial tree planted in the Peace Wood and had given a £100 donation to the work in the Peace Wood. A&M Gardening had assisted with the provision of a stake.

The shrub beds on Melbourne Avenue, Empire Road, Eldon Street and other areas managed by Trent & Dove had been attended to by Idverdi.

41/26 **WEBSITE/FACEBOOK**

Members commented that the Website was looking good with more information to be added in due course.

42/26 **APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING**

Grant applications had been received from Winshill Bowls Club and Winshill Football Club. It was agreed that these should be passed to the Grants Working Party for further consideration.

The amounts of the annual management grants given to the two allotment associations was discussed.

Resolved:

That the annual management grants given to the allotment associations be increased from £20 to £22 per plot in line with the previously agreed maximum defined plot numbers.

43/26 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

It was also agreed in principle that any significant underspend (circa £4,000) could be carried forward for provisionally agreed schemes delivered early in the next financial year. This related particularly to the two grant applications already received and the proposed purchase of battery powered tools for Winshill Allotment Association and available for work undertaken within the Parish. These will be considered at the April meeting.

44/26 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	cheque no	minute no
ESBC	Feb 2026 Salary Charges	1,262.87	1654	215/23
Mazars	External Audit Fees	378.00	1655	215/23

Resolved:

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

45/26 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Councillor Muir raised the need for a light outside the Centre near the car park. Councillor Bullock reported that she was still waiting for the defibrillator to be installed in Newton Road Park.

46/26 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

That the next Parish Council Meeting be held on Wednesday 22nd April at 7.30 pm.

PART II

MATTERS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE

There were no matters of a confidential nature.

The meeting finished at 8.45 pm.

Chairman