# WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre at 7.00 pm and 7.30 pm on Wednesday 20th May 2026.

**Present:**

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

**Also present:**

S Taylor (Clerk) and Mrs Samri (Local Resident).

**Apologies:**

There were apologies from Councillor Wileman.

## MATTERS RAISED AT THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Chairman's Annual Report and the Annual Accounts were presented to the Annual Parish Meeting. This outlined the achievements of the Parish Council over the last year (Attached). The Clerk advised that the internal audit of the accounts had not yet been completed and went through the finances including income and expenditure for the year ending 31st March 2025. The work carried out over the past year by the Neighbourhood Resource Centre was outlined with emphasis on the ongoing help given to residents by the CAB during the cost-of-living crisis, the support to community groups meeting at the centre and the organisation of the Parish Fayre and Youth Club.

## MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Before the Annual Parish Meeting Councillor Batten apologised for his remarks made to Councillor Bullock following his disappointment regarding the decision not to go ahead with the purchase of gardening equipment at the previous meeting. The apology was accepted.

## PART I

62/26 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2026/27**

It was unanimously agreed that Councillor D Fletcher be elected as Chairman.

63/26 **ELECTION OF VICE- CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2026/2027**

It was unanimously agreed that Councillor Batten be elected as Vice-Chairman.

64/26 **ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE GRANTS TO ORGANISATIONS WORKING GROUP FOR THE YEAR 2026/2027**

Councillors Bullock, Metcalfe, North and Smith were elected as members to the Grants to Organisations Working Group.

65/26 **ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE PARISH PLAN WORKING GROUP FOR THE YEAR 2026/2027**

Councillors Batten, Bullock, D Fletcher, Metcalfe, Smith and Wileman were elected as members to the Parish Plan Working Group.

66/26 **ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP FOR THE YEAR 2026/2027**

Councillors Bullock, Cope, Muir, Metcalfe and Smith were elected as members to the Information and Publicity Working Group.

67/26 **ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE WINSHILL BLOOMERS WORKING GROUP FOR THE YEAR 2026/2027**

Councillors Batten, Bullock, D Fletcher, M Fletcher, and Smith volunteered to be members of Winshill Bloomers.

68/26 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Lawrence and Smith declared an interest regarding the Centre Charity.

69/26 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd April 2026 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

Councillor Muir expressed his concern with the way the meeting was chaired during the public participation in respect of a planning consultation for 2 applications to carry out works including the felling of trees covered by TPOs at No. 2 Highfield Drive. Councillors Muir and North said that they had both visited the property and questioned the decision made in Minute No. 50/26. Councillor Muir also raised the matter of a statement read out at the April meeting by one of the residents outlining various issues which had already been raised with the Borough Council as the Planning Authority and the County Council as Highway Authority. It was agreed that Councillor Muir will go back to the residents to discuss these concerns and report back to the next Parish Council meeting.

70/26 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk referred to messages of thanks for the grants received from Winshill FC, Bearwood Hill Allotment Association and Winshill Allotment Association.

71/26 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Members raised no objections to the following planning application consultations:

P/2026/00437 – Erection of a pitched roof to replace a flat roof at 69 East Street
P/2026/00454 – Erection of single storey front & side extension at 13 Salisbury Avenue

72/26 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The County Councillor was not present.

73/26 **BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

The wildflower programme was starting to take shape now that the wildflowers were starting to show and pathways through had been mown.

74/26 **THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSALS TO REORGANISE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.**

There had been no new updates to report.

75/26 **QUARTERLY UPDATE – PARISH PLAN**

. The latest litter pick had gone well with the help of 28 volunteers.

76/26 **THE ENVIRONMENT, PLANTING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

The Heart of England in Bloom judging will be taking place on 14th July 2026 along with It's Your Neighbourhood on the same day. It was reported that the Peace Wood was looking good.

77/26 **WEBSITE/FACEBOOK**

There was nothing to report.

78/26 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Members approved the accounts for the period ending 20th May 2026.

79/26 **APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING**

There were no new applications for funding.

80/26 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

| | | **£** | **cheque no** | **minute no** |
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| Clerk | Jan – Mar '26 Office costs &Equip. | 114.62 | 1661 | 212/24 |
| A & M Gardening | Grounds Maintenance | 3,626.00 | 1662 | 213/25 |
| Winshill All. Assoc. | Annual Management Grant | 1,540.00 | 1663 | 213/25 |
| Bearwood Hill A.A. | Annual Management Grant | 550.00 | 1664 | 213/25 |
| Planters | Plants | 140.00 | 1665 | 213/25 |
| WNRC Charity | Annual Management Grant | 22,050.00 | 1666 | 213/25 |
| Winshill Bowls Club | Grant Aid | 500.00 | 1667 | 57/26 |
| Winshill F.C. | Grant Aid | 500.00 | 1668 | 57/26 |
| Community Heartbeat | Defibrillator Annual Service | 165.00 | 1669 | 213/25 |
| ESBC | April 2026 Salary Charges | 1,262.87 | 1670 | 213/25 |

**Resolved:**

That payment of the above accounts is confirmed.

81/26 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

There was discussion regarding management of the public participation session at the April meeting following which the Chairman left the meeting.

## PART II

82/26 **MATTERS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE**

When suggested by Councillor North, the Vice Chairman John Batten 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 a formal complaint to the Monitoring Officer that was subsequently dismissed.

At 20.30 members of the public were asked to leave the building.

83/26 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

**Resolved:**

That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Wednesday 17th June 2026 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting finished at 8.50 pm.

Chairman

CHAIR'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL MEETING OF WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL, 20th MAY 2026.

2025 – 2026 was another successful and eventful year for the Parish Council. In addition to the great work that goes on at the Community Centre supporting the most vulnerable in our community, we had another successful "Heart of England In Bloom" with the equivalent of six Gold, two Silver Gilt and one Silver Award.

The volunteers at the Centre deserve our thanks and appreciation for supporting Kim at the Centre during her mayoral year.

During the year: -

· We delivered four very successful Community Action Days organized by Vice Chair John Batten.

· We held our Annual Parish Fayre on Canterbury Road Park in May. It was, as usual, a great success.

· Our Winshill Garden Awards evening was attended by our Mayor, Cllr Kim Smith, who presented the awards, and her consort Mr. Ewart James. There were 13 entries from individuals, 4 from non-commercial organisations, one entry from a commercial organisation and 14 Adopt-a-Tub entries.

· In February, after 12 months of preparing and successfully submitting a bid to the Borough Council's Ward Enhancement Fund, the Solar Panels were finally installed at the Resource Centre

· In March we renewed our Grounds Maintenance contract with A&M Garden Services.

· A new community meeting hut, part funded by Trent & Dove Housing and supported by the Parish Council was erected at Wheatley Lane Allotments.

· It was agreed unanimously that Roger Cope be co-opted to fill the vacant position on the Parish Council. Roger subsequently completed the transfer arrangements for hosting the Parish Council Website and took over the maintenance of the site.

· The installation of a defibrillator and bleed kit at Newton Road was completed thanks to a grant from the Borough Council's Councillor Community Fund.

· The Parish Council declared a Climate and Ecological Emergency.

· The Parish Plan Working Group updated the Action Plan.

· Planters of Bretby renewed their support of Winshill in Bloom by offering reductions for multiple purchases and then 40% off bedding plants and 20% off all other items.

· Areas in Mill Hill Lane and Newton Road Parks were allocated for the planting of memorial trees. The first tree was provided by Mrs Jan Russell in memory of her husband

Malcolm who, until his retirement was manager of Winshill Coop. Mrs Russell and her family donated £100 towards the maintenance of the Peace Wood.

Grants

The following grants and donations were given out by the Parish Council: -

· £500 to Winshill Village Primary School towards Outdoor Play Equipment.

· £2500 towards the 2025 Parish Fayre.

· Following a request from the Resource Centre we agreed a 5% increase in their annual grant funding towards the running of the Centre which now stands at £22,550.

· £7,500 to continue with our commitment to fund Citizen's Advice sessions for Winshill residents at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

· Based on the number of plot holders, an annual management grant of £1400 to Wheatley Lane Allotment Association and

· An annual management grant of £500 to Bearwood Hill Allotment Association

· £2240 to Wheatley Lane Allotments for repair costs to the security fence.

· £500 to Bearwood Hill Allotment Association towards a new roof for their summer house.

· £500 to Leander Rowing Club towards a new trailer and bank area.

My sincere thanks go out to the very many people who helped to make 2025-2026 such a successful year. There are too many to mention individually but I particularly thank those who organised the separate parts of our "In Bloom" entry and the many volunteers at the Resource Centre who continue to support its work. And, of course, my thanks must go to our clerk, Steve Taylor, for his help, advice and support throughout the year and for my fellow Parish Councillors for their continued help and commitment.

Dennis Fletcher