WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winshill Parish Council held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre 6.30 pm on Wednesday 21st October 2026.

Present:

Councillors J Batten, S Bullock, I North and K Smith (also a Borough Councillor) and C Wileman (also the County Councillor).

Also present:

S Taylor (Clerk).

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillors Lawrence and Muir.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

PART I

148/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Smith declared an interest with regards to the Resource Centre Charity and Councillors Batten and North as members of Winshill Allotment Association.

149/26 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 29th September 2026 were signed as a correct record.

150/26 CORRESPONDENCE

There letter received previously from residents of Bearwood Hill expressing their concerns regarding the bright exterior lighting from the Vape Shop had been referred to the Planning Department at the Borough Council for their attention.
An email had been received from Borough Councillor Dennis Fletcher offering the support of the Borough Council in continuing the partnership between the Borough and Parish Council in the development of both Mill Hill Lane Park and Newton Road Park. In his role as Cabinet Member for Environment and Open Spaces, he would do his best to ensure that cooperation continued for all Winshill parks and that Winshill in Bloom will continue to include them as part of their future entries to Heart of England in Bloom.

A letter had been received from Winshill Allotment Association to formally request that the Parish Council, as landlord of the allotment site, considers funding essential repair / replacement works to the perimeter fencing. The current perimeter fencing to the eastern boundary is in a state of disrepair. This could now cause security concerns - increased instances of unauthorised access and theft of produce and equipment from tenants' plots; Health and Safety concerns - sections are unstable with exposed wire and posts, and risk of encroachment and fly-tipping along the boundary. As landlord, the Parish Council has responsibility for the external boundaries and infrastructure under the tenancy agreement. A quote has been obtained from Moira Fencing who completed some other fencing works to the site and who are well known to many Parish Councils for their good work. The preferred specification is concrete posted close board panel fence with concrete gravel boards for a distance of some 29m at a cost of around £3,000.

Members discussed the need for an urgent repair together with the issue that whilst the fence was not in the best of condition to begin with, its state was worsened by nearby residents clearing vegetation from the fence line along the adjoining service road and entering the allotments without prior notification. The Chairman agreed to go and speak to the residents concerned.

Resolved:

To carry out emergency temporary repairs to secure the fence and consult the residents involved seeking a contribution towards the cost of a replacement fence.

151/26 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Members considered the following applications:

P/2026/01023 – Felling of Common Lime tree at 5 Ashby Road
P/2026/01055 – Erection of a two-storey detached building to form 4 No 1-bedroom flats on land between 15-25 Nelson Street
P/2026/01060 – Retention of a metal shed at 2 Cherry Tree Gardens

Resolved:

To object to P/2026/01023 on the grounds that no valid reason appears to be given for the removal of the tree.

152/26 **BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

There was nothing new to report.

153/26 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The County Councillor confirmed that the grass on the slope at High Bank Road had been cut.
He was considering the existing and future parking restrictions in the area including Hawfield Lane, Nelson Street, Berry Gardens, Church Hill Steet, Newfield Road and Wheatley Lane to see how the situation could be improved albeit there would always be the problem of enforcement. The removal of some restrictions on Hawfield Lane could help ease the parking situation in that vicinity.
He agreed to contact Staffordshire/Derbyshire County Council in respect of the broken wooden bridge rails on the footpath over the brook at the bottom of Hollow Lane.
The work proposed by the Highways Agency on the A38 would result in single lane traffic although it was accepted that this could have a knock-on effect on Newton Road.

154/26 **THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSALS TO REORGANISE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.**

There had been no further updates.

155/26 **QUARTERY UPDATES - CLIMATE CHANGE**

The Members agreed to defer any discussions on the climate change emergency until the meeting arranged prior to the November Parish Council Meeting.

156/26 **THE ENVIRONMENT, PLANTING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

Councillor Bullock agreed to attend the Heart of England in Bloom awards evening in Malvern and had arranged a meeting of Winshill Bloomers for the 9th of November.
The Chairman led a short discussion on the future of Winshill in Bloom. The main issues to come out of this were:

To continue with Winshill in Bloom with Councillor Bullock as the lead
To be more focussed with the need for greater Winshill Bloomers involvement
To use the facilities at the ESBC greenhouse to greater effect
To review the grounds maintenance contract and to go out to tender again in January
To consider any environmental issues, e.g. the strategic management of trees and planting

157/26 **WEBSITE/FACEBOOK**

The Service of Remembrance at the Peace Wood has been posted on Facebook.

158/26 **APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING**

An application for funding received from St Mark's Scouts Group towards the cost of replacing a flat roof at the scout hut.

Resolved:

To agree a grant of £500 towards the cost of repairing the roof at St Mark's Scout Hut subject to all other necessary funds being available to commence the works.

159/26 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

160/26 **REPORT ON ACCOUNTS PAID**

		£	cheque no	minute no
Krystal	Website Hosting	84.00	1687	213/25
JRB Enterprise	Poop Scoop Bags	355.68	1688	213/25
Timpson	Keys	9.00	1689	213/25
ESBC	August Salary Costs	1,262.87	1690	213/25
Zurich etc.	Insurance & Office Costs	415.79	1691	213/25
Centre Charity	Parish Fayre Funding	2,955.00	1692	140/26
ESBC	September Salary Costs	1,262.87	1693	213/25
H of E Iin Bloom	Awards Ceremony etc.	94.00	1694	213/25
Youth Club	Grant	1,000.00	1695	140/26

Resolved:

That payment of the above account is confirmed.

161/26 **CLERK AND MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Councillor Bullock raised concerns regarding the area of woodland along Newton Road opposite the terraced houses being up for sale again.

It was suggested that the debate on the climate change emergency before the meeting on 18th November could start at 7.00pm rather than at 6.30pm.

PART II

There were no matters of a confidential nature.

162/26 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

That the next Parish Council Meeting be held in the Neighbourhood Resource Centre on Wednesday 18th November at 7.30 pm.

The meeting finished at 9.40 pm.

Chairman