

WINSHAM E-LETTER

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Hi All,

A new Parish Council has been *elected*. There were twelve candidates, and all attained a respectable number of votes. Inevitably there were nine who attracted the most support, but all must be thanked for putting their heads above the parapet and for making possible, a very significant event.

Our community can now go forward, aided by a parish council that has a clear statement of confidence from the Winsham residents, to do what they think best for all of us in the matters over which they have influence and authority.

Of course their decisions, whatever they will be, will not please everyone- nothing ever does. It is part of the human condition!

For our part, as residents, let us accept that they will do their best, and accept the steps they will take on matters put before them, in a good spirit. Remember that if a topic to be discussed is of particular interest or concern, you have the opportunity, perhaps even an obligation, to attend the Public Forum that takes place before every ordinary parish council meeting to make your views known. If you cannot attend, you can always send a letter or e-mail to the Parish Clerk, or talk to a councillor about your concerns. This facility is not limited to matters on the parish council agenda-you can also raise new issues which you may feel are within their competence.

For my part I intend asking the new Winsham Parish Council to reconsider allowing draft minutes to be published on their web site within a week of their being sent to the councillors for their inspection. This would enable residents to have much quicker access to decisions made at the parish council meeting, instead of having to wait anything up to six weeks to see details of formal decisions and other matters. Of course such a step would have to be accompanied by the appropriate caveats, but it has worked with previous councils, and I don't know why the former system was changed. Strictly speaking , a parish council decision is not implemented until the minutes recording it are formally approved at a subsequent meeting-at least that is my understanding.

We must also congratulate Sue Osborne on retaining her seat as our District Councillor.

This morning the annual Plant Sale takes place at Jubilee Hall, and despite the cold weather forecast, it is sure to be a great success-it always is. It will be nice when the weather settles down a bit and we can start planting out with confidence.

There are a number of new items in the e-letter below, including a new idea from the Bell-take a look!

Keep warm,

John


Winsham Parish Council				
Winsham - results				
Election Candidate	Party	Votes	%	
Judith Mary Avis Hill		216	11%	Elected
Diane Wallbridge		207	11%	Elected
Sarah Phillippa Love		205	11%	Elected
Keith John Fowler		203	11%	Elected
Stephen John Weller		203	11%	Elected
Jim Everard		163	8%	Elected
Henk Jaap Beentje		160	8%	Elected
Stuart John Davie		146	8%	Elected
Dave Checkley		124	6%	Elected
James Anthony Bell		115	6%	Not elected
Russ Haggard		99	5%	Not elected
David Clark		92	5%	Not elected



Voting Summary	
Details	Number
Seats	9
Total votes	1933


This 'snip' from the SSDC web site tells the story of Winsham's first parish Council election in some forty years



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<u>Winsham Hort. Soc</u> <u>TODAY!</u>	Plant Sale 10.30am, May 4th Jubilee Hall	Click HERE
<u>WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL</u>	NEW PARISH COUNCIL SITS AT THE WPC AGM ON WEDNESDAY, 8th MAY	Click HERE for details
Ilminster Literary Festival	28th May-6th June	Click HERE
Chard Watch CIC	Health & Wellbeing Event Wednesday, 5th June, 10am-3pm Jubilee Hall	Click HERE for details
Jubilee Hall Lottery 2019	See the results of the First Quarter's draw-January, February and March-held at the Jubilee Cafe on Thursday, 18th April	Click HERE
	NEW! Creative Flower Class Thursday, 13th June	Click HERE
WINSHAM SHOP & POST OFFICE	Latest Bulletin from the Winsham Shop Management Committee 1st March 2019	Click HERE
Winsham Art Club	Spring Programme	Click HERE

<p>Winsham Music and Poetry Groups</p>	<p>Poetry Group 2019 Programme</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p>Hawkchurch Film Nights</p>	<p>Spring 2019 Programme</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p>St.Stephen's Church</p> 	<p>Details of April Services</p> <p>Fund Raising Coffee Morning 10.30am Wednesday, 29th May in the Church</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p>WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL</p>	<p>Election Details *** Foster Parents needed in Somerset *** Somerset Waste Partnership April Bulletin *** Twelve Candidates for Parish Council Election *** Report on Public Meeting- Monday, 4th March *** Refuse Collections Changes on Bank Holidays *** New Traffic and Travel Web site ---</p>	<p>Click HERE- Scroll down as necessary</p>
<p>The NEW Winsham Market Place</p>	<p>Support your local suppliers</p>	<p>Click HERE</p> 
<p>Your essential Guide to Winsham Parish Web Site Content UPDATED</p>	<p>Please read to get the most from the Winsham Parish Web Site</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>

	<p>Ongoing service information service for older residents, their family and friends and those who care</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p><u>For all newcomers to the Parish</u></p>	<p>WINSHAM'S 'WELCOME PACK'</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p>Somerset Museums UPDATED-a really useful web site.</p>	<p>Gives you details of most of the Museums in Somerset.</p>	<p>Click HERE NEW LINK</p>
	<p>FUTURE EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY</p>	
	<p>Parish Council and District Council Election Day-May 2</p> <p>-</p> <p>Saturday 29th June FAMILY EVENT</p> <p>-</p> <p>Wednesday, 3rd July Winsham Hort. Soc. 9.00am Coach Trip to Rosemoor</p> <p>-</p> <p>Winsham Hort. Soc. 2.00pm , Saturday, August 24th, Sports and Social Club ANNUAL SHOW</p> <p>-</p> <p>Saturday, 4th October. 7.30pm, Jubilee Hall St.Stephen's PCC HARVEST SUPPER</p>	

	<p>Saturday 12th October</p> <p>Street Fair Committee RACE NIGHT</p> <p>Ilminster Literary Festival 28th May-6th June CLICK HERE FOR LINK</p> <p>Sunday, 8th December Santa's Grotto and Christmas Tree Lighting-up</p>	
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