

W I N S H A M P A R I S H C O U N C I L

Minutes of the meeting of Winsham Parish Council held in the Jubilee Hall on Friday, 2 September 1983 at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Mr R M Smart (in the Chair), Mr R Ashman, Mr E Bannen, Mr V Chubb, Miss E Cleave, Mrs M Fowler, Mrs M Loaring, Mrs R Rose, Mr C Slade and Mr L Fisher (District Councillor), also Mrs V Webster for item 1.

38. CRESTA

Mrs V Webster, Organiser of CRESTA, gave a talk on the proposed Kingfisher Swimming Pool at Chard. She explained the proposed alterations to the swimming pool already sited at Holyrood School and the cost of the project. After answering questions from the Councillors Mrs Webster then left the meeting. It was agreed to defer the request from CRESTA for a grant towards the project until the next meeting.

39. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 8 July 1983 were signed as correct, having been circulated previously.

40. Matters Arising

Ref 13 - Chard Museum had acknowledged the long-term loan of the Bier, after Mr Ashman had transported the bier to Chard.

Ref 20 - The Planning Committee have been unable to deal with the boundary of the small Recreation Ground but would report at the next meeting.

Ref 37 - It was decided that the Clerk should write to the County Surveyor again regarding the untidy state of many of the roads.

41. Cemetery Path

The Chairman read a letter received from the Council's Solicitors, together with the proposed contract for the purchase of the path. After discussion it was proposed by Mrs Loaring and seconded by Mrs Rose, that the contract be signed subject to the Planning Committee agreeing the area of land with Messrs Cluttons & Mr Harris of Lawrence, and also that Mr R Wheaton's right of access was legally relinquished. This was unanimously approved by the Council. It was also approved that a cheque for £50 for the deposit on the land could be forwarded to the Solicitors ~~and it was unanimously approved~~ that the Planning Committee would sign the contract on behalf of the Council, *subject to the above agreements.*

Three quotations had been received for the fencing works required, from Chard Contract Fencing, P Hardwill and Weavo Erection Services. It was proposed by Mrs Fowler and seconded by Mr Ashman that the quotation from Mr P Hardwill, in the sum of £620, would be accepted subject to Mr Hardwill confirming, in writing, that the fencing posts would be tannalised and that the gate would be tubular.

42. Street Naming

The Clerk read a letter from the Yeovil District Council which gave details of the proposed renumbering of Church Street. Mr Bannen proposed, and Mr Ashman seconded, that the renumbering scheme should be approved and this was unanimously agreed.

43. Davies Close

The Clerk read a letter she had received from the County Divisional Surveyor regarding the question of a speed limit for Davies Close. The matter had also been discussed with the County Surveyor who had offered to carry out a traffic survey in the village. It was agreed to defer the matter until the survey had been carried out.

44. Road Signs at Court Street

A letter from the County Surveyor, regarding the provision of two non-standard informatory signs to be positioned at the entrances to Wynyards Lane and Court Street was read to the Council. The proposed signs informed drivers that there is no through road or turning area for HGV's. The signs were approved by the Council.

45. Parking Bay in Western Way

A letter received from Miss Harding was read to the Council, regarding the parking facilities in Western Way. It was agreed to write to the Area Housing Manager to ensure that all new tenants are informed that the parking bay is for temporary parking only.

46. Play Equipment

A negative reply to our earlier letter, with regard to the children participating in a competition, was received from the Head of Winsham School. It was decided that Mrs Loaring, Mrs Rose and Miss Cleave would form a Committee to look into the provision of play equipment and also to arrange a competition for the children of the village to design a playground.

It was noted that the play equipment had been inspected by the District Council and that it was satisfactory.

47. Emergency Planning

It was agreed to ask the Emergency Planning Officer to attend the Council meeting on 11 November 1983 to discuss this matter.

48. Somerset Association of Local Councils

A request for one nomination to a Police Liaison Committee had been received but it was agreed that no nomination should be made.

49. Planning

831503 - The use of land at Lower Farm, Purtington, as a site for a caravan/mobile home for a farm worker. The Parish Council has no objections provided that there is a genuine agricultural need and that permission is temporary, bearing in mind that the original farmhouse is unused and could be renovated.

831432 - The tipping of waste material on land at the rear of Church Farm, Winsham. The Parish Council recommend approval to legalise the situation as the tip is now closed, provided that no further tipping of any sort is permitted and that the site is tidied and cultivated.

The Clerk had had further correspondence from the District Council regarding Mr R Pike's use of Bridge Farm Cottage for business and his attempt to gain an established use certificate. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask the <sup>District</sup> Council to start proceedings against Mr Pike, to prove that he had been in business for over twenty years, and that the Council would try to find other evidence if required.

50. Receipts and Payments

Resolved to approve the following payments:-

Mr R Ashman - grass cutting contract -	£673.90
Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd -	£16.20

A letter was read to the Council regarding the Audit Commission regarding the re-appointment of the District Auditor to audit the Council's accounts.

51. Correspondence

The following had been received:-

The Local Council Review, Minutes from the County Council, letter from P Ashdown MP requesting to attend a meeting of the Parish Council. (This request was approved and he had been invited to the next meeting.)

52. Any other Business

A bag of rubbish and a letter was received from Mr J Prescott regarding the amount of litter in Winsham. After a discussion on the problems of litter it was decided to write again to the County Council regarding the untidiness of the streets. It was also decided to investigate the possibility of Winsham entering the Best Kept Village competition in order to generate an interest in keeping the village tidy.

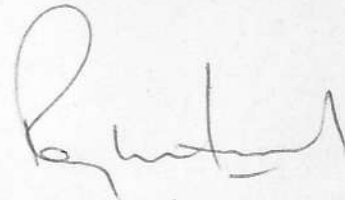
It was noted that one capping stone had been removed from the entrance pillars of the small recreation ground. Mr Slade offered to arrange for the stone to be replaced and repaired.

It was decided that a letter of thanks should be written to Mr F Long who had undertaken the repair of two seats in the village.

It was decided to write to the District Council and ask them to arrange for the vandalised seat in Davies Close to be repaired.

53. Date of next meeting

14th October at 8 p.m.



Chairman 14 Oct 83