

Minutes of a meeting of Winsham Parish Council held in the Jubilee Hall, on Friday, March 4th, 1983.

Present: Major K.I.Cameron (in the Chair), Mr R.Ashman, the Rev. B.L.Bateson, Mrs P.J.Cameron (Hon. Clerk), Mrs M.Fowler, Mrs M.Loaring, Mr A.Meech, Mr C.Slade and Mr R.Smart, also Mr K.Wetherall (District Councillor)

1001 The Minutes of the last meeting held on January 14th, 1983, having been circulated were signed as correct.

1002 Matters arising

- 1) Ref. 990 (1). Cemetery Path. The Chairman said that a letter (dated Jan. 24th) from the Diocesan Office to the Bishop of Bath and Wells had been passed on to the Rev. Leslie Harman who had passed it on to our Chairman. The Vicarage had been let for one year to a tenant who was now being rather troublesome about leaving. The matter at Cluttons was now being dealt with by a Mr Selway and the strip of land containing the cemetery path would be sold separately and would not be included in the rest of the Church land. Mrs Fowler said that she had drawn up a petition concerning the cemetery path. Mr Smart suggested that we should write to the Assistant Secretary at the Diocesan Office about the Bishop's letter and send a copy of the letter to Cluttons.
- 2) Ref.999. The shunter on the children's recreation ground had now been immobilised. Mr Ashman said that the cost would be about £20. Mrs Cameron said that Mr Wilson, the Amenities Officer, had said that we ought to put a notice on the shunter saying that it had now been immobilised but it was decided to do nothing at present.

1003 Planning

830129 The conversion of barn at Puthill Farm, Cricket St Thomas, into an agricultural worker's dwelling for W.J.D.Taylor of Cricket St Thomas Estate, Chard. Somerset.

The Council had no objection provided that the dwelling was used for agricultural purposes.

1004 Cemetery

Mrs Fowler asked for an explanation of the charge made for the interment of ashes of Douglas Paull. The Chairman said that the charge consisted of £6 for the interment of ashes and £30 for the purchase of the Exclusive Right of Burial as the grave had not previously been purchased.

1005 Somerset Association of Local Councils

Mr Smart said that he had not been able to attend the last meeting. The subscription for Parish Councils was now $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent of the penny rate.

1006 Grass cutting

Mr Ashman declared an interest and left the meeting.

Four tenders for grass cutting in Winsham had been received as a result of our advertisement in Pulman's and the Chard and Ilminster News. The totals on the basis of a year of 8 months (assuming 16 cuts of the grass and two of the cemetery hedge) were as follows:-

Winterbotham of Chard	£1,216
Powell of Tatworth	£1,260
Cooke of Axminster	£2,224
Ashman of Winsham	£1,152

- 1006 Grass cutting (cont.)
The Council agreed to accept Mr Ashman's tender for grass cutting of the churchyard, cemetery (with cutting its hedge twice yearly), the United Reformed Church and the Children's Recreation Ground for £72.00 per fortnightly cut with an extra £10 for the first cut of the season. Mr Ashman suggested that next year grass cutting might be arranged for a two- or three-year-period at a time.
- 1007 Receipts and Payments
Received from the Recreation Ground Management Committee £1.00
(being the peppercorn rent for 1983-4)
RESOLVED to approve the following payments:-
Petty cash for Clerk £10.00
(for cost of advertisement in Pulman's £5.16 & Chard and Ilminster News £4.52)
Jubilee Hall Management Committee £25.00 for hire of Hall for Parish Council meetings
- 1008 Vacancy for Parish Clerk
The Council agreed to appoint Mrs Elizabeth M. Osborn of Street Cottage, Winsham as part-time Parish Clerk at a salary of £254 per annum to take effect in May, 1983 following the Parish Council elections. It was agreed that there should be a probationary period of six months, with a month's notice on either side and that a contract should be drawn up along the lines of that recommended by the National Association of Local Councils.
- 1009 Question time
It was agreed to leave this in abeyance until the new Parish Council took office.
- 1010 Numbering of Minutes
It was agreed to allow these to exceed the number 1,000.
- 1011 Correspondence
The Clerk reported that the following had been received:-
District and Parish Council Elections timetable
Leaflets concerning the Citizen's Advice Bureau, Yeovil; the all-year public swimming pool for Chard and the South and West Concerts Board, all asking for help.
Local Information Directory, Yeovil District; Best Kept Village Competition, 1983; Village Ventures Competition; Radio Bristol; S.W.Housing Aid; Thatch (Feb. 1983); Local Council Review (Winter 1982); letter from Mr Barnham about footpaths and from Mr Withers replying to the Clerk's letter of thanks for his services to the United Winsham Charities;
Reports of the Somerset County Council Committees;
Request from the Somerset Assoc. of Local Councils for our annual sub. of £41.25 by June 3rd.
- 1012 District Councillor's Report
Mr Wetherall said that he had nothing special to report but that he would try and see about the seat that had been vandalised in Davies Close and he would also remind Yeovil District Council about the proposed street numbering for Church Street. He said that he would not be standing for election on May 5th and hoped that we would find a good replacement and someone who was not under a political banner.
The Chairman thanked Mr Wetherall for the many ways in which he had helped us and for so frequently attending our meetings.
- 1013 Any other business
The new light between Bakersfield and Davies Close was not yet ready.
The Toc H seat was to be moved to Davies Close by Mr Ashman and Mr Fred. Long.
The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Rosser for a sign barring heavy vehicles from Court St. and to ask that the road be re-instated, especially at its junction with Wynyard's Lane.

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Chairman