

Minutes of a meeting of the Winsham Parish Council held in the Jubilee Hall on 5th January 1976 at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Miss B.M. Harding (Chairman) R.J. Ashman, S.G. Barnham, Rev. B.L. Bateson, Maj. K.I. Cameron, N.M. Hebditch, F.W.D. Withers, Miss M.A. Wren, K.G. Wetherall (District Councillor), R.M. Smart (Parish Clerk).

266 Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

267 Matters Arising

- A. The George, Ref. Min. 253(a). The Clerk had written to the District Council and was awaiting further information.
- B. Cottages in Western Way, Ref. Min. 253(b). It was reported that a good deal of clearing up had taken place.
- C. Winsham Bridge, Ref. Min. 253(d). The Clerk had received a letter from the Divisional Surveyor of the Dorset County Council stating that he did not think that the slight hump now existing on the bridge could possibly justify an erection of a hump backed bridge sign. Agreed to take no further action.
- D. Cemetery Regulations Ref. Min. 256. A query was raised concerning fees due to the Clergy officiating at burials, and also the situation regarding the footpath to the cemetery. Mr. Bateson agreed to look into these matters.

268 Footpaths Ref. Min. 254

The Clerk reported that the District Council did require an application form to be completed in full for each footpath where signposts were required and that he would therefore obtain more forms.

It was reported by Mr. Barnham that a five strand fence of wire and barbed wire had been erected across *the* line of footpath number 30/10 near its junction with Ammerham Lane and he considered that a stile should be provided. The Clerk agreed to report the matter to the District Council.

The question was raised concerning the legalities of dogs straying from public footpaths - the Clerk agreed to try and clarify this situation.

269 Planning Applications

A. No decisions have been received but notice had been received that application 751797 (Ref. Min. 255 B. ii) had been withdrawn.

B. Applications

i) 751907. Outline. Erection of dwelling on land at Lower Stadway.

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Mr. Wheadon concerning the renewal of temporary planning permission for the use of a barn as a workshop and store in Court Street, where some disturbance had been caused to near by residents. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask the District Council whether an application had been made for renewal. (Ref. Min. 136 and 169).

270 Alignment of wall (Post Office/Western Way) (Ref. Min. 258)

A letter had been received from the District Council stating that they had no further information other than that given in the plans originally sent. The Clerk had written again pointing out what appeared to be anomalies in the type of waiting bay specified and was awaiting a reply.

271 Small Recreation Ground (Ref. Min. 259)

To date, the Clerk had not been able to obtain any further quotes, and further suggestions were made of firms that might be interested.

272 Resurfacing of Roads (ref. Min. 261)

The Clerk had received a letter from the District Council indicating that the contractors for the sewerage scheme were responsible for reinstatement of road surfaces for 12 months from completion of the contract and that the Somerset County Council had elected to carry out the final resurfacing work. Their programme for this was awaited. Agreed that the Clerk should ask that further temporary reinstatement be carried out.

273 War Memorial Wall (Ref. Min. 263)

The Clerk had asked Mr. Loaring to give an estimate, but it had not yet been possible to arrange an inspection.

274 National Association Circulars

The Clerk reported on the following, which had been reprinted in the Local Council Review:

1. Number 331. Clerks Emoluments (Revisions). The effect for this parish was to revise the Clerks emoluments to 25% of the penny rate product and it was RESOLVED that this be accepted i.e. the figure to become £111.00 per annum from the 1st January 1976.
2. Number 333. Subscriptions. The proposed total annual subscription, payable to the County Association would become £17.00 for this Parish for 76/77.
3. Number 334. Policy on Councillors. No direct affect on this Parish.

275 Payments

RESOLVED to authorize payment of the following account: N.
Hebditch, new notice board, £5.00
Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd., Insurance premium £5.00
R.M. Smart emoluments October to December 1975 £25.00

276 Any Other Business

1. The Clerk reported that preliminary information was available on the local council elections to be held in May 1976.
2. Mr. Barnham asked that a note be kept by the Clerk when the minutes and notice of the next meeting were received from the Somerset Association of Local Councils.

277 The next meeting was fixed for 7.45 p.m. on Monday 23rd February 1976 in the Jubilee Hall.

Signed

Chairman.

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