

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Winsham Parish Council held in the Jubilee Hall at 7.45 p.m. on Friday, April 6th, 1979.

Present: Miss B. Harding (Vice Chairman, in the Chair), Major K.I. Cameron, Mrs. P.J. Cameron, Miss M.I. Churchill, Mrs. M. Fowler, Mrs. Rose, Mr. F.W.D. Withers, Mr. R. M. Smart (Parish Clerk).

Apologies were received from the Rev. B. L. Bateson who would only be able to attend the end of the meeting and Miss M.Wren.

567 The Minutes of the last meeting held on Friday, March 2nd, 1979 having been circulated were signed as correct.

568 Matters arising

- 1) Ref 562(1). There was no news yet of the igloo for the small recreation ground and the Clerk was asked to enquire about this from Mr. Ashman.
- 2) Ref 562(2). Exemption from V.A.T. There was no progress yet due to strike action.
- 3) Ref 562(4). The gate leading to the footpath to Winsham Church was still wired up and it was not clear who was the owner of the gate.
- 4) Ref 562(5). The Clerk had asked the Highway Department about the advance direction sign in Church St. He had been told that it should have been put up in 1978 and the Department were looking into this.

569 Planning Applications

Planning permission had been refused for Mr. Ewins to build a bungalow and garage at Oakleigh. Planning permission had been refused to Mr. Wheaton to build a bungalow in Court St.

570 Parish Council Elections

The Parish Council Elections had now been postponed to May 24th. By a last minute amendment to the Election Bill moved by Mr. Edward du Cann, M.P., the old nomination papers would still be valid.

571 Appointment of Parish Clerk

A letter had been received by the Rev. B. L. Bateson from Mr. Smart saying that he wished to resign on June 30th, 1979. From April 1st, 1979, he did not wish any salary to be paid to him but would only charge his expenses, which he had not done so far.

Mr. Withers proposed that Mrs. P.J. Cameron be appointed Parish Clerk to succeed Mr. Smart and this was seconded by Mrs. Fowler and carried unanimously.

572 Street Lighting

The Clerk reported that the County Council would be happy to take over the running of a street lamp if it were attached to the telegraph pole in Bakersfield. The Electricity Board would be responsible for putting it up but we did not yet know what the cost would be. //

572 Street Lighting Cont'd/

If street lighting were adopted throughout the village of Winsham, the Chairman thought that it would need a majority vote at a Parish Meeting. The lighting would probably have to include places as far as Purtington and Bridge, etc. The cost of installing the lighting would have to be paid for by the Parish Council and Clerk was asked to find out what would be involved in the whole question of street lighting, i.e. the cost of installation, the cost of running it and who would bear this and what authority was required to put it into effect.

573 Payments

RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

Yeovil District Council for grass cutting	£651.06
Mr. R.M. Smart, Clerk's emoluments, Jan. To March 31st 1979	£30.00

574 Any other business

- 1) It was reported that the bier which had been missing from the cemetery was now being repaired by Mr. Ashman in Miss Courtney's shed.
- 2) Flooding at Bakersfield where the two new houses stand. This was a matter for Mr. Rosser of the Highways Dept., and it should be referred to them in Chard. If no progress was made, Mr. Wetherall should be consulted and then Commander Jesseman.
- 3) Miss Harding reported faulty metalling of the road on the left side of Western Way when leaving Winsham. The Clerk was asked to get in touch with the Highways Dept. about this.
- 4) Some elderly people taking over new bungalows at Davies Close were unable to clear their gardens of large stones and it was understood that the District Council was not prepared to help. It was suggested that Mr. Wetherall might be consulted on this question.
- 5) Mrs. Rose reported on a meeting of the Somerset Association of Local Councils. A complaint had been made that amended plans for planning permission were not sent to Parish Councils. Mr. Wetherall was to be asked about this.
- 6) Mr. Bateson reported that the Churchyard boundary wall from the Vicarage entrance to Poole's Lane was falling down and could be dangerous. As the wall belonged to the Churchyard and not to the Vicarage, it was a Parish Council responsibility. It was agreed that two estimates should be obtained, one from Mr. K.D. J. Slade and one from a Holditch mason whose name Miss Churchill promised to supply.

575 Dates of next meetings

It was decided that the Annual Parish Meeting arranged for April 27th at 7.45 p.m. would still take place, but the Annual Parish Council meeting arranged for May 11th at 7.45 p.m. would now be an ordinary Council Meeting in view of the changed date of the elections.

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Dated

11th May 1979


Signed (Chairman)