

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

Minutes of the Winsham Parish Council meeting held in the Jubilee Hall on Friday, 8th June 1984 at 8.00 p.m.

Present: - Mr R M Smart (in the Chair) Mrs M Loaring, Miss E Cleeve, Mr D Woodward, Mr E Bannen, Mr V Chubb, Mrs M Fowler, Mr C Slade, Mrs R Rose. Also Mr L Fisher (District Councillor)

10. Apologies for absence.

None.

11. Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting on 11th May 1984 were signed as a true record,

12. 'Best Kept Village' Competition.

The Chairman reported that several working parties as well as individual efforts had been operational. It was agreed that the Village was looking better, but there were still a lot of jobs to be done. A vote of thanks was put forward to Mr Robert Slade for clearing rubbish. It was agreed that Monday evening, 11th June should be another working party, particularly to deal with the Cemetery Path.

13. 'Pitchfork Rebellion'

Mr Ted Vincent was asked to give a brief resume of his research into the Monmouth Rebellion. He stated that as far as he could discover, nothing of great importance happened in Winsham. Although it is more than likely that Monmouth passed through the Village. The Royalists did pass through Winsham, 'Kimmerdene' (the home of Mrs M Loaring and Family) having been the Barracks. It was agreed that the matter should be left in abeyance to allow the Councillors to have thoughts on the subject.

Mr L Fisher said the whole object of the Pitchfork Rebellion was a Tourist exercise.

14. Large Recreation Ground.

Mrs M Loaring reported that the Recreation Ground Management Committee held a Public Liability Insurance Policy in the value of £250,000.00.

The Chairman read a letter given to him by Mr L Fisher from the Yeovil District Council Legal Dept. on the subject of Cricket Balls escaping from the Recreation Ground. In brief it stated that the Club or individuals are responsible for any damage caused.

A letter from Mr Douglass was also read regarding the gate from Davies Close into the Recreation Ground. He maintains the gate should not be locked. Mr Smart said the Chard R.D.C. had originally put the gate for Council Officers only and that there was no Public Right of Way.

The Parish Council Meeting was then adjourned - proposed by Mrs M Loaring and seconded by Mr E Bannen.

The Chairman invited comments from the floor.

Mrs Rawle said the original Recreation Ground was left to the children of the Village and thinks this applies to the Large Recreation Ground.

The fact of cars driving on the grass during cricket matches was also questioned.

14, Continued.

Mr Smart said that on the question of BMX Bikes using the Recreation Ground, if a Club could be set up and a section of the Ground used under supervision, this may be the answer, Mrs Loaring invited a small committee of Parents from Davies Close to meet her with their proposals, "to be submitted to the Recreation Ground management Committee."

The Parish Council Meeting was reconvened.

It was reported that the gate between the Recreation Ground and Davies Close had been padlocked and that the padlocks had been forcibly removed and were missing. This, said Mr Smart, was criminal damage and could not be condoned. Mrs Loaring proposed that the gate should be left unlocked until the next Parish Council meeting as a trial period, being locked only during cricket matches. The proposal was carried. Mrs Loaring also appealed for the padlocks to be returned.

15. Victory Garage.

Regarding the tip and Ice Cream Van. Mr D Woodward reported that several scrap cars had been removed and some top soil had been moved in. He said that noise from the vans generators is increasing during the hot weather, due to vans returning at more frequent intervals for more stock.

Mr C Slade said in his opinion Planning Permission should have been sought concerning the Change of Business. The Clerk was asked to write to the Planning Officer on the subject.

16. Receipts and Payments.

Receipts - £1.00p - Rental for Large Recreation Ground.

Payments - As approved in Min. 7 Plus £2:50p. Entry Fee to the The Best Kept Village Competition.

Current Account - £82.33p, Deposit

Account - £865:27p. Petty Cash - £3.68p.

The Clerk reported that if less than £100 was kept in the Current Account, bank charges would be made by Nat West Bank. It was agreed that the National Girobank should be approached regarding opening an account

It was agreed that £25 should be set aside for expenses in the Best Kept Village Competition.

17. Correspondence.

The Clerk was asked to contact Telecom re: New Directories for the Telephone Kiosk.

On the subject of Street Cleansing, the programme was read and it was

agreed that it was not being carried out. Mr L Fisher asked that a watch should be kept on this and a report given to him at the next meeting.

The Deed for the water pipe at the Large Recreation Ground was to hand and it was considered that it should be cleared by a Solicitor before being signed.

. Any other business,

Ref; Min. 152 - It was agreed that the arrangements for the repair to the Church Clock was not the responsibility of the Parish Council. An estimate for repairs was expected from Mr Ray Ingram of Bridgwater. Mr L Fisher reported that there had been a proposal to change the title "Yeovil District Council" to South East Somerset District Council. He considered this was too lengthy and had

suggested South Somerset District Council. This was agreed by the meeting.