

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 Primary School on Friday, 9 December 1983 at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Mr R M Smart (in the Chair), Mr E Bannen, Mr V Chubb, Mrs M Fowler, Mrs M Loaring, Mrs R Rose and Mr C Slade

The meeting stood in silent tribute to the memory of Mr R Ashman who died on 5 December 1983.

83. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Miss E Cleave.

84. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 11 November 1983 were signed as a correct record, having been circulated previously.

85. Matters Arising

Ref 74 - the Clerk gave details of the cost of grass retardants.

86. Cemetery Path

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman signed the contract for the purchase of the path. An account for the balance of the purchase price plus all the fees had been received in the sum of £771.37.

87. Play Equipment


It was agreed that the Committee would report to the next meeting on the competition entries. It was noted that, as the precept was remaining at the same level as in previous years, there would be little to spend on play equipment unless economies could be made with regard to grass cutting. It was agreed that this would also be discussed at the next meeting.

88. Boundary Fence of Recreation Ground

Mr Smart had discussed this matter with the Somerset Association of Local Councils. In their view the cricket field had been in use prior to any building of houses, they therefore considered that the Cricket Club had no responsibility for damage but this might prove difficult to uphold in a court. It was agreed that the Association should receive all the facts in a letter so that their views could be obtained in writing. It was noted that grants might be forthcoming from the District Council and the Sports Council to raise the boundary fence.

89. War Memorial

It was noted that this had again been damaged. Mrs Loaring reported that she had inspected the war memorial with Mr Ashman and noted that the highway is now encroaching on the memorial. A buffer stone had originally been placed by the memorial but with resurfacing works over the years this had now disappeared. The war memorial was also in need of repointing. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the County Divisional Surveyor on the road encroachment and try to arrange a meeting.



90. Cemetery Memorials

Approval was given to an additional inscription to the Paul memorial by G W Stocks. Approval was also given to Mr G Evans to erect a bird bath on the grave of Miss C Titcombe.

91. Clerk's Appointment

Two applications in writing had been received, from Mr Harvie and Mr Vincent, both of Davies Close, Winsham. It was agreed to defer discussion until after the close of the open meeting.

92. Somerset Association of Local Councils

Mrs Rose and Mr Smart had attended the last meeting, major items of discussion had been heavy lorries, rate support grant and footpaths. It was noted that a new Definitive Map was being produced.

93. Planning

No notifications had been received from the District Council.

94. Receipts and Payments

Received from Mrs S Evans for the exclusive right of burial for herself £30,
Resolved to approve the following payments:

£44.85 Audit fee
£771.37 fee to Messrs Batten & Co for the purchase of the
cemetery path

The procedure for electing a new Councillor in place of Mr R Ashman was then discussed. An advertisement would be placed in the Chard & Ilminster News and on the noticeboard and if two parishioners claimed a poll an election would be called. If no poll was claimed the Parish Council could co-opt to fill the vacancy.

95. Correspondence

A letter had been received from the District Council asking for views on bottle banks. It was agreed that support would probably be forthcoming if a bottle bank was placed locally. The latest minutes from the County Council had also been received.

96. Any Other Business

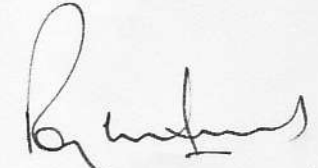
It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the District Council to ascertain whether rubbish could now be collected from Colham House instead of it having to be brought to the entrance of Colham Lane.

After Question Time the members of public left the meeting.

91. Clerk's Appointment (Cont)

The applications received from Messrs Harvie and Vincent were discussed. It was agreed that Mr Harvie should be offered the position subject to a six months trial period and normal Contract of Employment.

The next meeting will be held on Friday, 13 January 1984.


Chairman 13/1/84.