

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 Jubilee Hall , Winsham on Friday, 10th February 1984 at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Mr R M Smart (in the Chair) Mr V Chubb, Miss E Cleave, Mrs M Loaring, Mrs M Fowler, Mrs R Rose, Mr C Slade, Mr E Bannen. also MR L Fisher (District Councillor)

113. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting, held on the 13th January 1984, were signed by the Chairman as a true record having been circulated to Councillors previously.

114. Matters Arising.

Ref: 112. A letter from the County Surveyor was read regarding School Transport and the matter was satisfactorily concluded.

Another letter from the County Surveyor was read regarding repairs to Court Street, Winsham.

The question of empty Council properties being left vacant for unreasonable periods was raised. It was reported that a letter will be received from the Housing Dept., Yeovil dealing with this subject.

115. Cemetery Path.

It was suggested that a check should be made to ascertain that the new fence posts are tanilized timber.

It was also decided to ask the ~~District Councillor~~ ^{District Councillor} for an advance of £600 on the Precept to pay for the fencing.

The subject of the Gate was postponed until the next meeting.

115a. Play Equipment was referred to ~~the~~ Committee of Mrs Loaring, Mrs Rose, Miss Cleave.

116. Grass Cutting.

Mrs M Loaring reported that she had received a verbal quote of £450 for grass cutting. This would necessitate the Council purchasing the grass cutting equipment. Mr Smart agreed to approach Crewkerne Horticultural Engineers regarding machinery.

117. War Memorial.

A letter from the County Surveyor was read, saying that protecting stones were to be fixed at the Memorial site.

118. Clerks Appointment.

A Contract of Employment was signed by the Chairman and Mr Harvie.

Mrs Osborne was thanked by the Councillors for her past services.

119. Disposal of Old Cheques.

It was reported that the old cheques found by Mrs Osborne were deposited at the NatWest Bank, Chard.

120. Co-option of Councillor.

Mr R Pike and Mr W Woodward were proposed and seconded. A secret ballot was held, resulting in a draw. The Chairman exercised his casting vote and voted for Mr W Woodward. The Clerk was asked to notify Mr Woodward.

121. Winsham Youth Club.

A letter was read from the Hon. Sec. of the above Club requesting assistance from the Parish Council, in the form of a grant. It was agreed that no funds could be spared at present.

It was also agreed to write to the Winsham Play Group stating that the Council would circulate their request for help.

122. Somerset Association of Local Councils.

A circular was read regarding a "Training Opportunity for Local Councillors and Clerks". The two Courses are Saturday, 10th March at Fiddington Hall (near Bridgwater) and Saturday, 7th April at Batcombe Village Hall (near Shepton Mallet) Course starts at 10 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m.

123. Finance.

Deposit a/c £365.27p.

Current a/c £29.58p.

124. Correspondence.

The subject of House Numbering has been finalised.

"Pitchfork Rebellion" It was agreed that Winsham should take an active part in this.

A letter re: flooding in Leigh Lane was received. The Clerk was asked to refer the matter to the County Surveyor.

125. Any Other Business.

A branch of a Yew tree had been broken off by the recent high winds and is in the Churchyard. Mr A Cook has offered to move this if he could have the wood. Permission could not be granted by the Parish Council and the matter is to be referred to the P.C.C.

The subject of litter left in the lay-by at Whatley was discussed. The Clerk was asked to write to the County Surveyor with a request to have the litter cleared and possibly a "No Litter" sign and/or a litter bin to be erected.

The next meeting will be held on 9th March 1984



Chairman 9th March 1984