

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Winsham Parish Council meeting held on Friday, 10th May 1991 in the Jubilee Hall at 8.00 p.m.

Present:- Mrs M Loaring, Mrs A Rose, Mrs E Jones, Mr K Fowler, Mr A Markham, Mr D Woodward, Mr B Speyer, Mr C Slade and Mr D Wilson.
Also Mr J Trickett (Cty. Cllr), Mr C Baigent (Dist. Cllr), P.C. A Mazzei and K Harvie (Clerk).

1. Apologies for absence.

None.

2. Election of Officers, Committees and Representatives.

Mrs M Loaring was elected Chairman. Proposed by Mr D Wilson and seconded by Mr B Speyer.
Mr C Slade was elected Vice Chairman. Proposed by Mrs A Rose and seconded by Mr D Woodward.
Mrs M Loaring, Mrs A Rose and Mr C Slade were elected as the Parish Council Planning Committee.
Mrs E Jones was elected as representative on the Jubilee Hall Management Committee.
Mr C Slade was elected as representative on the Recreation Ground Management Committee.
Mrs M Loaring was confirmed as School Governer.
Somerset Association of Local Councils. See Minute No 10.

3. Minutes.

The Minutes of the meeting on the 12th April 1991 were signed as a true record.

4. Matters arising.

Poor maintenance of Council Houses and Trees in Davies Close. This subject will be raised with Mr C Baigent in Minute No 7.
Lights in Davies Close. The Clerk had written to both the County and District Councils regarding obtaining Grants towards the cost of the lights. He was advised by the County Council that a light could not be fixed to the NW pole because it is a Telecom Pole. In view of this, he requested a Quotation for 1 light on the SW pole. This is now to hand in the sum of £199.00 + VAT. It was agreed to accept this Quotation and advise Mr L Fisher accordingly.
Litter Bin at the School. Mr Woodward has taken this to the School and will help Mr J Payne fix it in due course.

5. Police.

P.C. A Mazzei reported. The Chard Station is 3 Officers understrength. It is thought the break-in at the Sports and Social Club was one of a series. Chard Football Club and Thorncombe Club both had attempted break-ins.

The Police insist that all crimes are reported. All crimes are logged and can help in building a picture of similar crimes. Also the more reports made, the more likely to have a better Police presence. It was suggested the Parish Council should contact the Community Involvement Section at Yeovil Police Station to arrange a lecture on Police procedure. The Clerk will write to arrange an evening visit and also a visit to the School

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5. Police.

Mrs Loaring asked for a Police presence at the Street Fair on the 29th June.

As from April 1992 Chard and Ilminster Police will be controlled from Taunton G Division.

6. Planning.

910670 Mr M J Scott, Oakleigh, Winsham. Extension to House.
Approval recommended. Permission granted by Yeovil.

903174 Mr Partridge, Greenhaze, Winsham. Amended plans.
Approval recommended.

Mr Scott, Innisfree, Purtington. No 910876.
Approval recommended.

911008 United Reform Church, Winsham. Alterations. New Application.
To be discussed by the Planning Committee.

7. Mr C Baigent.

Maintenance of Council Houses. Mr Slade said many of these were falling into a very poor state of repair.

Trees in Davies Close. Some urgent attention should be given to this matter as the trees are cutting out light into some bungalows.

Mrs Loaring raised the subject of the poor condition of the car park at the rear of houses in Western Way. The surface is being torn up, largely by persons working on 'stockcars' at No 3 Western Way and then testing them along the car park. It cannot be said that a business is taking place at this address but the work being carried out is certainly more than 'Domestic use' as stated when Planning Permission was given for the garage to be built.

Mr Slade raised the matter of the lack of replies to letters to the District Council. Complaints regarding this have been made in the past but still letters are ignored and not even acknowledged.

8. Mr J Trickett.

Re: the dip in the road from Fore Street to the A30. This has been investigated by the Highways Division and it is thought that the road does not warrant a sign.

Re: Lorries from Cricket St Thomas. The lorries are now turning right from the Estate at Whatley. Negotiations are afoot to ease the entrance. The Gravel Store at the A30 has been tidied. A letter of appreciation will be sent to the Highways Division.

9. Cemetery Fees.

Mrs Loaring suggested Kerbs should be allowed on graves, as well as headstones. This was agreed as long as an illustration is submitted for agreement.

Regarding the Fees for interment. Mr Wilson proposed a 25% increase over all. This was agreed. The Fees will now be as follows:-

Interment - Child £6.00p.

Adult £19.00p.

Exclusive Right of Burial - 9ft x 4ft Grave £66.00p.

4ft x 3ft Grave for ashes £29.00p.

Walled Grave £225.00p.

Memorials & Additional Inscriptions £10.00p.

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10. Receipts and Payments.

Bank balance. Current Account £283.86p.

Deposit Account £1821.37p.

It was agreed to pay Smart Print Publications Ltd £40.21p.

Printing in future will be carried out by the Clerk at the School.

Membership of the Somerset Association of Local Councils will cost £70.22p.

It was decided not to rejoin this Organisation.

11. Correspondence.

Details of Parish Emergency Planning. This was handed to Mr Fowler.

12. Any other business.

Footpath Marker Posts. The installation of these will be discussed at the next meeting.

The fence between Bakers Field and the Recreation Ground is in need of attention. This matter will be on the next Agenda.

A correspondent is required to contribute Parish Council business to the Parish Magazine.

The next meeting will be on the 14th June 1991.

M. D. Lewis