WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Winsham Parish Council held in the Jubilee Hall on Friday, 10 June 1983 at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Mr R M Smart (in the Chair), Mr R Ashman, Mr E C Bannen, Mr V Chubb, Miss E W Cleave, Mrs M A Loaring, Mr C J Slade Mrs M Fowler

15. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Rose and Mr Fisher.

16. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 13 May 1983, having been circulated previously, were signed as correct after the following corrections were made to Minute No. 5:-

Delete"Mr Lawrence"and replace with "Mr Harris".

Add after "a price of £500" - to include sufficient land for a turning area . . .

17. Matters Arising

Ref 13 - Dumping of soil on B3167 - the Clerk read a letter received from the Divisional County Surveyor which stated that the soil had been dumped as a temporary measure and would soon be levelled. It was noted that levelling works were being carried out and it was resolved that the Clerk should write to say that the Council hoped that no further dumping would be done.

Ref 13 - Bier - A letter had been received from Mrs P Cameron which stated that Chard Museum would accept the bier on a long-term loan. Mr Ashman has agreed to transport the bier to Chard.

Ref 14 - Dates of Meetings - It was noted that the Jubilee Hall was booked on the second Friday in September so it was agreed that the meeting in August should be cancelled and the September meeting brought forward to the first Friday, ie 2nd September.

Ref 1012 - Street Numbering - nothing further had been heard from the District Council.

Ref 1013 - Court Street - although the County Surveyor had written to say that reinstatement work had been carried out it was noted that the road was still in a bad state. It was also noted that water is still seeping in the road. The Clerk to write to the Divisional County Surveyor on both these points.

Ref 13 - Responsibility for damage from sports field to inhabitants of Davies Close - this was discussed but as it is not the responsibility of the Parish Council it was resolved that no action be taken unless a letter is received from those directly affected.

18. Grass Cutting Contract

Mr Ashman declared his interest in this and withdrew from the meeting.

A request had been received from Mr Ashman asking if the grass cutting contract could be turned into a three-year contract. The Clerk reported that this could only be done if other tenders were received on the same basis. It was agreed that this should be discussed at a later date prior to tenders being invited for the next grass cutting season.

Mr Ashman then returned to the meeting.

19. Cemetery Path

It was noted that the Church Commissioners and Mr Harris have yet to meet to stake out the land. Mrs Fowler read a letter she had received from the secretary to the Bishop as a result of a petition she had arranged.

20. Boundary of small Recreation Ground

It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Mr P Good of 1 Western Way asking him to reinstate the correct boundary of this ground.

21 Litter Bin in small Recreation Ground

The Clerk read a letter from the Women's Institute which gave details of a litter bin they proposed to place in the ground. The design of the bin was approved and it was decided that the litter bin should be placed on the fence by the War Memorial in Western Way. Also noted that the WI accept responsibility for keeping the bin clean.

22. Somerset Association of Local Councils

Mr Smart and Mrs Rose had attended a meeting held on 6 June. Matters considered were rating of cemeteries, police liaison groups, the possibility of social evenings, the recruitment of new parishes to the Association, rate support grant, privatisation of British Telecom, disposal of nuclear waste, the recycling of aluminium cans for fund raising, Girobank services, an offer of free paint by ICI for non-profit making organisations for the benefit of the community.

23. Planning

830604 - Erection of deep litter poultry breeding house at Leigh House Farm) - The Council approved this subject to the possibility of some screen planting being carried out and recommended that "stippled aluminium" be used for the roof.

It was noted that the District Council were in contact with Mr R Pike of Bridge Farm Cottage over the fact that no planning permission had been obtained for his contracting business.

AL Receipts and Payments

Received Recreation Maintenance Grant 1982/83 - £73.

25 Correspondence

The Chairman stated that Major Cameron no longer wished to be the EC Advisor. It was agreed that the Emergency Planning Officer should be asked to visit in the autumn in an effort to get some volunteers for the Emergency Committee. The following had also been received:—

Parish Council Liaison — 1982/83 Audits; Minutes of Somerset County Council; Application to transfer the Licence in respect of The Bell Inn; Leaflets regarding use of Post Offices; District Council "News and Views"; Agenda and Minutes of Somerset Association of Local Councils; Thatch; Notice on revision of refuse collection; World of Leisure catalogue.

26 Winsham Primary School

It was agreed that in accordance with the Education Act 1941 the Parish Council would notify Mr Meech that they no longer wished him to act as Governor to the above school and that Mrs Loaring should become their nominee.

27 Any Other Business

The Clerk to write to the County Surveyor regarding increased number of accidents at Whitegate.

The Clerk to ask the Planning Officer for guidance on the placing of signs. The Clerk to arrange for the footpath at Broadenham to be cleared. It was noted that Colham Lane had been cleared and would be resurfaced.

Charmon 8/7/83.