

## WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Winsham Parish Council meeting held on Friday, 12th June 1992 in the Jubilee Hall at 8.00p.m.

Present:- Mrs M Loaring (in the Chair), Mr D Wilson, Mr D Woodward, Mrs R Rose, Mrs E Jones, Mr K Fowler, Mr B Speyer and Mr C Slade.  
Also Mr C Baigent (Dist. Cllr.) Mr John Whitmarsh of the County Council and Mr K Harvie (Clerk).

### 11. Apologies for absence.

Were received from Mr A Markham.

### 12. Minutes.

The Minutes of the meeting on the 8th May 1992 were signed as a true record.

The Chairman then adjourned the meeting for a talk by Mr Whitmarsh on Traffic Calming.

Mr Whitmarsh suggested a visit to Stiby Road, Yeovil would be useful to see the scheme which had been carried out. Certain schemes can delay the emergency services but both the Police and Fire Brigade favour 'Humps' in the roads.

The County Council in conjunction with the District Council will prepare a scheme and costings. The County Council will provide 1/3 of the cost.

'Rumble Strips' are not favoured because of the noise factor.

Mr Whitmarsh then left. This subject will be on the next Agenda. The meeting was then reconvened.

### 13. Matters arising.

STREET LIGHTING. Mr Speyer reported. 20 sites have been located, the lights being fixed on SWEB poles. If BT poles can be used, a further 2 or 3 lights can be fixed in Western Way. The cost to the Parish Council would be approx. £1300. The Clerk will ask the Street Lighting Officer of the County Council to meet with Parish Councillors to discuss the proposed scheme and obtain a price.

NOTICE BOARD. With the help of the Clerk, Mr Weller will fix the new Parish Council Notice Board for £5. This was agreed.

SAFETY SURFACES FOR SWINGS. The Clerk was asked to chase catalogues and prices.

The Clerk was asked to contact Mr P Pym for an account for fixing the new Footpath Marker Posts.

The Shunter in the Small Recreation Ground has been removed. Mr Slade considers the metal left in the grass is dangerous. He will fill the holes with clay on Monday.

Police - re: the Break-in. The Clerk was asked to send copies of all correspondence on this subject to the Chief Constable, Mr D Shattock at the Bristol H.Q.

### 14. Planning.

Mr W C Earl, Ammerham. Caravan. Granted.

Mr M W Layzell at East Whatley Farm. Barns into dwellings. To be discussed.

Mr W J D Taylor, Cricket St Thomas. Estate Managers House. Landscaping amendments. Comments:- We would rather leave this matter until other subjects have been settled.

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### 15. Receipts and Payments.

Bank Balances:- Current Account £70.64p. Business Reserve Account £2443.49p.  
To pay:- Mr A M Smith £315.00 for Grass Cutting.  
Mr K Harvie £50.00 for new Notice Board.  
Mr Wilson proposed this Agenda item should be renamed 'Finance' and that a Financial Statement should be prepared every Month.

### 16. Mr C Baigent.

Mr Baigent was asked if a 'Somerset' sign could be provided and installed close to Axe Bridge.

### 17. Correspondence.

From Mr L Fisher re: South Somerset Booklet. 'Hamstone Country' is wrongly positioned. Mr Baigent took details and will bring this to the notice of the publishers.  
Environment Update.  
Information Bulletin No.7.  
Bus Services.

### 18. Any other business.

It has been reported that the Grave Digger, after digging a grave, spreads earth and stones over other graves. This causes problems for the grass cutting machines. The Clerk was asked to write to the grave digger asking him to stop this practice.  
The subject of the recent Traffic Census will be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

The next meeting will be on the 10th July 1992.

On the 28th May 1992 a meeting was held on the subject of the Future of Local Government. The talk was given by Miss Helen Rutter - Policy Co-ordinator, Mrs Jane Clark - Leader of the District Council and Mr Andrew Grant - Area Co-ordinator/Housing.

The District Council are responsible for Housing - 10,500 units, Planning, Economic Development and Tourism, Refuse Collection - 90,000 Refuse Bags collected each week, Recreation and Arts, Countryside, Highways, Sewerage, Local Tax Collection and Benefits, Licensing and Land Charges, Environmental Health and Car Parks.

The population of the District is 143,300.

In 1991 over 3000 Planning Applications were dealt with and most were settled within the 8 week period.

The District Council at Durstons, Chard is now contactable for more responsible matters.

