

W I N S H A M P A R I S H C O U N C I L

Minutes of the Win sham Parish Council meeting held in the Jubilee Hall on Friday, 12th October 1984.

Present: Mr R M Smart (in the Chair) Mrs M Loaring, Mrs R Rose, Mr D Woodward, Mr E Bannen, Mr V Chubb, Mr L Fisher (District Councillor)

56. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Miss E Cleeve, Mrs M Fowler and Mr C Slade.

57. Minutes.

The Minutes of the last meeting held on Friday, 14th September were signed as a true record.

58. Matters arising.

Ref: Min: 43 - It was reported that there are now 2 Capping Stones loose at the Children's Recreation Ground. Mr Slade is to be informed and asked to fix them.

Ref: Min: 46 - It was reported that repairs to the Church Clock had been carried out. No bill has been received to date.

Ref: Min: 54 - It was agreed to donate £5.00 to the Somerset County Playing Fields Association.

Ref: Min: 55 - Grass Cutting in Davies Close. It was reported that the grass had been cut much better after the last meeting and a report in the Press.

'Best Kept Village' - No results of the Competition have been received. Mr Smart said he would pursue the matter.

59. Planning.

The Planning Committee reported on the building works at Ray Ashmans Garage, The Caravan at Victory Garage, the proposed Diners Club at Old Manor Farm and proposed building works at the Old Gospel Hall. Manor Farm refused, Gospel Hall referred back.

60. Somerset Association of Local Councils.

Mr Smart reported on the meeting held on 1st October. The meeting was addressed by Mr Clotworthy (Chief Planning Officer). Mr Smart said planning business had generally improved under the management of Mr Clotworthy and there was now more liaison with Local Councils. More notice was being taken of reports by Local Councils. It was suggested that Councils should be permitted to keep plans submitted for Planning Applications, also there should be more feed back on amendments.

61. Emergency Planning.

Mr Woodward has the programme of courses to start on Nov: 1st, which he will attend. The notice regarding Emergency Telephone Numbers was discussed and decided upon. It was suggested that Thorncombe should be informed of the numbers.

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62. 'Winsham Wander'.

It was reported that there had been several requests for another walk. Next Spring was agreed for the next walk. A vote of thanks was tabled for the direction, signs, the barbecue and the " trailblazers". Mr Smart said he thought a charge should be made for the walk but the general feeling was that a charge could not be made for walking over public footpaths. A draw would be the best way to raise cash. The subject is to be discussed at the January 1985 meeting.

63. Playground Equipment.

A sub-committee was formed to deal with this. The members of the sub-committee are Mr E Bannen, Mr D Woodward, Mrs M Loaring, Mrs R Rose, and Mr V Chubb.

It was proposed by Mrs M Loaring that £400 should be spent on play equipment. This was seconded by Mr V Chubb and carried unanimously.

64. Kissing Gate.

It was reported by Mrs M Loaring that there is insufficient space to install the gate between the existing Cemetery Gate and the stile. Mrs Loaring suggested the Parish Council might consider purchasing the strip of land adjacent to the Cemetery. She also reported that the large field gate at the entrance to the Cemetery Path had been stolen.

The Clerk was asked to write to P H Hardwill complaining that the new gatepost at the Cemetery Path is splitting and requesting a new post.

65. Victory Garage.

Mr Fisher had received a copy letter to Mr Pike from the County Surveyor regarding instructions for site works at the Garage. Agreement to the instructions is required before planning permission is given. Mr Fisher will find out why no planning details concerning this have been forwarded to the Winsham Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to write to the District Planning Officer asking for results. On the subject of Ice Cream Vans, Mr Fisher will check on the planning position regarding the health hazard and change of business.

66. Speed Limit.

Letters were read to and from the County Surveyor. The outcome was voted as most unsatisfactory. A reply to our letter to Mr Paddy Ashdown had been received saying he was abroad and would deal with the matter upon his return. The Clerk was asked to write to Cmdr. Turvill asking him to attend a Winsham Parish Council meeting with a view to taking up this matter on our behalf.

67. Street Cleaning.

It was reported that the Direct Labour Organisation has taken over street cleaning and is trying to improve the service.

68. Audit.

The Payments and Receipts Book has been balanced and was signed by the Chairman.

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Correspondence.

A letter from the Parochial Church Council was read thanking the Parish Council for financing the repairs to the Church Clock.

A letter from the Winsham Playgroup requesting a donation. This will be discussed at the November meeting.

70. Any other business.

It was stated that the Denslow Minibus times were not as per the timetable. The Clerk will contact Mr Denslow regarding this.

Mr Fisher spoke on the subject of unauthorised Council House exchanges. He said the parties who exchanged in Winsham and Chard would be allowed to stay as they were. He considered "Winsham had the best of the deal" and thought the matter should be left as it is.

The next meeting will be on Friday, 9th November 1984.