

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 on Friday, 14 October 1983 at 8.00 p.m.

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

54. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Mr R Ashman.

55. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 2 September 1983 were signed as a correct record, having been circulated previously.

56. Matters Arising

Ref 51 - An apology had been received from Mr P Ashdown, MP, who was unable to attend this meeting.

Ref 40 (37) - the Clerk read a letter received from the County Surveyor regarding the state of the roads and it was agreed that specific areas of concern would be raised with the Surveyor as and when they arose.

Ref 43 - the Clerk read a letter received from the County Surveyor regarding the speeding of cars in Davies Close. It was agreed that although visibility is poor when driving out of various roads, there is no further action that can be taken at the present time.

Ref 45 - the Clerk had been notified by the Area Housing Manager of the District Council that all new tenants of Western Way would be informed of the limited use of the parking bay and that a sign would be erected in the near future.

Ref 52 - the Clerk had been notified by the Area Housing Manager of the District Council that the vandalised seat in Davies Close would be repaired shortly.

Ref 44 - the Chief Technical Officer had notified the Clerk that the Court Street name plate would be included on the current list for repair.

57. Cemetery Path

The Clerk had received confirmation from Mr Harris of Lawrence that the area of land pegged out by the Planning Committee and himself had been approved by Cluttons. A letter had been received from the Council's Solicitors stating that the Church Solicitors wished to insert a new clause in the contract which would enable the Diocesan Board of Finance to have a right of way from Pooles Lane to the adjoining Glebe Land. A further letter had been received from the Council's Solicitors which stated that the Diocesan Board had now found a document of title to the land which it is proposed to buy.

After much discussion it was resolved that:-

- (a) the Clerk would ask the Council's Solicitors to look at all the deeds and information regarding the church path to ascertain the exact ownership of the land; and
- (b) to ask for a reduction in the purchase price in view of the request for a right of way.

The Clerk also reported that Mr P H Hardwill had confirmed in writing that his quotation for fencing works included tanalised timber posts and a galvanised pipe gate.

58. Requests for Grants

- (a) CRESTA. After much discussion it was decided that no grant would be allocated to CRESTA as those persons interested in the proposed pool would be supporting fund raising and also the District Council were making a large contribution from the rates.

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58. Requests for Grants (Cont)

(b) Citizens' Advice Bureau . The Citizens' Advice Bureau had written to request some assistance as the bureau was facing closure. After discussion it was agreed that this was a worthwhile cause and that a donation of £10 would be made, being proposed by Mr E Bannen and seconded by Mrs M Fowler.

59. Recreation Ground Boundary Fence

Mrs Loaring reported that the Recreation Ground Management Committee had met to discuss the problems with cricket balls going into the gardens at Davies Close and the occasional damage caused. It was noted that the District Council had paid for the fencing between the recreation ground and Davies Close gardens. It was agreed that this matter should be raised with the Somerset Association of Local Councils to obtain their advice on the exact responsibilities of the Parish Council and Management Committee. No formal complaints had been received by the Clerk from any resident of Davies Close. At present the District Council do not take responsibility for the height of the boundary fence.

The Clerk stated that she had written to the Home Office requesting copies of any Bye-Laws affecting the village as complaints had been received about children playing with bicycles in the Recreation Ground.

60. Play Equipment

Many complaints had been received about cycling in the recreation ground and Mrs Loaring suggested that the piece of land adjacent to the band hut, belonging to the District Council and leased to the band, might be considered as a suitable area for use as a cycle track. It was agreed that there was a very real need for a cycling area and this piece of land would have no access on to the road. It was agreed to investigate the possibility of using this land for play purposes subject to the band's approval.

Mrs Loaring gave details of the proposed competition for play equipment. It was agreed that the competition would finish with a coffee evening on Monday, 14th November when Mr Smart would present the prizes, with all entries being on display for those interested. It was agreed that there would be two prizes in each age group, £3 for first, £2 for second, the age groups being 7 yrs and under, and 8 yrs and over. The Parish Council had already agreed to a prize of £5 and the Play Committee hoped to raise the other £5 through the coffee evening, etc.

61. Emergency Planning

The Clerk read a letter from the Emergency Planning Officer of the County Council asking for one person to attend the emergency planning courses starting in Yeovil on 14 November. It was agreed that as the Emergency Planning Officer will be attending the next meeting that this should be deferred until then.

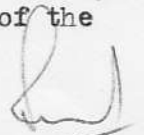
62. Somerset Association of Local Councils

As Mr Smart and Mrs Rose had been unable to attend the last meeting, the only item to report was that nuclear waste would not be disposed of in Lyme Bay.

The Clerk gave details of a one day training course for Local Councillors and Clerks for which Winsham had been allocated three places. It was agreed that the Clerk would attend and possibly Mrs Rose and Mr Smart.

63. Planning

831172 - approval had been granted to Mr R Ashman for the demolition of existing garage and the erection of a garage/workshop on land at the Garage, Fore Street, subject to the approval by the District Council of the materials to be used.

  
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63. Planning (Cont)

831462 - Erection of agricultural dwelling and garage by P W Dare, Leigh Farm, Chard.

The Parish Council's comments were as follows:

"The Council can confirm that the reasons for this application, as given in the written statement, are quite genuine. Although the proposed site is quite well screened from the immediate vicinity it is very prominent from further afield. We are not in favour of the current system which seems to allow development virtually anywhere once an agricultural need has been established. We would not comment in this case as to whether this need can be established at the present time.

It was noted that Mr Ashman had felt that these comments did not represent the comments made by the Planning Committee but Mr Smart stated that after discussing the matter with the other members of the Planning Committee, that this was as they had agreed.

With regard to Mr Pike's use of Bridge Farm Cottage for business purposes, the Clerk reported that the District Council would not take any action unless definite proof could be given as to the exact length of time he had been in business. Mr Fisher agreed to look into the matter of the garage possibly being used for business purposes instead of domestic use.

64. Receipts and Payments

The Clerk apologised for misleading the Councillors last month on the exact financial position. The current account balance was now £183.44, deposit account being £1711. It was agreed that a working balance would be maintained in the current account but that no mandate to maintain a balance of £200 in the current account would be signed.

Received from H Bishop for McLachlan internment	£36
Ellis internment	£6
Titcombe internment	£36

Resolved to approve the following payments:-

£63.75 Clerk's salary  
£20.00 Petty Cash

65. Correspondence

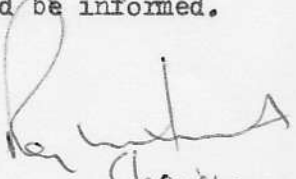
The Clerk reported that the following had been received:-

Notification of an Application for an Off-Licence for Winsham Post Office;  
Notification of part-time operation of Crewkerne & Ilminster Cash Offices;  
Local Government Boundary Commission Report No. 443; National Playing Fields Association Conference; Somerset Fellowship of Drama Newsletter; The Future of Telecommunications; Newsletter Training Day by Somerset Community Council; Community Twinings with France; County Council Annual Report and Accounts; Notification of Audit of Accounts; Letter from Crewkerne Haulage Ltd regarding the repairs to the War Memorial carried out after damage caused by one of their vehicles. After discussion it was agreed to write and say that the Council would like the corner slab that had been repaired to be replaced with a new slab.

66. Any other Business

Mr Fisher said that all Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the District Council's various Committees would be attending the reception at the Windwhistle Golf Club. It was also noted that the information signs regarding HGV access into Court Street had been erected. The Clerk commented that she had spoken to Mrs Peacock about the signs and it had been agreed that should Mr and Mrs Peacock have any difficulties over deliveries to their site that the Clerk would be informed.

The next meeting will be held on 11 October 1983.

  
Chairman  
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