

## WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Winsham Parish Council held in the Jubilee Hall on 23rd February 1976 at 7. 45 p. m.

Present: Miss B.M. Harding (Chairman) R.J. Ashman, S.G. Barnham, Rev. B.L. Bateson, Maj. K.I. Cameron, N.M. Hebditch, C.Hawker, F.W.D. Withers, Miss M.A. Wren, R.M. Smart (Parish Clerk) and 5 members of the public.

Apologies: Mr. Wetherall (District Councillor).

### 278 Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendments:-

268 Para 2 to read: It was reported by Mr. Barnham that a five strand fence of wire and barbed wire had been erected across the line of footpath number 30/10 and he considered that a stile should be provided. The Clerk agreed to write to the District Council requesting them to clarify the position of the path at this point.

### 779 Matters Arising

A. The George, Ref. Min. 267 A. The clerk read a letter from the Chief Planning Officer stating that progress was being made in the closing of the unlawful access.

### 280 Footpaths Ref. Min. 268

Mr. Barnham reported that he had been in touch with the District Council, that one application form was required to cover all footpath sign posts and that the total number of signs required would be provided.'

The Clerk reported that he had not yet heard from the District Council concerning footpath 30/10 at Ammerham.

### 281 Planning Applications

#### A. Decisions

751462 Ref. Min. 242 Approved

751522 Ref. Min. 242 Approved

#### B. Applications

760007 Use of land as temporary site for caravan on land at Back Street, Winsham.

760168 Overhead Line: Erection of 415/240 volts L.V. Line, Hey Farm, Winsham.

760006 Continued use of barn as store and workshop for builders use adjacent to Oak Gates, Court Street, Winsham. A further letter on the subject has been received from Mr. Frecknell concerning the noise created by the machinery. The Planning Committee's observation was that there should be no objection provided that the noise was confined to the building.

### 282 Recreation Ground Licence Ref. Min. 257

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from the secretary of the Management Committee pointing out certain complications and suggesting that a meeting be arranged. It was agreed that the Management Committee should be invited to the meeting with the Council and that prior to this the Clerk

should obtain a copy of the lease to the Management Committee and circulate a copy to the members of the Council.

283 Alignment of Wall (Post Office/Western Way) (Ref Min. 270)

The Clerk reported on the letter received from the District Council stating that the County Council had acquired land under section 159 of the Highways Act. It was agreed that he should take the matter up with the Highways Authority.

284 Small Recreation Ground Ref, Min. 271

The Clerk was still waiting for the estimate from the District Council for the repair to" the fence.

It was suggested that a gravel path towards Davies Close would be adequate instead of a properly surfaced one and the Clerk was asked to take this up with the District Council.

The Clerk reported that he had been approached by a Mr. Bramley who was interested in grass cutting of the Recreation Ground, Church Yard and the Cemetery, but had not submitted a quotation. It was RESOLVED that the contract should remain with the District Council.

285 Resurfacing of Roads Ref. Min. 272

The District Council had now stated that the Divisional Highway Surveyor anticipated carrying out full resurfacing in the late spring or early summer of this year.

286 War Memorial Ref. Min. 273

An estimate had been received from Mr Loaring for the sum of £68.00. RESOLVED that this be accepted.

287 Cemetery Regulations Ref. Min. 267 D.

Mr. Bateson confirmed that no fees were payable i>y the Parish Council to officiating clergy.

Mr. Bateson had written to the Diocesan Land agents concerning the path to the cemetery and had received a reply from the Assistant Secretary of the Diocese suggesting that the only solution to the problem was that the Council should purchase the strip of the Glebe. This was considered to be a non-practical proposition, but the Clerk was asked to reply requesting permission for the Council to surface the short length of path between the cemetery gate and the existing path.

288 Telephone Kiosk at Purtington

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from the telephone manager stating that it was proposed to remove the kiosk. He had written to residents of Purtington concerned and had received four replies strongly condemning this proposition. RESOLVED that the Post Office be requested to retain the kiosk.

289 Somerset Association Subscription Ref. Min. 274 2.

The representatives of the area committee, Mr. Barnham and Mr. Hebditch, reported that the matter of subscriptions had been discussed and that the County Association proposed a different scale from the National Association. There would not be much difference for this parish and accordingly it was agreed to make no comment on the matter.

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290 Precept

RESOLVED to precept to the District Council for the sum of £200 being a balance due for the year 75/76.

291 Any Other Business

1. A meeting was announced by the surveyors department of the Somerset County Council to discuss the strategic route plan. The Clerk agreed to attend.
2. It was suggested that a litter bin should be placed in the lay-by near the entrance to Whatley Land Pig Farm and the Clerk agreed to write to the District Council accordingly.
3. It was reported that Mr. Cook had offered to display the footpath definitive map in the Post Office window and the Clerk was asked to write and thank him for the offer.
- 4<sub>0</sub> It was noted that part of Davies Close had no access to the rear of the properties, which could be a possible danger in case of fire.
5. Mr. Barnham raised the question of support for the Somerset Community Council. Agreed that this should be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

292 Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting was fixed for 7.45 p.m. on Monday 5th April 1976 in the Jubilee Hall, the Annual General Meeting of the Council on Monday 17th May 1976 and the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 21st April 1976.

Date:

Chairman.

Signed .