

Minutes of a meeting of the Winsham Parish Council held in the Jubilee Hall on 25th July, 1977 at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Rev. B. I. Bateson (Chairman), Maj. K.I. Cameron, Miss M.I. Churchill, Mrs. M.O. Fowler, Mr D Griffin, Miss B. Harding, Mrs. R. A. Rose, Mr. F.W.D. Withers Miss M.A.Wren Mr. R.M.Smart (Parish Clerk), Mrs. P.J. Cameron (Asst. Sec.) and 8 members of the public.

Apologies were received from Mr. Wetherall (District Councillor)

418 The Minutes of the previous meeting on 13th June, having been circulated, were signed as correct after a minor amendment to 411 Silver Jubilee Committee. This now read:-
" It was reported that the house-to-house collection for the national appeal had raised £64.86 to which the Church had added £13.50, the balance of the collection after paying for the service sheets. It was known that other contributions had been made and expected that the parish had reached its target of £94.50. "

419 Matters arising

- 1) Ref. 406. The sign about the recreation ground had been made on one side of the road only. Mr. Bateson had contacted Mr Rudkin who had promised to do the second sign.
- 2) Ref. 411. Silver Jubilee Collection. Miss Harding reported that another £3. 00 had been collected making the total now £81: 36.
- 3) Ref. 416(4). Plastic bags for refuse. It was reported that the dustmen were paid for the collection of plastic bags under a different system and that we should have to wait for the bags until the Government lifted wage restrictions. (Mr. Bateson told Mr. Paul of Colham House that the Assistant Health Officer would call and see what could be done about the collection of his refuse,,
- 4) Ref. 416(2) War Memorial. It was reported that nothing had yet been done about this.
- 5) Ref. 412 and 402. Refuse Collection in Cemetery. There was now a refuse bin in the cemetery. The Chairman said that the Council must be asked to empty the bin when they next came to cut the grass.
- 6) Winsham Exhibition in Chard. Ref. 416(3). The Chairman said that we were very grateful to Miss Wren for taking so much trouble about it.

420 Planning Applications

- 1) Ref. 410 (2) Mr. Dcngey had applied for an extension of the temporary planning approval for a caravan at the rear of the Post Office. The Planning Officer had been to the site. The caravan had now been there for two years and three months and Mr. Dongey was employing bricklayers to finish the external work and was to complete the inside work himself. However, a decision had formerly been made by Yeovil District Council that an application for extension of the permission for a caravan on that site after April 30th, 1977 would be unlikely to be approved. Mr. Withers suggested that we should call Yeovil District Council's attention to this decision and ask them to act upon it. This

420 Planning Applications (1) Cont.

Was agreed.

(2) Proposed bay for a garage in High St. , Winsham

It was stated that this would have to be a big one, but, subject to this, approval recommended.

(3) The Post Office (not Winsham P.O.) had made application for a dwelling on land off Western Way (behind the thatched cottages), but details had not yet been received. It was thought that the Sale would be by tender.

(4) Ref. 385 (2). Major Cameron asked whether we had heard anything about the public enquiry into Mrs. Elkin's garage at The George. It was reported that no news had been received about this.

421 Mr. Withers asked that Planning Applications should be exhibited on the Council's notice board as soon as they were received, and the Clerk confirmed that this was done.

422 Si Iver Jubilee Committee

A meeting of the Committee was held on 27th June to take note of the finances. There was now a surplus of £100 on deposit at the bank. This would eventually be used to help to pay for the Jubilee Hall floor.

423 Cricket St. Thomas Cemetery (Ref. 379)

Following the report that access to this had been refused to someone in this parish, the Diocesan Registrar had been consulted and recommended that it be referred to the Cricket St. Thomas P.C.C. and, if necessary, the matter could be taken up with the Bishop's Legal Secretary. There was a right of way for a footway according to ancient rights. It was suggested that a notice stating, "no entry except to Church and cemetery" might be erected, but considered that no further action need be taken at this stage.

424 Footpath Signposts. (Ref. 414)

It was reported that these were usable for most of the sites. Mr Pym, Mr. N. Hebditch and Mr. Barnham had all been seen by Mr. Withers and they had agreed about the boring. As the posts were very heavy, assistance would be required to move them. Letters to various landowners were still to be written about the erection of the signs affecting their land.

425 Payments

RESOLVED To approve the following payment: -R.M.

Smart - Clerk's Emoluments - £29.00.

426 Any Other Business

1) Complaints about the grass at Davies Close not being cut properly.

2) An empty Council House. Miss Harding said that formerly the Council used to inspect this before a new tenant occupied it. It was agreed to ask Mr. Wetherall about No. 6 Western Way, which had been left in a bad state before the new tenants came in.

Mrs. Fowler said that the flat at Bakersfield had also been left in a bad condition by the outgoing tenants.

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3) It was reported that since the roads had been resurfaced, the white markings on the road had not been put back. There was often confusion, where the five roads met and a sign at the bottom of the village was needed to give indication to this. It was agreed that the matter should be taken up with the County Divisional Surveyor, with reference to the points agreed after the meeting with him some months ago.

427 The dates of the next two meetings were agreed for 12th September and 24th October, both at 7.45 p.m.

Date..... Signed
(Chairman)

The meeting was then adjourned to enable members of the public to speak (see notes below)

Notes of adjournment

When the meeting had been adjourned, various points were raised by members of the public: -

- a) Mr. Partridge said that the electricity pole on the Old George hid the entrance to the Chard Road from Back Street. If the pole were re-sited, visibility would be better. Mr. Bateson said that the Divisional Surveyor should be asked about this.
- b) It was also reported that the exit from Western Way was very dangerous and that the approach to the Chard Road at Whatley Cross was also a potential danger spot.
- c) Mrs. Loaring said that the grass had not yet been cleaned from the graves in the cemetery where weed killer had been used in error.
- d) It was requested that another telephone box should be provided in the Davies Close development.
- f) It was requested that the Council write a letter to Yeovil District Council expressing their disgust at the way the new houses had been put up, very close to each other and eroding the amenities of existing tenants. Mr. Partridge (of the old Police House) wanted to know about the path at the back of his house and where it was to lead.

