

W I N S H A M A N N U A L P A R I S H M E E T I N G

The Winsham Annual Parish Meeting was held on Friday, 26th April 1985 in the Jubilee Hall at 8.00 p.m.

Present: There were 37 members of the Parish present and Mr Smart took the Chair.

Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Mr C Slade and Major Cameron.

The minutes of the meeting on 27th April 1984 were read and signed as a true record.

Chairman's Report.

Mr Smart reported - The Parish Council met on the second Friday of every month. The meetings continued to be lengthy. 2? pages of minutes were prepared, with many other duties for the Clerk to carry out. There were good attendances at the Parish Council meetings. The Councillors were thanked for their work during the year and also Mr L Fisher (District Councillor) was thanked for his many attendances and help.

Regarding Planning - 8 applications had been received, which is similar to last year.

Roads and Paths - There had been a meeting between Mr Rosser (Divisional County Surveyor), now retired, and local Councillors at the Winsham Cross Roads to discuss the possibility of a speed limit through the Village. A speed limit was not approved. Cmdr. Turvill attended a Parish Council meeting and was helpful. The Old Cast Iron signs at each end of the Village have been repainted. A new "map type" direction sign has been promised for the Chard Road into the Village. A request to have the Chard Road cutting tidied has been made to the Highways Department. Attention to Street Nameplates has been promised. The Parish Councillors are, at present, checking on Footpath Marker Posts.

Recreation Ground - A high fence has been erected by the Cricket Club to stop cricket balls landing on private property.

Grass Cutting - £480 was spent instead of £1200. The same Contractor will carry out the work this season.

Best Kept Village - We received quite a good report for a first entry. Only a small band of workers did all the tidying of the Village.

Street Cleaning - There have been problems but the situation should now improve.

Emergency Planning - Mr Woodward and Mr Harvie have attended all the meetings and are now engaged in setting up a committee.

Winsham Wander - The first Wander attracted 43 walkers and the second Wander attracted 58 walkers.

Play Equipment - The Parish Council agreed to provide £400 for new Play Equipment. It was found that the District Council would make a 50% grant, so a further piece of equipment was ordered.

Burial Fees - These were revised to bring ours in line with similar Cemeteries.

Somerset Association of Local Councils - Our Representatives attended the meetings regularly.

Financial Report.

The Clerk reported: The Precept was £1250.00p.

Receipts - Cemetery Fees	£162.00
Refund V.A.T.	£224.00
Maintenance Grant	£301.00
Payments - Repairs to Church Clock	£85.00
Administration	£427.00
Grass Cutting	£552.00

Financial Report - Con't'd.

Balance - Current Account £31.43
Deposit Account £643.27

United Winsham Charities Report.

Miss Harding reported - No requests have been received but help is always available.

Jubilee Hall Report.

Mrs Smart reported - Miss Harding retired as Secretary and donated a clock for the Hall. This much appreciated. The main expense of the year was rewiring the Kitchen. Some redecoration will soon be necessary. The central heating boiler has been giving trouble and will probably have to be replaced. The main receipts were Newsprint sales £54.83 and Whist Drives £132.00.

Recreation Ground Management Committee Report.

Mrs M Loaring reported - The grass had been maintained by the Cricket Club. Plans were afoot to extend the Club building to accommodate a skittle alley. The Management Committee had met several times and agreed to rent a section of the Ground to a proposed BMX Club. A letter had been sent to the Chairman designate explaining the Management Committee's decision but no reply was received. The hedge had been cut and laid but the strings holding the saplings had been cut repeatedly. Mrs Loaring asked "What can be done?"

School Governors Report.

Mrs M Loaring was asked to give this report - She said this was a new item on the Agenda and she would make a statement and not a report. She said she had attended all the meetings and the minutes of the meetings are available at the School. She said she could not answer questions.

District Councillor's Report.

Mr L Fisher reported - On the Victory Garage, he has had a meeting with the Wessex Water Board regarding the drains. A watch is to be kept on this. He believes planning applications should follow the local need.

Any other business.

Mr Smart reported on the Street Fair to be held on 29th June 1985. The object is to recreate the atmosphere of 1685 in as many ways as possible. A committee has been formed to organise the Fair. The Art Club have produced posters which will be used for publicity. Mr Harvie has submitted designs for general use.

Mrs Fowler said the grass cutting by the District Council was terrible and asked Mr Fisher to pursue this.