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## WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Winsham Parish Council held in the Jubilee Hall on Monday, 27th February 1978 at 7.45 p. m.

Present: Rev. B. 1\_. Bateson (Chairman), Major K.I. Cameron, Miss M.I. Churchill, Mrs. M. Fowler, Miss B. Harding, Mrs. Rose, Mr. F.W.D. Withers, Miss M. Wren, Mr. K. Wetherall (District Councillor), Mr. R.M. Smart (Parish Clerk), Mrs. P.J. Cameron (Hon. Sec.) and members of the public.

469 The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 5th January, 1978 were read and signed as correct.

470 Matters arising

- 1) Ref. 459(2). It was reported that the recreation ground signs had now been completed.
- 2) Ref. 459(3). The tree at Davies Close had now been trimmed.
- 3) Ref. 462, 452, 441, 429(3), 419 and 416(2). Nothing had been done about the War Memorial. Mr. Smart said that he would write to Mr. Loaring.
- 4) The Clerk reported that he had been in touch with the District Council's Housing Department, who said they would look into the matter, but there was still a shortage of small housing units and it was thought unlikely that the Council would be prepared to convert the flats back to one unit. Mr. Wetherall had received a similar comment.
- 5) Ref. 466(2). The County Surveyor had been asked to inspect the pavements at Davies Close.

471 Planning Applications^

- 1) Ref. 460(4). The detailed plans for two bungalows in Court St, Winsham had been approved. Mr. Withers said that the Planning Committee had not received particulars about the site.
- 2) An application for the conversion of the Gospel Hall into a bungalow had been received from Mrs. Barnham. The site plan had been marked with the area belonging to the Gospel Hall and the access down to Court Street. The Planning Committee said that they wished to see the plans.
- 3) An application for a gate and stile at Whatley Farm had been received. This would be where the path joined the road and Mr. Grabham would do all the work. Recommended for approval.
- 4) Ref. 450. Nothing further had been heard about Miss Churchill's Application to build a bungalow.
- 5) Ref. 430. Nothing had been heard about Mrs. Elkin's garage.

472 Footpath Signposts.

Ref. 461, 451, 439, 431, 420 and 414. It was reported that the path from Whatley to Hollowells was on the definitive map and that posts should be put up there. Mr. Withers said that it was very difficult to get the job of

inserting the 37 posts done. He suggested approaching the Highways Committee or the Yeovil District Council, Mr. Smart said that the Council would do it for a payment and that we should get an estimate from the Council and from a fencing firm. This was agreed.

473 Somerset Association of Local Councils

Mrs. Rose and Miss Churchill had attended the Association's meeting. The Association was increasing its subscription next year. It was advocating that five copies of plans be sent and that one copy should go to the Parish Council. Mr. Wetherall said that this was a good thing but it would be quite expensive. However, he said, the District Council had to send out a plan if specifically requested to do so by the Parish Council.

- 474 A letter from the District Council and the Department of the Environment had been received concerning boundaries. The District Council had to keep the Parish pattern under review and each Parish Council was asked to put forward any recommendation before June 1st 1978. The boundary should be based on the importance of the community. The Planning Committee was asked to look into this for us.

475 Payments

RESOLVED to approve the following payments:-

Yeovil District Council - Maintenance of Churchyard, Cemetery and small Rec. 1977-1978	£558.00
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476 Precept

RESOLVED to precept the Yeovil District Council for £. 400.00 being the balance of the Parish Rate, 1977-1978.

477 Any Other Business

The Government of Schools. The Somerset Association of Local Councils would like our views on this. It had been proposed that the Parish Council's right to appoint school managers be discontinued. Major Cameron said that we should oppose this very strongly and it was resolved that we wanted to oppose the abolition of any existing rights that the Parish Council held for appointing governors to State schools and the Clerk was asked to reply accordingly.

- 478 The Annual Parish Council Meeting was arranged for May 8th at 7.45 p.m. and the next Parish Council meeting being on April 3rd at 7.45 p.m.

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