

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Winsham Parish Council held in the Jubilee Hall at 7.45 p.m. on Friday, September 29th, 1978.

Present: The Rev. B.L. Bateson (Chairman), Major K.I. Cameron, Mrs. P.J. Cameron, Miss M.I Churchill, Mrs. M. Fowler, Miss B. Harding, Mrs. Rose, Mr. F.W.D. Withers, Miss M. Wren and Mr. R.M. Smart (Parish Clerk).

An Apology had been received from Mr. K. Wetherall (District Councillor),

532 The Minutes of the last meeting held on Monday, August 7th 1978, having been circulated were signed as correct.

533 Matters arising

- 1) Ref 522 (1). The question of the igloo was raised and Mr. Ashman had apologised for not having had time to undertake this yet owing to pressure of work.
- 2) Ref 522 (2). Work on the War Memorial had been completed.
- 3) Ref 522 (3). Nothing had been heard yet about our exemption from V.A.T.
- 4) Ref 522 (4). Various suggestions were made about fast-moving cars on the new estate at Davies Close. Mr. Withers suggested that a small notice be typed out and dropped into every letterbox on the estate asking people to drive slowly. Mrs. Rose seconded this and the proposition was carried unanimously.
- 5) Ref 524. Mr. Withers asked that we should record our thanks to Mr. Ashman for having erected the footpath signposts so speedily and so reasonably. Mr. Ashman had not yet rendered his account for this.
- 6) Ref 530 (3). The Clerk reported that a new advance direction sign for Church Street, Winsham, had been designed and would arrive shortly.
- 7) Ref 526. The hedges had been cut in Court Street.
- 8) Ref 528. The Post Office had agreed to lag the telegraph pole in Bakersfield as a protection against creosote leaking out from it. They said that they would not object to a streetlight being attached to it. Mr. Smart was asked to investigate the cost of erection.

534 Planning Applications

- 1) Application had been made for a dwelling house off Lime Kiln Lane on behalf of Mrs.K.M.Forder.
- 2) Application had been made for Windwhistle Farm Cottage at Purtington on behalf of Mr. P.A. Smith.

534 Planning Applications Cont'd

3) Approval had been given to the amended drawings for a bungalow and a garage on land adjacent to Goosemoor in Ebben Lane. As the original application was rejected and the Winsham Parish Council had heard nothing about this new amendment, it was felt that our Council should protest saying that it had been given no information about the amendment.

535 Boundary Review (Ref 525)

Chard Parish Council wished to discuss this further, but it had not proved possible to arrange a meeting. The Clerk had confirmed to them the views of this Parish Council, i.e. that no changes were considered necessary.

536 Sewage Plant

The South West Water Authority regretted that complaints had been received about smells from the new sewage plant. They said that they found no noticeable odours and that no steps could be taken. Their Water Reclamation Officer could meet our Council and show them around. Mr. Smart was asked to reply and say that we would like to take up his offer in the summer.

537 Grass cutting maintenance

An estimate had been received from the S.W. Garden Contractors for this work but, as it was not below the cost of our present contract, it was decided not to change our present arrangement with the Yeovil District Council.

538 Application by the Recreation Ground Management Committee to sublease the Pavilion

As the Recreation Ground Management Committee was a Charity it could not operate a bar itself so it wished to lease the Pavilion to the Sports and Social Club who would be able to do so. The meeting was adjourned so that Mrs. M. Loaring, Hon. Sec. Recreation Ground Management Committee could explain the position and show plans. She assured the Council that the changing rooms and toilets could be used without going into the bar. The term of the lease would be 22 years as suggested by the Charity Commissioners and the Sports and Social Club would have to pay an economic rent. The approval of Winsham Parish Council, who owned the land, was necessary. On being put to the vote it was carried unanimously that approval be given.

539 Contents of the Agenda

Mr. Bartlett had brought up some points about matters raised by parishioners for discussion at meetings. The Clerk explained that it was necessary to receive these in writing 7 days before the meeting if they were to be included in the Agenda. The Council was not empowered to make any decision on any matter not on the Agenda. Mr. Withers asked that the date of the next two meetings be put on the notice board.

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Payments

RESOLVED to approve the following payments: -

Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd - Council Insurance -	
Renewal	£5.00
R. M. Smart - Clerk's Emoluments July - Sept '78	30.00

It was agreed that Public liability Insurance should be increased from £100,000 to £250,000.

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Any other business

- 1) Mr. Hawker had made the swing seats in the small recreation ground quite safe but did not wish to be paid for this. The long chains to support the fourth swing seat were missing and it was suggested that we bought some chains with some of the remaining money from the Forde Abbey concert. It was reported that the shunter was dangerous and needed to be made safe. Mr. Smart would look into the question of the shunter handles.
- 2) Approval was given for the motor vehicle rally at Broadenham on September 30th.
- 3) Somerset County Playing Fields Association. Our subscription had been acknowledged and we had received the Annual Report and bi-monthly magazine, Play Times, (The conference of the National Playing Fields Association would be held on November 15th).
- 4) The Imperial Cancer Research Fund had written asking for money by carol singing and would provide collection boxes and posters.
- 5) A letter had come from the Independent Broadcasting Authority saying that there would be a public meeting on November 28th at 8.00 p.m. in the Johnson Hall, Yeovil, to discuss local T.V., prior to the awarding of new contracts.
- 6) The Somerset Association of Local Councils was holding its Annual General Meeting on Saturday, October 21st, and Mrs. Rose would be unable to go to it. Its S. Area Committee would meet on October 23rd. The Association was also holding another Clerk's course.

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Dates of next meetings

A meeting of the Parish Council was arranged for Friday, December 8th at 7.45 p.m, the next meeting being on November 3rd at 7. 45 p.m.

Dated 2/11/78
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(Chairman)