

WINSHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Winsham Annual Parish meeting was held on Monday, 24th April 1989 in the Jubilee Hall at 8.00 p.m.

There were 12 members of the Parish present, also P.C. Phil Olds and Mr K S F Harvie (Clerk).

Mrs M Loaring took the Chair.

Apologies for absence.

Were received from The Reverend Hazel Barnham, Mr D Woodward, Mr D Wilson and Mr C Slade.

Chairman's Report.

Mrs M Loaring reported. The Parish Council have met 11 times during the year and 139 Minutes have been prepared. 21 Planning Applications have been received. As usual, the Winsham Planning Committee did not always agree with the District Council Planning Dept. There are two Planning Appeals pending at the moment - from Mr & Mrs Packham and Mr P Hudd. She said she would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs M Montagnon for attending most Parish Council meetings, also to thank Mr L Fisher for his help and attendance. Also she thanked the Parish Councillors for their support. Last but not least she thanked the Clerk "who makes my life that much easier".

As usual, the largest single item of expenditure is grass cutting.

At the last Parish Meeting we were awaiting completion of the wall in the Cutting. It is hoped everyone will agree that it has been an improvement. There are a good number of wild flowers and grasses now growing on the banks of the Cutting.

The fence between the Children's Recreation Ground and No. 1 Western Way has been replaced by the District Council. Whilst on the subject of Public Places, Mrs Loaring said she and the Parish Council are disgusted by the number of people who allow their dogs to foul these places. She, with others, are meeting the District Council Dog Warden tomorrow to see what can be done to stop this.

The Parish Council still do not have a satisfactory answer to Street Cleansing by the South Somerset District Council - "but no doubt we shall get there in the end".

For some reason the District Council decided to "sack" our Clerk - after 5 years - and sent some important documents to an unknown lady. The documents arrived too late to act upon.

Until recently P.C. David Churchly has attended many meetings. He has now been moved and P.C. Phil Olds has been appointed as our Community Constable. Mrs Loaring said "please get to know him when you see him in the Village".

Winsham United Charities Report.

Major K I Cameron reported.

There have been no applications for help.

Sir Matthew Holsworthy and Mr John Wheaton set up the Charity. The present Trustees are The Vicar, Miss Harding and Major Cameron. They have been Trustees for longer than the allotted period and Major Cameron feels that apart from the Vicar, when appointed, fresh Trustees should be found. This matter will be dealt with at the next Parish Council meeting.

The original 644 shares are invested in a Deposit Account. These shares are, at present, worth about £3000, which cannot be touched. Some Interest has been turned into a further 788 shares, worth about £3700. This amount can be donated. The Deposit Account stands at about £2005. The actual income in 1988 was £365.

Financial Report.

The Clerk reported.

Receipts: Precept £1500
Cemetery Fees £85
Bank Interest £47.73
VAT Refund £173.92

Payments: Grass Cutting £810 Admin:-
Insurance Petty Cash
Audit Wages £648.78

Jubilee Hall Management Committee Report.

Mr Smart reported.

He announced the extension to the Hall has been completed. The cost was approximately £18,000. The main hall has been decorated by a small group. New curtains have been made by the Ladies - thanks to them. The next plan is to refurbish the toilets. The Playgroup are planning to landscape the garden at the rear of the Hall and have received a Grant towards the cost. The Pantomime "Aladdin" was voted a great success. The Management are pursuing the provision of some staging for future performances. The Monthly lunches are well attended and the draw for the 100 Club is made at these lunches. Newspapers are still being collected and sold to raise funds. The A.G.M. will be held on the 8th May. The 'Roaring Twenties' Street Fair will be held on the 1st July. Mr Thomas proposed a vote of thanks for Mrs Janet Smart for the work she puts in for the Hall.

Recreation Ground Management Committee.

Mrs M Loaring reported.

The Cricket Club look after the maintenance of the grass - thanks to them. There is a mains water leak at present - this has to be traced and repaired. There is a chance of some more ground to extend the playing field - no details available at the time of writing.

School Governors Report»

Mrs M Loaring reported.

We keep about 38 pupils at the School. The new Patio outside the Infants Room is finished and being used, giving a lot more space to play with sand and water. Plans are going ahead to refurbish the swimming pool and heat the changing space. Although the pool was built with local funds, the LEA took it over but do not give anything for the upkeep. In view of this we are looking for Grants to do the work. We are also hoping to become a Community School. This means just what it says - a school for everyone. So we need people with any skills, such as gardening, sewing, knitting, painting etc to share their skills with the school children. Not to teach, but to work with them. On the other hand, if anyone wishes to use the school computer, photocopier, the pool or the gymnasium equipment, it is there for use. The PFA play a great part in fund raising, so it is hoped the May Day Fair will be **well** supported.

Community Constable,

P.C. Phil Olds introduced himself. He has been in charge of Winsham for about 3 months. Mrs Loaring complained about cars exceeding the speed limit through the Village. She was asked to provide registration numbers of offenders. The meeting was asked to watch out for sheep rustlers. Mr Smith enquired about setting up a Community Watch Scheme. He was told this can be arranged.

Any other Business.

Mr Paul. Smith said he was considering starting a Historical Society. This was welcomed and Mrs Loaring said the School could be used for meetings. Mrs Loaring also said Ann Escott, the Community Tutor, had set up the Parish Map Project and now, as with other projects, the Villagers must fend for themselves.

The meeting closed at 9.55 p.m.