

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 13th December 2000 at the Jubilee Hall, Winsham, at 8.00pm.

405 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Those present:	Mr.C.Slade	Chairman
	Mr.J.Sullivan	Vice Chairman
	Mrs.A.Rose	
	Mr.P.Love	
	Mrs.H.Duke	
	Mr.G.Winter	
	Mr.P.Pye	
	Mr.T.Fuller	
District Councillor	Mrs.S.Abbey	
Public:	Mr.D.Shaw (P.C. Footpaths Officer)	
	Mr.G.Peacock (P.C. Arboricultural Specialist)	
Parish Clerk:	Mr.F.Vaughan.	
Apologies:	Mr.E. Partridge	

406 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr G.Peacock of Y.S.J. Seeds attended the meeting as a member of the public to present his plan for diverting the footpaths in Ferdhey. His reason for requiring footpath diversions is to make easier cultivation of the area for his indigenous plants for their seed.

All members examined the plan of the proposed diversions.

Mr D.Shaw (P.C. Footpaths Officer) has walked the route and made the following points :-

- a) The proposed changes do not effect the existing ingress & egress, so all recent work done on providing new stiles is unaffected.
- b) The existing approach to the stile at the Malthouse access, on the easterly boundary of the site, is dangerous, the new arrangement will improve this.
- c) There is a proposal for steps & a handrail at the Malthouse access point.
- d) Mr G.Peacock will fund the work with no cost to Winsham PC.

Mr.D.Shaw supported the proposal.

Mt John Sullivan asked Mr G Peacock if 'the rubbish would be removed from the site & if the new path would be constructed before the old ones were removed? Yes was the answer. Mr G.Peacock also added that the new path/paths would be double fenced. Mrs.A.Rose suggested the paths should be wide enough to allow the grass to be cut by machine. Mr G.Peacock accepted this.

Mrs.S.Abbey asked for PC support.

It was proposed that the Parish Council support any planning application made by Y.S.J.Seeds that follows the proposals presented to the PC, for the diversion of footpaths in Ferdhey. **A.P.14 Clerk** to write to S.S.C.D. Footpaths Officer Derek Wadleton.

407 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8TH NOVEMBER 2000.

The Chairman signed these as a true record

408 MATERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN/TO BE TAKEN

- a) Winsham Map: The Jubilee Hall Committee have no objections. The map can be located in a plastic box on the wall outside. **A.P.15 Clerk** to obtain dimensions of map & costing for map case.
- b) Although the Parish Council are in favour of the land to the south of Western Way being developed for 'Affordable Housing', the objection to 'The Structure Plan' supported by the PC was thrown out by S.S.D.C. However if a need for 'Affordable Housing' can be established then there is an 'Exceptions Policy' to 'The Structure Plan'. **A.P.16 Clerk** to write to Tim Davies (Principle Housing Development Officer for S.S.D.C.) requesting the possibly of a survey of local housing need in the Winsham area. Also to request how the PC should proceed with this matter & report to the next meeting. Mrs Duke said local young people should register their housing need.

409 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Application by Mr & Mrs Glendale No 00/02542/FUL Granted
The Parish Council opposed this application & The Chairman was disappointed that S.S.D.C. chose to grant the application.
- b) Application by Mrs Cameron No 00/02953/TCA
(Removal of 1 Eucalyptus & 1 Poplar tree.)
The Parish Council raised no objections to this application.
- c) Planning permission 841973 for the conversion to a dwelling, at 'The Coach House' Court St, was conditioned to restrict the dwelling to occupation only by persons of the same household with no sub-division of the residential unit. Roger Wotton wrote to the owner Mr. Duffell on the 22 November reminding of this restriction and that if it was the intention to let the property, then it would require an application seeking to vary the planning condition.
At that time there was no occupation and therefore no breach of control.
Finally, the owner has a legal right to apply to vary the permission .
Should the property be occupied without any such permission being granted, then please let Roger Wotton know.
- d) Notice has been posted for the naming of the new road off Court St. It will be called Court Farm Close.

410 AMENITIES

Mr.P.Love's monthly report has been received – slide needs painting.

Clerk A.P.17. To contact Gyles Morris for informal advice about how the PC should proceed with the issue of the igloo-climbing frame. Correspondence from S.S.D.C 9th August 2000, not previously presented to the PC, suggests a risk assessment be carried out on the issue of safety surfacing. The letter also implies that the equipment, installed circa 1970 may have past its useful life.

Mrs.H.Duke said the surface near the swings needs rebedding, **Clerk A.P.18.** to ask Gyles Morris's opinion.

The 'Parish Recreational Facilities Maintenance Grant' 1999-2000 has been resubmitted to S.S.D.C. and accepted. The application forms for 2000-2001 has been received. The grant remains at £384, but for 2001-2002 it will rise with inflation from 1997 to £697.

411 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 1.The Clerk circulated the financial statement.
- 2.Mr.J.Sullivan's expenses submitted, re: Parish Guide stationary.
- 3.The Clerk's salary & expenses submitted.
- 4.The Precept Projection was presented to the Members & agreed at £6500.

The main points being: -

- a) Work on War Memorial & Cemetery path treated as committed for 2000/01.
- b) General contingency of £1000 & a further £600 for safety work on the igloo-climbing frame 2001/02 if required.
- c) Bus shelter allocation of £1000 2001/02, with main funding coming from Public Works Grant.

Mr J. Sullivan proposed the Precept seconded by Mr G.Winter

5.Mr G.Winter stood down as "The Responsible Financial Officer", the role now being carried out by the Clerk. Mr G.Winter will still be involved in the audit. The Chairman thanked Mr G. Winter for his past work as "The Responsible Financial Officer"

6.Grass Cutting: The **Clerk A.P.19** to write to three contractors for Grass Cutting Tenders.

7.Bank: The **Clerk A.P.20** to construct a letter to send to NatWest regarding excess borrowing charges.

412 CEMETERY

Mr.E.Partridge has filled in the grave, as is his usual practice.

Peter Parfit, the gravedigger, has been asked to keep the graves as narrow as possible & retain 2ft 6in of soil on top of the grave when filling in.

The question of removal of grass cuttings should be deferred to the next meeting.

Clerk A.P 21.

413 HIGHWAYS

1. Mr.J.Sullivan presented a letter from W.Atkins estimating £650 for the 12 meters of kerbing along the road to help deflect traffic away from the War Memorial. The PC thought this solution to be too expensive and would continue to monitor the situation. Other suggestions are, paint a white line on the road, fit a flexible reflector post and finally to retain the present arrangement of replacing the corner stone if it is damaged by traffic.

2. Mr Shearer's question about Broadenham Lane; 220 meters of the lane are adopted but not metalled.

3. The drains have been cleared at the road junction near Street Farm. This has reduced the flooding but there is no permanent solution to the problem.

4. The heavy rain has also highlighted many of the drain problems in the village. It is believed gullies in Church St are blocked causing overflow in Fore St and near the Bell Inn. Mr.R.Bailiff 26 Church St is suffering surface water washing against his house when traffic passes.

Mr.P.Pye suggested a solution to surface water running down Colham Lane was to build a drain 200 meters up the street.

A.P.22 The Clerk & Mr.J.Sullivan to prioritise all the known Highway problems & seek a site meeting with Geoff Mountjoy of W.S.Atkins.

Mrs.A.Rose said that the stone in the roadside at 'Clay Pot' was still there and a number of people have damaged their car tyres. This was noted on 6th September minute No371. **A.P.23 Mr.J.Sullivan** as this is an ongoing problem & the Clerk does not know where 'ClayPot' is.

414 CORRESPONDENCE & A.O.B

- a) Mrs.A.Rose & the Clerk could not attend S.A.L.C. meeting on 7th December because of heavy rain & flooding.
- b) Mrs.A.Rose informed the PC that the Rev. E. Chivers could not be a trustee of Winsham Charity Trust. Claud Rutter would remain a trustee.
- c) The Parish Guide is being delivered to households on Saturday 16th December.
- d) Progress with the Church wall? **A.P.24 Clerk** to follow up.
- e) The indiginous oak tree planted in 1928 on the Lower Recreation Ground is showing signs of die back. Mr.G.Peacock suggested that if a new tree were to be planted on the Lower Recreation Ground, then the PC should decide where it is to go before the end of the planting season. **A.P.25 Clerk** place on agend for next meeting.
- f) Mr.G.Peacock has kindly offered to donate a tree of the PC's choosing, Oak, Beech oe another variety.
- g) The landscape in Church St is to change, unfortunately the Pine tree at the McCallum's is leaning dangerously & will have to be felled immediately. This emergency action has been agreed with S.S.D.C.

415 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd January 2001 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 10pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

ACTION POINT No	ACTIONED TO	PROGRESS	ACTION TAKEN
14	The Clerk	Ongoing	Letter Written
15	The Clerk	Ongoing	Communication with Carmel Wilkinson
16	The Clerk	Ongoing	Letter Written
17	The Clerk	Ongoing	Letter Written
18	The Clerk	Ongoing	Gyles is on holiday
19	The Clerk	Ongoing	Letter Written
20	The Clerk	Ongoing	Letter Posted
21	The Clerk	Completed	
22	The Clerk & Mr.J.Sullivan	Ongoing	
23	Mr.J.Sullivan	Ongoing	
24	The Clerk	Ongoing	
25	The Clerk	Completed	