

## **WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2001 at the Jubilee Hall, Winsham, at 8.00pm.**

### **416 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

Those present:            Mr.C.Slade                            Chairman  
                                 Mr.J.Sullivan                        Vice Chairman  
                                 Mr.E.Partridge  
                                 Mrs.A.Rose  
                                 Mrs.H.Duke  
                                 Mr.G.Winter  
                                 Mr.P.Pye  
                                 Mr.T.Fuller  
District Councillor       Mrs.S.Abbey  
Public:  
Parish Clerk:                Mr.F.Vaughan.  
Apologies:                  Mr.P.Love  
Absent:

### **417 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No members of the public attended.

### **418 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2000.**

The Chairman signed these as a true record

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

- a) Winsham Map: The Clerk passed around a map of Winsham, which had kindly been produced, at his request, by Carmel Wilkinson S.S.D.C. Footpaths Officer. The Clerk's proposal was to have any additional features added; i.e. footpath numbers, then have the map reproduced in A2 size and laminated. The Parish Council suggestions were, to mark the parish boundary, add footpath numbers & type of path, also to mark and number the roads. The Chairman suggested the finished map should be sandwiched inside a sheet of double glazed glass. This would prevent condensation & dirt and also keep the structure of the casing as unobtrusive as possible. **A.P 26 Clerk** to contact Carmel Wilkinson and proceed as above.

- b) Footpath Guides: Mr Peter Pye has written up ‘Guides’ to the seasonal walks made over the past 12 months around the village and its environs. **A.P 27 Clerk** to contact Carmel Wilkinson and discuss the possibility of having the Guides printed & made available in the shop.
- c) Affordable Housing’: Tim Davies, Principal Housing Development Officer, has been invited to attend the next Parish Council Meeting.

## **420 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- a) Telecommunications Apparatus Windwhistle ref. 00/03171/TEL NTL: The application was passed around the committee. No objections were raised.
- b) Telecommunications Apparatus Windwhistle ref. 00/02744/FUL BT: granted with conditions by S.S.D.C. The committee noted the matter.

## **421 AMENITIES**

Mr.P.Love sent his apologies. Play equipment reports will be available at the next meeting. **A.P. 28 Mr Paul Love or Mrs Hazel Duke.**

The Clerk has spoken to Mr Gyles Morris seeking his opinion of safety issues and the igloo-climbing frame. The Clerk has written formally to Mr Morris & enclosed the S.S.D.C. letter mentioned in the minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> December. Discussions between The Clerk, Mr Morris & Gillian Templer of S.S.D.C. will continue when Mr Morris returns from holiday.

Final agreement has not yet been reached on the fate of the old oak tree but it was agreed that a new tree should be planted on the Lower Recreation Ground. Mrs A Rose reminded the PC that open space for public meetings should be retained. The Clerk was asked to produce a plan of the Recreation Ground for the next meeting **A.P 29 Clerk**

## **422 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- 1.The Clerk circulated the financial statement.
- 2.A cheque was paid to Jay Printing, re: Parish Guide.
- 3.The Clerk’s salary & expenses submitted.
- 4.Grass Cutting: four letters have been sent out for Grass Cutting Tenders. The Chairman asked the Clerk to write to DLO, the company who cuts the grass for the school. **A.P 30 Clerk**
- 5.Bank: No response from the bank regarding our recent correspondence. The **Clerk A.P.31** to follow up.

## **423 CEMETERY**

The members discussed the removal of old grass cuttings. Mr E Partridge offered to make enquiries with a local farmer when the ground dries out. **Mr.E.Partridge A.P 32**

The Parish Council would like to take up Mr G Peacock's offer of free trees and plant a tree in the cemetery near the seat. Mr Partridge will look into this and report back.  
**Mr.E.Partridge A.P 33.**

## **424 HIGHWAYS**

1. Flooding must be given priority as a highway issue. There was a long discussing about the rescue by the emergency services of a couple trapped in a car on the B3162 where it crosses the Axe. The river is attempting to change its course between the River Bridge and the Railway Bridge on the Dorset side. The PC feel that Dorset will have to do some major engineering work, possibly raising the road level, or even re-siting the bridge. As an immediate preventative measure they felt that permanent flood signs should be erected at a sufficient distance from the river crossing to warn people of a potential hazard. The Chairman suggested a marker pole be erected at the lowest part of the road. **Clerk A.P.34** to write to Dorset & Somerset Highways.
2. The hedge has been washed into the road just over the river and is still in the middle of the road. This matter was reported to Dorset Highways & is now cleared.
3. There are some concern about the safety of the bridge and ruts on the Somerset side. This will be discussed with Geoff Mountjoy on 9<sup>th</sup> January.
4. Colham Lane has suffered a landslide. K.D.J Slade & Sons kindly offered to clear the lane & sent digging equipment. The County Council has provided sandbags as a short temporary solution. Local farmer Mr Jim Warry may use his 'set aside' grant leaving the field to the east of the lane uncultivated in the hope that it will absorb more water and reduce the run off onto Colham Lane. The lane surface and sides are in poor repair. There was a suggestion for gullies & street lighting. Again this will be discussed with Geoff Mountjoy on 9<sup>th</sup> January.
5. Mr Graham Winter has been experimenting with trying to divert water running off Colham Lane away from the footpath on Church St. He has had some success but has requested a supply of sandbags. If the water can be successfully diverted into the gully on Church St, then a permanent solution could be a low curb in Back St near Dragon House, just above the Cross. Again this will be discussed with Geoff Mountjoy on 9<sup>th</sup> January.
6. Thanks to Mr Graham Winter for clearing the stones from around the Cross & on Church St.
7. A suggestion was made for grit bins around the village, to combat icy conditions. Again this will be discussed with Geoff Mountjoy on 9<sup>th</sup> January.
8. The drains on Church St are overflowing, are they blocked or is there insufficient capacity? Again this will be discussed with Geoff Mountjoy on 9<sup>th</sup> January.
9. There is still rouble on the roads from the floods. Is this a safety issue, where an elderly person could fall ? Again this will be discussed with Geoff Mountjoy on 9<sup>th</sup> January.
10. Mr.J.Sullivan raised the issue of Traffic Calming. "The Survey carried out by the Parish Council at the beginning of last year achieved a 25% response, 74% of these being in favour of some action. However whatever we eventually decide to do, it will cost the precept a relatively large sum of money, which we certainly cannot afford at present. Grants are available, but we are told that there is a long waiting list for this work, and Winsham could not expect any priority." In view of this it was agreed that this matter should be reviewed every six months.

## **425 CORRESPONDENCE & A.O.B**

- a) Progress with the Church wall? **A.P.35 Clerk** to correspond with Peter Lacey from SALC on the way forward.
- b) Mrs Anne Rose informed the PC that The Millennium Yew Tree will soon be planted in the Church grounds

## **426 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be on Wednesday 7th February 2001 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 10pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

ACTION POINT No	ACTIONED TO	PROGRESS	ACTION TAKEN
26	<b>The Clerk</b>	Completed	
27	<b>The Clerk</b>	Completed	
28	<b>Mr Paul Love or Mrs Hazel Duke.</b>	Ongoing	
29	<b>The Clerk</b>	Completed	
30	<b>The Clerk</b>	Completed	
31	<b>The Clerk</b>	Completed	
32	<b>Mr.E.Partridge</b>	Ongoing	
33	<b>Mr.E.Partridge</b>	Ongoing	
34	<b>The Clerk</b>	Completed	
35	<b>The Clerk</b>	Completed	