

## WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2001 at the Jubilee Hall, Winsham, at 8.00pm.

### **439 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

Those present:            Mr.C.Slade                    Chairman  
                                 Mr.J.Sullivan                Vice Chairman  
                                 Mr.E.Partridge  
                                 Mrs.A.Rose  
                                 Mrs.H.Duke  
                                 Mr.T.Fuller  
                                 Mr.P.Love

Neighbourhood

  Watch:                    Mr.G Crowden  
Public:                     Mr J.Aslett, Mr P Duffell, Mr R Frecknall, Mr.R Bailiff  
Parish Clerk:             Mr.F.Vaughan.  
Apologies:                Mr.P.Pye, Mr.G.Winter  
Absent:

### **440 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT**

Mr.G Crowden (Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator) gave his report, which is summarised: -

1. The Police CCG's have now been replaced by Community Safety Consultation Teams who aim to become more proactive in reducing crime and disorder, reducing the fear of crime & improving the quality of life for the community.
2. The annual health check 2000, for the Neighbourhood Watch, states that it is reasonably effective, active but with rural limitations.
3. There will be a Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> March where the 2001 health check will be discussed. How best to respond to the questionnaire from Inspector Mike Veale (Somerton) will also be discussed. The questionnaire involves a survey of the effectiveness of garage and shed security in the community.
4. There is a poster displayed in the Post Office window emphasising the need for vigilance in shed & garage protection. Fewer break in to sheds & garages would free up police time for higher priority tasks.
5. Mr G Crowden & Mr Tom Clamison attended a police public consultation meeting in Ilminster on 6<sup>th</sup> March. The aim of the meeting was to determine from the community how best the police should respond. The community wanted greater police presence & visibility, a wider recognition of local police officers & a quick response if called. The police should focus on improved communications, better feedback, Portishead becoming more conversant with the local area.
6. It would perhaps be appropriate if the Parish Council appointed a Safety Officer to attend future Community Safety Consultation Team meetings. (Details from Inspector Mike Veale).

The Chairman thanked Mr G Crowden for his report.

## **441 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Mr J. Aslett opened public question time with concerns about the road surface on Colham Lane and the impact the wash off was having on himself & his property. There is a danger of his property flooding and in an attempt to prevent this he is constantly removing rubble & flint from the gully & from Back Street. There is nowhere to dispose of this rubbish. For the Parish Council response see Highways item 448.

Mr. R. Bailiff is concerned for pedestrian safety when walking between the end of Church Street and the river Axe. Is it possible to have a refuge for pedestrians on the blind corner? The Chairman commented that there were no plans for this but the crash barrier, recently demolished, is a priority for replacement. The Clerk will write to WS Atkins regarding the concerns over pedestrian safety **A.P 45 Clerk**

Mr P Duffell and Mr R Frecknall both attended to comment on Planning Application 01/00429/FUL removal of conditions The Coach House Court St.. Mr R Frecknall, as the neighbour, was concerned that removing all conditions could have a detrimental effect on his property in the longer term and asked the PC not to support the application. Mr P Duffell, the applicant, came to assure the PC that the application was in the interests of maintaining the fabric & structure of the building and he was seeking the removal of one condition only, the one tying the accommodation as ancillary to the principle dwelling. The PC will consider its response at the Sub-committee meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> March.

## **442 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7th February 2001.**

The Chairman signed these as a true record

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

- a) Winsham Map: On-going
- b) Street Cleaning: S.S.D.C. Mr P Jones has responded to the PC's request for costings, to the effect that this specific information is not available for Winsham but "At present we are changing all our street cleaning rounds to achieve Best Value, coming into effect at the end of March".

## **444 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- a) Footpath Diversion around Goat Farm CH30/10 re: Area West Committee. No outcome item refereed back.
- b) Houses at Court Farm Close re: Area West Committee: The Chairman declared an interest. Mrs A Rose reported that "the decision was that the dispute could be handled locally and that there was no grounds for the complaint to be upheld".

- c) 01/00294/FUL Off-road parking: The PC strongly objected to this application because there is no overall gain in parking spaces.
- d) 01/00252/FUL Extension Woodcott Back St: The PC objected to this application because of Overdevelopment of the cottage.
- e) 01/00284/FUL Orange Compound at Monkham Down: On objections.
- f) 01/00435/FUL & 01/00436/FUL Conservatory 4 Westernway: Refereed to sub-committee.
- g) 01/00430/FUL Garage & Garden Store @ The Old Granary Ammerham: Refereed to sub-committee.
- h) 01/00429/FUL Coach House Court St: Refereed to sub-committee.

#### **445 AMENITIES**

Mr.P.Love's monthly report has been received.

The Clerk reported back on a site meeting held with Gillian Templar S.S.D.C. Play Area Inspector, Mrs H Duke & Mr P Love at 11-30am on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February: - *The site was walked using Gillian Templer's report of 4<sup>th</sup> January 2001 as the reference document, the points for action being agreed: -*

1. *Swings 4 Flat: The dip in the safety tiles should be corrected by injection of a foam material available from Island Leisure 01795436500. The swings need painting & checking for corrosion at ground level. The lopsided seat needs correcting.*
2. *The Slide: There is corrosion at the base of the slide, which needs sanding down. The slide needs painting.*
3. *Spring Chicken Rocker: A matting material needs fitting around the base. This can be purchased from AS&A Leisure Ltd.*
4. *The Igloo: There is a trap at the top of the frame whereby a child could fit its body through but its head would not fit through. This is a serious hazard & it is recommended the Igloo be removed.*
5. *The sign No Dogs/Ball Games hanging on the rail is difficult to see. It should also have a contact point refereed to.*
6. *There was a recommendation for a fence around the play equipment for which there is 50% grant funding.*
7. *It is a requirement that an annual independent safety check is carried out on all the play equipment. S.S.D.C. will arrange this through R.O.S.P.A. for June at a cost to the Parish of £57.00.*

There was a proposal from Mr.T.Fuller seconded by Mr.J.Sullivan to remove the Igloo climbing frame at the earliest opportunity. This was agreed. The Chairman commented that it would also have to be disposed of. **A.P 46 Mr.P.Love** would make inquiries about the removal. The Chairman actioned **A.P 47 The Clerk** to prepare a list of work and some costings for the next meeting.

At the site visit on the 15th February Mrs H Duke & Mr P Love decided that an oak would be the most appropriate tree to plant on the recreation ground. Francis Jones S.S.D.C. Arboricultural Officer suggested a red oak in correspondence 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1999. Mr.G.Peacock can supply the tree but he has no time to plant it. The Clerk suggested that Andrew Partridge could be employed to plant the tree and that there was some money available in the maintenance budget to fund the work.

**A.P 48 Mr.E.Partridge** would follow this up.

#### **446 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1. The Clerk circulated the financial statement.
2. A cheque for £20 was paid to Yeovil & District Council for Voluntary Services
3. The Clerk's salary & expenses were submitted.
4. The Chairman received a letter from NatWest eventually cancelling the 'Vouchers' as requested and offering PC Banking. However the Parish Council has already decided to move its accounts to the Post Office.
5. The Clerk has received a package from Alliance & Leicester for banking through the Post Office. **A.P 48 The Clerk** to complete the application forms and open an account.
6. The Auditor has appointed 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2001 at 09:30am at The District Audit Office in Taunton as the time and place at which any local government elector of the parish of Winsham may be present or be represented and ask the Auditor any question about the accounts of the Council, its Committees and Officers for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2000, or make any objections to the Auditor. The Clerk has posted the appropriate notices.

#### **447 CEMETERY**

Mr.E.Partridge has made arrangements to borrow a tractor & trailer to remove the grass cuttings but this will go on hold because of Foot & Mouth. Mr.E.Partridge asked about weed spraying. The Chairman asked him to cost the spraying.

**A.P. 49 Mr.E.Partridge.**

Mr.G.Peacock can supply the two beech trees for the cemetery but he has no time to plant them. The Clerk again suggested that Andrew Partridge could be employed to plant the trees and that there was some money available in the maintenance budget to fund the work. **A.P 50 Mr.E.Partridge** would follow this up.

#### **448 HIGHWAYS**

The road surface in Colham Lane has again been washed away. The gully at the bottom of the lane is blocked, despite local attempts to clear it. The Parish Council has consistently brought this to the attention of WS Atkins and will make

representation again **A.P 51 The Clerk**. Mr.E.Partridge said that it was no use clearing gullies when the main pipes were blocked. The whole drainage system throughout the village needs jetting through. Somerset C.C. is conducting a 'Speed Management Review' with a view to applying 30mph restrictions to villages and settlements. They are asking the Parish to list 'Settlements requiring a 30 mph speed limit'. Whatley, Street Junction, Ammerham, Bridge and Purtington were suggested. **A.P 52 Clerk**  
 On the issue of sand bags, it was thought that people could obtain their own from S.S.D.C. The PC would have a storage problem. Salt boxes it was thought was a good idea but not to purchase custom made boxes rather use reclaimed containers. **A.P 53 Clerk** to consult WS Atkins.

**449 WAR MEMORIAL**

It was agreed that the Clerk should seek listed building status to enable grants to be obtained. **A.P 54 Mrs Anne Rose** can supply historical documentation and **A.P 55 Mr Peter Pye** will take photographs.

**450 CORRESPONDENCE & A.O.B**

- a) Progress with the Church wall? The Diocese of Bath and Wells has responded to the effect that the wall was conveyed to the purchasers of the Old Vicarage in 1984. The Clerk will be writing to S.S.D.C. after further consultation with the Chairman **A.P 56 Clerk**
- b) Mrs Anne Rose informed the PC that The Millennium Yew Tree has been planted in the Church grounds.
- c) A letter from Maya Preston was past on to Winsham United Charities.
- d) Code of Conduct for Members (A Consultation Paper) was made available to Members. The Chairman took the copy for further reading.

**451 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be on Wednesday 4th April 2001 at 8.00pm.  
 The AGM will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2001 at 7.30pm in the Jubilee Hall.

The meeting closed at 10-30pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

ACTION POINT No	ACTIONED TO	PROGRESS	ACTION TAKEN
45	<b>The Clerk</b>	Completed	
46	<b>Mr.P.Love</b>		

47	<b>The Clerk</b>	Completed	
48	<b>The Clerk</b>	In Progress	
49	<b>Mr.E.Partridge</b>		
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54	<b>Mrs Anne Rose</b>		
55	<b>Mr Peter Pye</b>		
56	<b>The Clerk</b>	In Progress	