

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 4th April 2001 at the Jubilee Hall, Winsham, at 8.00pm.

452 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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| Those present: | Mr.C.Slade | Chairman |
| | Mr.J.Sullivan | Vice Chairman |
| | Mr.E.Partridge | |
| | Mrs.A.Rose | arrived at 9pm |
| | Mrs.H.Duke | |
| | Mr.P.Pye | |
| | Mr.P.Love | |
| District Councillor | Mrs.S.Abbey | |
| Public: | Mr Rawstone, Mr Shearer & Mr David Gordon | |
| Parish Clerk: | Mr.F.Vaughan. | |
| Apologies: | Mr.T.Fuller Mr.G.Winter | |
| Absent: | | |

453 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Rawstone attended as the prospective Conservative candidate for the County Council elections.

Mr David Gordon attended as the prospective LibDem candidate for the County Council elections.

Mr Shearer was concerned about the amount of dog fouling on the highway, particularly outside the 30mph limits of the village. This is obviously occurring because of the restriction on footpath use because of the Foot & Mouth. **A.P.57 The Clerk** offered to make up a polite sign and attach the sign to telegraph/electricity poles at strategic points. Mr Shearer asked if the PC had been notified about the diversion of traffic through the village because of the temporary closure of the bridge at Clapton. The Clerk informed the meeting that notification had been received although it had been sent to the late Mr Harvie's address. WS Atkins have been contacted about this error. Diverted traffic should use the B3162 through to Street Farm & not Fore St or Back St. the signing for the diversion is good. The diversion ends this Friday 6th April so there is no point in chasing the problem.

Mrs Stella Abbey commented that the dog bins are being emptied by S.S.D.C.

54 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7th March 2001.

The Chairman signed these as a true record

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

- a) Street Cleaning: The Chairman has been in contact with S.S.D.C. Mr P Jones and strongly expressed his concern over the lack of timely street cleaning in Winsham. Members thought that Best Value was not being achieved.

456 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) 01/00294/FUL Off-road parking. The Area West Committee has now granted this although the PC opposed the application.
- b) 01/00058/FUL Farm Buildings to Dwellings & Workshops at Whatley refused by the Area West Committee
- c) 01/00252/FUL Extension Woodcott Back St refused by the Area West Committee
- d) 01/00284/FUL Orange Compound at Monkham Down granted by the Area West Committee
- e) 01/00656/LBC Demolition of Skittle Alley George House

The Parish Council considered this application at their sub-committee meeting on 19th March. They did not oppose the application but were concerned about lack of privacy from Paddock View. They would also like the gable end to be retained in tact. The roofline of the gable end should be retained and capped at the existing level. The window should be kept. This retains the visual appearance as viewed from Western Way.

After receiving copies of two letters of objection the PC has now decided to add another condition: - The boundary wall adjoining Paddock View should be raised to the height of the ridge of the existing roof level in the interests of protecting the privacy of neighbours.

- f) 01/00068/FUL Laurel Cottage Granted by the Area West Committee
- g) 01/00430/FUL Garages at \Old Granary Ammerham Granted by the Area West Committee
- h) 01/00429/FUL Coach House Court St clarification of proposals

In principal the PC are not against a short term let provided there is no impact on the neighbour and there is a condition placed on the Coach House whereby it can not be sold separately from the main dwelling.

457 AMENITIES

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

The Clerk presented his report on work to be carried out on the lower recreation ground: -

1. *Swings 4 Flat: The dip in the safety tiles should be corrected. The swings need painting & checking for corrosion at ground level. The lopsided seat needs correcting. (Suggested activities to be completed before ROSPA inspection).*
2. *The Slide: There is corrosion at the base of the slide, which needs sanding down. The slide needs painting. (After ROSPA inspection in case other issues are raised).*

3. *Spring Chicken Rocker: A matting material needs fitting around the base. This can be purchased from AS&A Leisure Ltd. Estimate of approx. £168 plus labour (Suggested activity to be completed before ROSPA inspection).*
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 now to be removed. (Suggested activity to be completed before ROSPA inspection).*
5. *The sign No Dogs/Ball Games hanging on the rail is difficult to see. It should also have a contact point refereed to. Try Yeovil Signs 01935474796 30''x12'' at £42 and use unbreakable poly-carbonate. (Suggested activity to be completed before ROSPA inspection).*
6. *There was a recommendation for a fence around the play equipment for which there is 50% grant funding. (This would need a budget commitment for a future year recommend defer).*
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.*

Members agreed that the dip in the safety tile could possibly be corrected by lifting the tile and repacking the ground underneath it.

There was a proposal from Mr J Sullivan seconded by Mrs Hazel Duke to buy 4 mats from AS&A Leisure Ltd. and to proceed with the ROSPA inspection in June. After a short discussion it was decided that 3 signs No Dogs/Ball Games etc., but of a smaller size, around 12''x12'' should be bought. **A.P.58 The Clerk.**

The Chairman asked **A.P.59 Mr Paul Love** if he could organise a small team of volunteers to carry out some of the work on the recreation ground.

458 FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Cheques were signed: - Clerk's salary & expenses, Community Council for Somerset, SALC, A&E Partridge (tree work), & Cemetery Rates.
2. The result of the Audit for year ending March 1999 was presented to the members. It was decided that the Fidelity Guarantee would be increased from £2000 to £6000.
3. The Clerk reported that the Audit for year ending March 2000 was in progress and the books were with the Auditor.
4. **A.P.60 The Clerk** will produce a financial statement at the next PC meeting.

459 CEMETERY

Mr.E.Partridge has produced an estimate of £20 for weed spraying. This was accepted. Mr.E.Partridge reported that grass cutting has not taken place yet this year. One or two graves have had to be made up because of the heavy rain.

460 HIGHWAYS

Mr Geoff Mountjoy of WS Atkins as requested that the PC identify where they intend locating salt bins. **A.P.61 The Chairman** has taken the map and will identify possible locations for the bins.

Mr J Sullivan has made representation to WS Atkins in support of Mr Flawn's flooding problems at Stuckey Farmhouse. **A.P.62 The Clerk** will write to Mr Flawn. The County Council has written to all Parishes with a questionnaire asking about the standard of service received for Highways from WS Atkins. **A.P.63 Mr J Sullivan** has offered to reply to the questionnaire and to add a covering letter. The PC is not critical of WS Atkins efforts to offer a good service & the answers to the questioner would reflect this view. However the right questions are not being asked. The gullies are not being cleared and the roads are not getting repaired it was felt, because of lack of funding into the Highway Budget. Somerset is one of the lowest spending County Councils per mile/kilometre of road.

461 CORRESPONDENCE & A.O.B

- a) Progress with the Church wall? **A.P.64 The Clerk** will reply to Mr McCallum's letter based on a draft letter written by Mr J Sullivan.
- b) Mrs Anne Rose informed the PC the PCC were divided 8 to 8 on whether the Bier should remain in the Church. The Archdeacon will have to be consulted.
- c) Twinning arrangements are on hold because of foot & mouth.
- d) Mr J Sullivan reported that the Virtual Museum was progressing well
- e) Mr J Sullivan has been given the paperwork to enter the Village of The Year Competition

462 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 2nd May 2001 at 7.30pm.in the Jubilee Hall, followed immediately by the next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting.

The meeting closed at 10-30pm.

Signed.....

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| ACTION POINT No | ACTIONED TO | PROGRESS | ACTION TAKEN |
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| 57 | The Clerk | | |
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