

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 6th June 2001 at the Jubilee Hall, Winsham, at 8.00pm

482 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Those present:	Mr.C.Slade.	Chairman
	Mr.J.Sullivan.	Vice Chairman
	Mr.E.Partridge.	
	Mrs.A.Rose.	
	Mr.T.Fuller.	
	Mr.G.Winter.	
	Mr.P.Love.	
District Councillor	Mrs.S.Abbey.	
Public:	Tanith Barrett, Paula Rodway, Wendy Spurdle, Karen Harley, Mr D.Shaw.	
Parish Clerk:	Mr.F.Vaughan.	
Apologies:	Mrs.H.Duke, Mr.P.Pye.	
Absent:		

483 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

1. Tanith Barrett, Paula Rodway, Wendy Spurdle and Karen Harley attended the meeting to express their views on safety issues connected with the Recreation Ground.

They understood that it was the parent's responsibility to supervise their own children in the play area but they are concerned about the safety of other unsupervised children, over whom they have no control. Their main fear is that children will play on the boundary fence, this fence being immediately next to the B3162, and there is no gate at the War Memorial end of the path leading to the road. The barrier between the play area and the road is an open bar, which attracts the children who swing on it. Secondly but equally important is that children are riding mountain bikes up & down the War Memorial steps right on the bend near the road. They ride into the road without appreciating the danger.

The Chairman responded by saying that safety is the Council's first concern. The play area is inspected weekly by a member of the Parish Council, twice yearly by S.S.D.C. and annually by an independent body such as ROSPA. The Igloo Climbing Frame was removed because it did not comply with European Playground Standards. There is a maintenance programme in place for the existing play equipment. Concerns over the boundary fence and access to the play area will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. In the meantime some action will be taken to ease the problem.

Notwithstanding that this will be an item for discussion at the next meeting the Council continued to debate the issue throughout the meeting. It was resolved to erect temporary screening to deter children from swinging on the fence and running under the barrier. The Council believes that the School already organises a cycling proficiency scheme with the intention of educating children not to ride bicycles in dangerous areas. There will be signs erected indicating no cycling in the play area.

2. Mr Dennis Shaw attended the meeting and emphasised that footpath restrictions were still in place in the Parish of Winsham because it was adjacent to a 'Protected Area' for the prevention of the spread of Foot & Mouth. The Clerk agreed to keep Mr Shaw informed when the Council heard of changes to this policy.

484 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN/TO BE TAKEN

- a) Mrs Hazel Duke past a message to the effect that the dog-waste bins has not been emptied. They were actually emptied today.
- b) Someone has fallen over a kerb near the War Memorial. The Chairman will check the kerb tomorrow.
- c) The PC has received a package from The Countryside Agency 'Vital Villages'. This document is seen as the way forward for funding projects and will be a major item on next month's agenda. Mr J Sullivan & Mr T Fuller have taken copies of the package. The PC want to progress an application for grant money for the bus shelter through the Transport Grant section of this document but the document is asking parishes to formulate Parish Plans and take a far wider look at their future.

485 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Rural Transport Interchanges. The PC has responded to this document, again keeping its options open on money for the bus shelter.
- b) Planning Application 01/01150/FUL Artist Studio 3 Fore St, no objections
- c) TPO Court St Confirmed
- d) Coach House Oakgates (Deferred pending Sec 106 agreement)
- e) The Chairman & The Clerk attended a presentation of S.S.D.C.'s Local Plan. There is no planned development in Rural Areas. There is no proposal in the Local Plan for development in Winsham although an objection has been raise for housing on Western Way. Any decision on this will be at the end of the public enquiry stage around 2004
- f) Response to Skittle Alley, the PC prefers to leave things as they are & not support the application.
- g) A letter from Stephan & Julie Rowsell in support of their planning application was read out at the meeting. The application has not yet been received.

486 AMENITIES

Mr.P.Love's monthly report has been received. The broken handle on the Spring Chicken is on order from Playdale.

S.S.D.C. carried out a Play Area Inspection on 20th April. The reported faults are in hand on the PC's action plan. The report has been passed to Paul Love.

S.S.D.C.'s Play Area Audit for South Somerset is available for inspection at the Lace Mill.

Mr Paul Love presented a proposal for new play equipment. The piece proposed is called Jupiter from Playdale and cost £1367.00. The Chairman asked if safety surfacing would be needed, if so wet pour was the PC's preferred product. **A.P.74 Mr Paul Love** will contact Playdale and find out the additional cost of safety surfacing. **A.P.75 The Clerk** will ask S.S.D.C. what grant money is available.

487 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Cheques were signed: - Clerk's salary & expenses, Playing Fields Association, A.E.Partridge for grass cutting, Mr Stella Abbey for the purchase of plants for the trough.

A letter was signed to close the bank account at NatWest

488 CEMETERY

Mr.E.Partridge pointed out that the two new beech trees planted this season have come into leave and it would appear that they are both copper beech when the original intention was to have one green & one copper. The trees were kindly given to the PC by Mr.G.Peacock so we can not ask for our money back. The Chairman suggested that Mr.G.Peacock be made aware of the mistake but to accept the situation for what it is, we have two healthy trees, which we did not have before.

489 HIGHWAYS

Mr John Sullivan reports: - It is Highways Dept's intention to dress the B3162 from the Junction with the B3267 at Street, down through the Village at the beginning of July. Jetting of the roadside drains will also be taking place following the resurfacing. The dressing will take about two to three days, but should represent only a minor inconvenience.

Repairs to the road surfaces throughout the parish continue, and it is hoped that the large pothole in Court Street will soon be repaired, as well as the safety barrier at the junction of Wynyards Lane where it meets the B3162.

Posts that appeared in the lane off Court St, blocking access have now been taken down.

Mrs Stella Abbey reported that the pavements on Davies Close are being resurfaced and the section at the top end will be brought up to standard and adopted at a cost of £150 per household.

It was decided to take no action at this time about the foliage at the back of the United Reformed Church.

The Clerk passed around the SWAMMS newsletter & read out WS Atkins response to flooding at Stuckey Farm.

Mr Alan Horne has been working in the Village sweeping & litter picking. Mr Julian Dorse has arranged this at no expense to the PC. The Chairman asked **A.P.76 The Clerk** to write a letter of thanks.

490 JUBILEE HALL

Mr J Sullivan reported that the door exiting from the meeting room is to be renewed soon. Work to create the access for disabled people is to start this financial year.

491 CORRESPONDENCE & A.O.B

- a) Mrs A Rose contacted Mr Jeffrey Wilson about the Home Guard Photographic Project.
- b) On information available the Clerk believes that the deeds belonging to the PC are with Milford & Dormor Solicitors. A check is in progress & the solicitors will be writing to the Clerk.
- c) The lease of the Clubroom etc. by Winsham Sports & Social Club from the Recreation Ground Committee expires this year. Mr Roy Smart has been informed of this.
- d) Mr Roy Smart is aware that the rent of £1 for the “The Top Playing Fields” is due. Winsham Recreation Ground Management Committee will invite Mr Paul Love to its AGM at 8.00pm on Tuesday 19th June at the Pavilion.

They Reply: - “With regard to Mrs Stella Abbey’s comments about field being `strewn with pieces of corrugated iron’, etc., some of the rubbish has now been moved and anything remaining will be cleared shortly. Arrangements are being made for better storage of machinery, etc. We have a Maintenance Day planned for 23rd June when we hope that a good number of volunteers will be tackling a variety of items that need attention.”

Mr Roy Smart wrote: - “We note from the Parish Magazine that the Parish Council has decreed that the Recreation Ground shall henceforth be known as the `The Top Playing Field’.

We have not had a Recreation Ground Committee meeting since reading this, but the Sports & Social Club committee met last night and was unanimously opposed to this name.” **A.P.77 Mr J Sullivan & The Clerk** will respond to this letter: - This step was an internal matter arising from some confusion that had arisen within the Parish Council and elsewhere in differentiating between the two, a matter that, as you say, was raised by you at the Annual Parish Meeting.

These names will continue to be used by the Parish Council for internal discussion and business. It is of no real concern to us what the rest of the community calls the recreation grounds and we do not really expect individuals to change their usual names for the individual grounds. Nor do we expect The Recreation Ground Committee to change its name, as there is no possibility of confusion, due to no similar committee existing for the Lower Recreation Ground.

Mr Roy Smart wrote: -

Perhaps partly due to the Foot & Mouth Disease restrictions, dog fouling on the Recreation Ground has become a serious problem.

Dogs are banned by the Parish Council from the Small Rec., but I do not know if the Council has any legal powers in enforcing this.

If it has, we would like the same powers to apply to the Recreation Ground and in any event we would appreciate any help that the Council can give us to prohibit dogs from the Recreation Ground.

The PC supports in principle the banning of dogs on the “The Top Playing Fields”. **A.P.78 The Clerk** will write to Mr R Smart to this effect and follow up on the legal position.

492 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME

Mr E Partridge was concerned about nails being left in trees after people had posted notices advertising forthcoming events. **A.P.79 Mr J Sullivan** will write an article for the Parish Magazine highlighting ‘Winsham Wrongs’.

Mr John Sullivan wondered if new residents to the Village were still receiving a welcome pack and what procedure was in place to deliver this. **A.P.79 The Clerk** Was action to place ‘Welcome to New People’ as an item on all future agendas’, local knowledge can then be passed around.

493 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 4th July 2001 at 8.00 p.m. the Jubilee Hall.

The meeting closed at 10-30pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

ACTION POINT No	ACTIONED TO	PROGRESS	ACTION TAKEN
74	Mr Paul Love		
75	The Clerk		
76	The Clerk		
77	Mr J Sullivan & The Clerk		
78	The Clerk		
79	The Clerk		