

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 4th July 2001 at the
Jubilee Hall, Winsham, at 8.00pm

494 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.
 Mr.P.Pye.
 Mrs.H.Duke.
District Councillor Mrs.S.Abbey.
Public: Mr D.Shaw, Mr F Stuttard.
Parish Clerk: Mr.F.Vaughan.
Apologies:
Absent:

495 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

1. Mr Dennis Shaw attended the meeting and read out an article from the Chard & Ilminster outlining S.S.D.C.'s policy on opening footpaths. The earliest any paths will be opened in the village is 14th July.
2. Mr Frank Stuttard attended as an observer

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

- a) The War Memorial is now Listed Grade 2, which enables anyone to apply for grant aid from English Heritage. The Clerk has details on this. **A.P.80 The Clerk** will write to John Taylor at Cricket St Thomas & The British Legion informing them of this development.
- b) Mr.G.Winter has a proposal for improvement to the access & egress of the Recreation Ground. This involves redesigning the steps around the base of the War Memorial and bringing the pedestrian gateway out onto the War Memorial base. **A.P.81 Mr.P.Pye** has agreed to draw up outline plans allowing the PC to apply for planning permission. Funding of 50% may eventually come from English Heritage.
- c) Temporary netting has been fixed to the Recreation Ground fence to deter children playing near the road. It was decided that the next stage was to fix a centre rail supported by brackets on the concrete posts. **A.P.82 The Clerk** to place item on next agenda.

- d) Children are still playing on the War Memorial steps and ride bicycles on the wrong side of the road near the Cross and the Post Office corner. Members are very concerned that this represents an accident waiting to happen. Parents must take responsibility for their own children. Some Members have decided that it is appropriate to take direct action and confront individual parents advising them of the dangerous situation their children are facing. The PC propose :-
- i) Phone the Police asking if they can approach the school and arrange a safety talk to parents & children after school. . **A.P.83 The Clerk** will phone Roger Saunders
 - ii) Approach Social Services to see where the cut off point of parental responsibility begins & ends. **Mr.G.Winter A.P.84.** has agreed to do this.
 - iii) Request the erection of signs ‘Children Playing’ on the approaches to the corner **A.P.85 The Clerk.**
 - iv) Write to WS Atkins requesting a 20mph speed limit be imposed along the B3162 from before Davies Close to after Court St **A.P.86 The Clerk** (Copies to David Gordon).
- e) Mr.P.Love informed the PC that the Recreation Ground Committee has a proposal a BMX track, which will attract children away from the road.
- f) A Sub-Committee will consider whether Winsham should have a Parish Plan **A.P.87 John Sullivan**, and members to be Mr.Peter Pye & Mrs.Anne Rose. Mr John Sullivan now has the correspondence.
- g) The PC will apply for a grant towards the Bus Shelter to the Vital Villages Scheme but first planning permission is required and a costing for the project. The Chairman will supply outline plans and costing **A.P.88 The Chairman.** Mrs Stella Abbey suggested **A.P.89 The Clerk** contacts Pam Williams 01935462454 to discuss all local transport issues.
- h) On the subject of dog fouling, the PC has decided that it is the responsibility of individuals to make statements to the Dog Warden if they see anyone allowing their dog to foul.

497 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Planning Application 01/00473/FUL Domestic Extension at Woodland Auto's. The PC have no objections to the application in principle, but suggest that the roof height of the new building extension is maintained at the level of the existing building and the stone water table on the end of the existing building be moved the end of the extension replacing the proposed verge board. This would weather better over time.
- b) Planning Application 01/01482/FUL Stephan & Julie Rowsell 57 Davies Close. The Parish Council has no objection to this application. One comment was "pity it is not a low pitch roof", on the rear.
- c) Planning Application 01/01150/FUL Artist Studio 3 Fore St Granted
- d) Planning Application 01/00656/FUL Skittle Alley Refused

498 AMENITIES

Mr.P.Love's monthly report has been received. The broken handle on the Spring Chicken has been repaired.

Mr Paul Love's proposal for new play equipment was accepted in principal. The piece proposed is called Jupiter from Playdale and cost £1367.00. The wet pour base will cost £1254.00. **A.P.90 The Clerk** will apply to S.S.D.C. for a grant in this financial year.

New signs for the Recreation Ground are now available.

499 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Cheques were signed: - Clerk's salary & expenses, Yeovil Signs, A.E.Partridge for grass cutting. An item of £1310.50 was allocated for the Jupiter Play Equipment, representing 50% of costs.

500 CEMETERY

The Clerk asked if the Parish Council would approve a change to the cemetery charges, to allow for a situation where a double depth plot is requested for cremated remains? A.E.Partridge proposed that the charge for the purchased space should remain at £50 and a fee of £30 should be charged for *each* interment. This was agreed.

There are weeds growing through the hardcore of the cemetery path. The weeds need killing off before the tarmac is laid. The Chairman asked **Mr A.E.Partridge A.P.91**, if he would spray the weeds. The Chairman has a supply of weed killer. Members would like to see the tarmac laid as soon as possible.

It was the consensus of the Members that a preferred gravedigger should be nominated for Winsham Cemetery. This would allow for a consistent way of working and reduce administration overheads for the Parish Council. Mr P Parfitt was suggested. **A.P.92 The Clerk** will ask Mr Parfitt if he agrees, and then notify all local Funeral Directors of the PC's policy. At the same time distributing a revised copy of the cemetery charges.

501 HIGHWAYS

The Chairman remarked that 'The gullies are not working on the B3162 out towards Whatley, and there is a hole in the road near one of the gullies with a cone over it'. As it is the Highways Dept's intention to dress the B3162 from the Junction with the B3267 at Street, down through the Village it would be a good idea to repair collapsed gullies before resurfacing the road.

Mrs.H.Duke would like to see the hedges cut on the lane out beyond Western Way and something should be done about the problem of surface water on Lee Lane.

There was a general discussion about the lack of street cleaning and weed spraying by S.S.D.C., also the lack of action by WS Atkins on road repairs in general. We are paying for services and not receiving any. It was agreed to write to all the elected members who represent our interests, S.S.D.C., Somerset County Council and our new MP making them aware of the PC's concerns and asking what they intend to do.

The PC believes that the statutory bodies are not meeting their legal commitments regarding street cleaning and road repairs **A.P.93 The Clerk & Mr John Sullivan.**

502 JUBILEE HALL

Mr J Sullivan indicated that a new door had been ordered and would arrive in a month or so and that disabled access would probably happen within 12 months.

503 CORRESPONDENCE & A.O.B

- a) Welcome to new people is now a permanent agenda item. **A.P.94 Mrs Hazel Duke** will speak to Mr Guy Crowden, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, and ask him to pass on to the Parish Council any names of new households that he may be aware of. The PC will attempt to present all new households with a copy of the Parish Guide. **A.P.95 The Clerk** will contact South Somerset Housing and offer them copies of the Parish Guide for distribution to their new tenants.
- b) The Recreation Ground Management Committee have now paid their annual rent of £1 for the “The Top Playing Fields”.
- c) Mrs Anne Rose asked for a nominee to replace the late Mr John Jeffery as a trustee for Winsham United Charities. The Rev. Ernest Chivers name was put forward but a final decision will be taken at the next meeting.
- d) Mrs Anne Rose had been asked to report that a Fir Tree in the Churchyard is dying. **A.P.96 The Clerk** will speak to Mr Geoff Peacock for an opinion on the condition of the tree.
- e) The next stage of The Village of the Year will be on 7th August. Mr John Sullivan is organising this.

504 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME

Mr.T.Fuller raised the subject of transport to & from school for post 16 year olds. For some reason they are not allowed on the school bus and must wait for a service bus. The PC supported any action that enables them to use the school bus. **A.P.97 The Clerk** will contact Mr Tony Fuller and write in support to the authorities concerned.

505 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 5th September 2001 at 8.00 p.m. the Jubilee Hall.

The meeting closed at 10-30pm.

Signed.....

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ACTION POINT No	ACTIONED TO	PROGRESS	ACTION TAKEN
80	The Clerk	Completed	
81	Mr.Peter.Pye		
82	The Clerk	Completed	
83	The Clerk	Completed	
84	Mr.Graham.Winter		
85	The Clerk	Completed	
86	The Clerk	Completed	
87	Mr. John. Sullivan		
88	The Chairman		
89	The Clerk	Completed	
90	The Clerk	Completed	
91	Mr A.E.Partridge		
92	The Clerk	Completed	
93	A.P.93 The Clerk & Mr John Sullivan.		On the agenda for September
94	Mrs. Hazel. Duke		
95	The Clerk		In Progress
96	The Clerk		In Progress
97	The Clerk		In Progress