

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 5th September 2001 at the Jubilee Hall, Winsham, at 8.00pm

506 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Those present: Mr.C.Slade. Chairman
Mr.E.Partridge.
Mrs.A.Rose attended at 10pm.
Mr.T.Fuller.
Mr.P.Pye.
Mrs.H.Duke.
District Councillor Mrs.S.Abbey.
County Councillor Mr David Gordon.
Public: Mr D.Shaw.
Parish Clerk: Mr.F.Vaughan.
Apologies: Mr.J.Sullivan, Mr.G.Winter, and Mr.P.Love.
Absent:

507 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Dennis Shaw attended to inform the meeting that all footpaths were now open, also footpath CH 30/10 has now been diverted around the goat farm. Footpath signs will be erected very shortly.

Mrs Stella Abbey would like to prune the lime tree on the recreation ground as it takes light from the back of her house. She would only cut out the lower branches because the tree does offer protection from cricket balls. The Council as owner of the land has no objections. **The Clerk A.P. 98** will speak to Roy Smart as Chairman of the Recreation Ground Committee. Mrs Abbey would also like the sheets of corrugated iron removed from the recreation ground. **The Clerk A.P. 99** will write to the Roy Smart to try and resolve the issue.

508 COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR DAVID GORDON (Question Time)

Mr David Gordon attended the meeting to support the Parish Council's bid for an early introduction of a 20-mph speed restriction along the B3162 through the village. It is County Council policy to introduce 20 mph speed restrictions on all roads passing schools, however they are setting a ranking system which will give priority to schools based on key issues such as, number of pupils attending the school and accident history on the road. Mr Gordon appreciated the special circumstances in Winsham, where 5 roads converge at a blind zigzag. The timetable for prioritising bids is October and he will do all he can to see Winsham brought forward in the programme. The Chairman asked if a petition would help but, after discussion, it was decided to support the bid by sending photographic evidence to County showing the hazards at the junction and near the school. The Chairman asked and **A.P. 100 Mr Peter Pye** agreed to take the photographs. **Mr Tony Fuller A.P. 101** was asked to

raise the issue of a 20-mph speed restriction with the school governors. On a separate point the Chairman asked Mr David Gordon to follow up the re-provision of the crash barrier on the B3162 near the bridge over the river Axe. The barrier was demolished a year ago by a car. W.S. Atkins promised to replace it in July but have not done so.

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

a) Vital Villages a Parish Plan. Mr John Sullivan has arranged a meeting with County Officers for Friday 2nd November a.m. where the pro's & con's of progressing with a Village Plan will be outlined. A decision whether to proceed or not will be made at the November meeting.

b) The Bus Shelter Grant Application & Play Area Access. The Clerk has spoken to Pam Williams 01935462454, the Officer at S.S.D.C. who is dealing with community transport issues, and who is available to give advice on grants & funding. If the shelter could incorporate a meeting point and have a "young people dimension" and bring in the Local Transport Rural Interchange ideas, then sources of funding would be enhanced. The Chairman, Mr Colin Slade, and Mr Peter Pye then jointly presented plans for moving the play area access away from the road, towards the War Memorial steps. The plans show a realignment of the steps. The Chairman then presented his proposed plans for the new bus shelter, with site layout and supporting photographs. The Chairman has been advised to submit the plans for amending the access and for the bus shelter as a joint planning application to South Somerset District Council. The meeting agreed that the planning application should go ahead. Everyone agreed that the bus shelter design was of very high quantity, perhaps it could become a Jubilee related project "The Jubilee Bus Shelter"!

c) There was a discussion at the July meeting about fixing a 3rd rail to the fence around the children's play area. This would be difficult and could cause other ongoing safety hazards, snagging on the fixings and reduced visibility. Mrs Brenda Partridge has written to the Parish Council expressing her concerns about reduced visibility if a sold type fence was erected. The Council now has plans in place to realign the access from the play area and has agreed to review the need for further modifications to the fence.

510 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Revised Scheme of Delegation for Area Planning Managers. Mr Mike Williams has written on two issues to all Parish Councils. Can there be unambiguous recommendations i.e. approval or refusal followed by comments. Secondly if replies are not returned by given dates and or Parish recommendations conflict with Officers, but time does not allow for reference to Area Committee, then the Area Planning Officer & Area Chairman have delegated powers in consultation with ward members. Parish members felt this was fair comment.

- b) Planning Application 01/00473/FUL Domestic Extension at Woodland Auto's. Granted
- c) Planning Application 01/01482/FUL Stephan & Julie Rowsell 57 Davies Close. Granted.
- d) Planning Application 01/01776/LBC Manor Farm. Granted
- e) Planning Application 01/01830/FUL 2 Western Way. Granted
- f) Planning Application 01/01898/FUL 5 Fore St. Granted
- g) Planning Application 01/01813/FUL Garage Laurel Cottage. Granted with a condition that the garage shall not be used other than for the domestic and private needs of the occupier.
- h) Planning Application 01/02034/FUL Cricket St Thomas. Information only.
- i) Planning Application 01/02033/LBC Whatley Farm re-roofing. Recommend approval
- j) Appeal Planning Application 01/00252/FUL Woodcott Back St Winsham. Original objections restate.
- k) Planning Application 01/02208/FUL Lubborn Cheese Cricket St Thomas. To be considered by Planning Sub-committee.

511 AMENITIES

Mr.P.Love's monthly report has been received. The S.S.D.C. Play Area Inspection Report has also been received and will be passed to Mr Paul Love. Mr Love has now placed the new surface around the Spring Chicken, but there is still some concrete and soil to be removed. The grant application for new play equipment 'Jupiter' has been acknowledged by S.S.D.C. and will be considered by the Area West Committee on the 17th October. District Councillor Mrs Stella Abbey is aware of the application and will support it.

512 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Cheques were signed: - Clerk's salary & expenses and A.E.Partridge for grass cutting.

513 CEMETERY

Mr E Partridge said that the graves near the gate needed some back filling with topsoil. This would be done when the grass cutting was finished. The top hedge was thin in places. **A.P. 102 Mr E Partridge** has 5 plants still in pots from when the hedge was originally planted. He will use these to improve the appearance of the hedge. The hedges have been cut with the exception of the top hedge, which will be cut when it has finished flowering. Mr Tony Fuller remarked how nice and tidy the cemetery looked. There was a favourable comment in the church visitor's book on 22nd July.

514 HIGHWAYS

After the resurfacing of the B3162, and at the time of the meeting, the white line details had not been replaced. This has subsequently been completed, however the

newspaper and tape used to cover the gullies has been left in the road at the corner of Fore St & Church St. One gully near the War Memorial is still covered. **A.P. 103 The Clerk** will write to W.S. Atkins about this and about an outstanding memo regarding progress on gully cleaning above Stuckey Farm for which Mr Flawn as asked for the Parish Council's support.

Weeds are a problem; there are two types of weed, highway weeds, growing in kerbs & roadside gullies and amenity weeds growing on the far side of footpaths away from the road edge. It is the responsibility of the County Council to remove highway weeds. The District Council is employed as their agent to carry out this work. The District Council has said that they receive insufficient funds to do this work from county and have no funds themselves to clear amenity weeds. Other local Parish Councils have resolved this by doing the work themselves. **A.P. 104 The Clerk** will write to Forton, Hinton St George & Tatworth for advice. Mrs Hazel Duke asked if anything could be done about the surface water running down Leigh Lane. **A.P. 105 The Clerk**, will make W.S. Atkins aware of the problem.

It was decided to delay sending a letter of complaint about road sweeping to Mrs Peters CEO S.S.D.C. The road sweeper has just visited the village.

515 WINSHAM UNITED CHARITIES

It was proposed by Mrs Anne Rose and seconded that The Chairman Mr Colin Slade becomes a trustee of Winsham United Charities.

516 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Parish Councillor Mr Graham Winter has written to The Chairman to advise the Parish Council of his wish to resign. Graham has placed his business on the market and expects to be moving out of the village in the next few months. He is happy to attend meetings until he leaves the village or until a replacement is found. Mr Winter's help has been invaluable particularly with his financial and accounting knowledge, and as road sweeper. The Chairman thanked Graham in his absence. "He has been a very active member and has always been there when he was needed". **The Clerk A.P.106** will write a letter of thanks.
- b) Parish Councillor Mr Paul Love has written expressing his concern about the condition of the property No1 Thatched Cottages Western Way. The Parish Council notes his concern, but feels there is little they can do.
- c) A letter about the Moped Loan Scheme from Somerset Rural Youth Project has been placed in the parish notice board.
- d) A letter from S.S.D.C. "Football Foundation Register of English Facilities" asking for information, has been passed to Roy Smart. A copy has also been given to The Chairman who will forward it to a member of the football club. Mr Tim Huxley from S.S.D.C. is urging early returns of this information & nil returns where appropriate. The Clerk has followed this up with Roy Smart.
- e) The Chairman is holding a copy of the Somerset Structure Plan Review. Please contact the Chairman if you wish to read the review.

- f) The Rural Housing Trust (Mr Andrew Bennett) has written offering support in our bid for Affordable Housing. **A.P. 107 The Clerk** will return the attached questionnaire and invite Mr Bennett to a future meeting.
- g) The Queen’s Golden Jubilee Celebrations are to include a “Jubilee weekend” covering 1 to 4th June 2002; this includes an extra bank holiday. Lottery funding will be available through “Awards for All”; to help local communities mark and celebrate the Jubilee. The Parish Council has decided to facilitate Winsham’s Jubilee Celebrations and propose to advertise a **PUBLIC MEETING to establish a JUBILEE CELEBRATION COMMITTEE. The meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th October at 8 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall.**
- h) The Clerk will attend the next police consultation meeting in Chard on Wednesday 10th October.
- i) The Council has received a letter from “DIARY” Information Centre (Advice & Resources in Yeovil) requesting funding. The Parish Council decided not to respond at this time.

517 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME

Mr Tony Fuller again raised the issue of transport to & from school for post 16 year olds. **A.P.108 The Clerk** will contact Mr Tony Fuller and write in support to the authorities concerned.

518 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) The Millennium Book is now complete. The people who produced the work would like to see copies made in the original form, exact duplicates. This may be expensive; quotes are being followed up. The book will be on display at Walton Village Hall near Street on 6th October from 10.30 am.
- b) The Clerk has written to Mr McCallum asking if any progress has been made towards rebuilding the churchyard wall. No reply has yet been received.
- c) **A.P. 109 The Clerk** will reply to a letter from Age Concern asking for a contact point in the village.
- d) No one is available to attend the S.A.L.C. AGM on 29th September

519 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 3rd October September 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
98	The Clerk	Complete	
99	The Clerk	Complete	
100	Mr Peter Pye	Complete	
101	Mr Tony Fuller		
102	Mr E Partridge		
103	The Clerk	Complete	
104	The Clerk	Complete	
105	The Clerk	Complete	
106	The Clerk	In progress	
107	The Clerk	In progress	
108	The Clerk	Complete	
109	The Clerk	Complete	