

## **WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 3rd October 2001 at the Jubilee Hall, Winsham, at 8.00pm**

### **520 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

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

### **521 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Mrs Stella Abbey felt that the temporary netting around the lower recreation ground had served its purpose, the fastenings are breaking and the netting is falling down in places. A discussion followed, where it was decided to take the netting down. There are plans in place to realign the entrance. The need for a 3<sup>rd</sup> rail or another method will be reviewed at a later date after the entrance realignment.

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

a) The Chairman contacted South Somerset Homes and presented to them the detailed plans for the proposed bus shelter, which would be on their land. Mr Darrell Jackson, Area West Director for South Somerset Homes has concerns about this. " From experience we are aware of the potential nuisance caused by groups of youths, excessive noise and litter". They are worried that these factors would disturb tenants. The suggestion to the Parish Council is that they consider building the bus shelter on their own land further down the recreation ground.  
Members of the Parish Council still feel that the original location is the best. It is at the spot where children congregate to catch the school bus. The bus shelter is designed to have dual functionality. It can be a meeting point for people of all age groups. It is an open plan building without walls, so people in the building are visible and vandalism is less likely to occur. The view of Members was to ask South Somerset Homes to reconsider their decision. It was proposed by Mr Graham Winter to ask the residents of Davies Close what they thought about the propose bus shelter, South Somerset Homes imply they are in favour and will themselves benefit from the amenity. Mrs Stella Abbey will visit the residents of

Davies Close and ask their opinions. **A.P.110 The Clerk** will then write to South Somerset Homes. If there is a delay in agreeing a site for the bus shelter the a separate planning application will be submitted for realignment of the War Memorial steps

- b) The Clerk has posted notices for the Public Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> October (2002 Jubilee).
- c) Forton & Tatworth employ a contractor to clear amenity weeds and pay for litter picking on a casual basis. They are also considering employing a contractor to fill in potholes. The Chairman's view is that this is double spending. We should continue to press S.S.D.C. to accept their obligations. **A.P.111 The Clerk** will again write to S.S.D.C. asking for a breakdown of costs, how much is spent on street cleaning, weeding & litter picking in Winsham and can the Parish Council have visibility of the work schedule.

### **523 DECLARATION OF A CASUAL VACANCY**

The Chairman thanked Mr Graham Winter personally for all his help. It was then agreed to advertise the vacancy in the normal way and hopefully appoint a new Member at the November meeting. Mr Graham Winter has offered to continue as internal auditor for the time being.

### **524 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- a) Planning Application 01/02033/LBC Whatley Farm re-roofing, Granted.
- b) Planning Application 01/02343/FUL Plot 4 Court Farm Court St, Approve.
- c) Planning Application 01/02478/ADV Sign at the Bell, Approve.

### **525 AMENITIES**

Mr.Paul.Love's monthly report has been received. The Chairman read out the ROSPA Play Area Safety Report. Mr Paul Love has already done some of the work that is recommended in the report. The overall assessment for the level of risk of the play area is MEDIUM RISK (Take action to reduce if possible or available). It was resolved to leave the ongoing monitoring and the ROSPA recommendations with Mr Paul Love. Paul can confirm what further progress he is able to make to rectify the points highlighted in the inspection and report back to the Parish Council any ongoing concerns or areas of work where he needs help.

### **526 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) Cheques were signed: - Clerk's salary & expenses and the letting fee for the hall.
- b) The Clerk summarised the proposed new approach to local council audit. The threshold above which income & expenditure accounting becomes mandatory should be raised to £50,000. The Government is currently consulting interested

parties, with a view to permit the simpler form of accounting, receipts & payments, to come into effect from 1 April 2001.

- c) There has been no feedback from the 1999-2000 audit. 25 local authority audits are “in the system at Taunton Dean”. If the Parish Council wish to follow this up they should contact the Audit Regional Co-ordinator, Roger Hill in Plymouth 01752 306726.

## **527 CEMETERY**

Mr Erni Partridge reported that the post between the gate & the kissing gate is broken. As the base of the post is set in concrete it will not be easy to replace. The Chairman suggested using an auger. The Chairman will arrange delivery of a 4”x4” post. There is a wooden grave marker on plot L29. This will be replaced eventually by a head stone.

## **528 HIGHWAYS**

Mr John Sullivan read out a letter from Mr R Bailiff. The gully in front of Mr Bailiff’s house, 26 Church St, has not been cleared. The house is below road level and the blocked gully increases the potential for flooding. Mr Bailiff is also concerned about the condition of the bridge over the Axe on the B3162. In his opinion there is movement in the structure, should there be a weight limit? **A.P. 112 The Clerk** will write to WS Atkins & Dorset C.C.

Requests have previously been made to WS Atkins & Dorset C.C. for depth markers & road subject to flooding notices. **A.P. 113 The Clerk** will follow this up. Two letters have been received from Somerset C.C. (New Arrangements for Delivering Highway Services & Maintenance of Roads and Pavements in Somerset). There is now an extra £11.4m in the highway budget, there is team restructuring to ensure the best use of resources within County Council & WS Atkins to deal with an enlarged work programme but do not raise your expectations, improvements will take years.

## **529 JUBILEE HALL REPORT**

Mr John Sullivan said that a considerable amount of money £4000 has just been spent on the hall. Electrical safety standards have been met. A new boiler has been fitted and a new back door. There is insufficient money to meet the requirements for disabled access. This is an issue for the future. Mrs Anne Rose was concerned that the hall could lose its licence if it did not meet the conditions for disabled access within the time scales. Mr Graham Winter said the Committee might have to borrow the money.

## **530 CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) A second letter from S.S.D.C. “Football Foundation Register of English Facilities” has been received reminding parishes to send nil returns. Roy Smart has been informed and a copy of the original letter has also been given to The Football Club.

- b) £50 is to be donated to Victim Support.
- c) Winsham Junior 6+ Group's request for support for Operation Christmas Child raised a technical problem for the P.C., they can only donate monies where there is perceived benefit for the people of the parish. Members wanted to support the appeal so it was decided to take a collection from individual members present and £12 was raised.
- d) The Clerk will attend the Rural Housing Seminar.
- e) It was decided that Winsham P.C. should decline to participate in any joint Community Warden Scheme. **A.P. 114 The Clerk** will reply to Tatworth& Forton P.C.

**531 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME**

Mr John Sullivan offered to write the Parish Guide for 2001-2001. It was decided to produce 400 copies.

Unfortunately Winsham was unsuccessful with it bid in the Best Village of the Year competition

**532 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) **A.P. 115 The Clerk** will write again to Mr McCallum asking if any progress has been made towards rebuilding the churchyard wall. The letter to be sent Recorded Delivery.
- b) No one is available to attend the Community Council AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> October

**533 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 7th November 2001 at 8.00 p.m. the Jubilee Hall.

The meeting closed at 10-00pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

ACTION POINT No	ACTIONED TO	PROGRESS	ACTION TAKEN
110	<b>The Clerk</b>	Reply Recieved	
111	<b>The Clerk</b>	No Reply Yet	
112	<b>The Clerk</b>	Limited Response From WSAtkins	
113	<b>The Clerk</b>	No Reply From Dorset	
114	<b>The Clerk</b>	Completed	

115	<b>The Clerk</b>	Reply Received	