

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 7th November at the Jubilee Hall, Winsham, at 8.00pm

534 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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

535 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Roy Smart presented the plans for proposed new changing accommodation, which has been approved by the Recreation Ground Management Committee. The Parish Council is being asked to approve the plans under the terms of the committee's lease of the land from the Parish Council. Also that the planning application be made in the name of the Parish Council thus halving the fee. Recreation Ground Management Committee would appreciate the Parish Council funding this application. The fee is £190-00. Acceptance of the plans, and agreement to submit the planning application in the name of the Parish Council was proposed by The Chairman, seconded by Mr Peter Pye and agreed. The issue of a contribution to costs was deferred to the next meeting where the Parish Council expenditure is to be reviewed and the precept set.

536 CASUAL VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILOR

Mr Keith Marsh wrote to the Clerk asking to be considered for the casual vacancy. The vacancy was advertised in the usual way. As the Returning Officer at S.S.D.C. did not receive any request the position can be filled by co-option. The Chairman proposed & Mrs Hazel Duke seconded Mr Keith Marsh for co-option, this was unanimously agreed. Mr Keith Marsh made the declaration of acceptance of office.

537 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4TH OCTOBER 2001.

The Chairman signed these as a true record

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

- a) Mr Darrell Jackson from South Somerset Homes sent an email to the Clerk to the effect that he is to make more enquiries about the sighting of the bus shelter. **A.P.116 The Clerk** is to write to Mr Jackson requesting what progress is being made.
- b) Planning applications for the bus shelter and the changes to the access near the War Memorial are to be submitted separately.

539 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) The proposed changes to the local plan do not effect Winsham.
- b) Planning application 01/02343/FUL Conservatory Plot 4 Court Farm Granted.
- c) Planning application 01/02208/FUL Lubborn Cheese, revised plan does not have any material effect on Winsham.

540 AMENITIES

- a) Mr Paul Love's monthly report was received.
- b) The S.S.D.C. Inspection Report of 10/09/01 was passed to Mr Paul Love. **A.P.117 Mr Paul Love** will check the condition of the bushes on the swings, as referred to in the report.
- c) The grant application to S.S.D.C. for play equipment and safety surfacing can not be financed on this occasion, budget constraints mean that all funds have now been allocated. The application was returned and can be resubmitted in February 2002 for the following financial year. A decision on resubmission was deferred to the next meeting where the Parish Council expenditure is to be reviewed and the precept set.
- d) The Clerk has received correspondence from Milford & Dormer Solicitors on behalf of their client Ms N Shakespeare whose daughter unfortunately had an accident on 13th August 2001. Octavia Shakespeare banged her head on the slide. The Solicitor alleges that the Parish Council is negligent, the Parish Council believe they are not. All details have been passed to the Insurers.

541 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques were signed: - Clerk's salary & expenses and grass cutting.
- b) Copies of the financial statement for November were passed to all members, along with the first draft of the projected expenditure for 2002/2003. Members were asked to take note and prepare their thoughts in readiness for setting the precept at the next meeting. Mr John Sullivan proposed that a set of 'management at a glance' accounts be drawn up in advance of the next meeting and distributed with the agenda. **A.P.118 The**

Clerk. The precept 2001/2002, Band D adjusted was £22.93 per household. This can be compared to other parishes by checking 'Your Guide To Council Tax' issued by S.S.D.C.

542 CEMETERY

It was agreed at Mr Ernie Partridge's suggestion that a late cut of the grass was needed. In answer to a question from Mrs Anne Rose, there are twelve graves in the new cemetery.

543 HIGHWAYS

Mr John Sullivan gave his report: -

- a) The road works to divert floodwater near the Cross has now been completed. It was thought that the gully near Dragon House would soon fill with silt.
- b) An order has been made by S.S.D.C. for the proposed diversion to Footpath 30/10, crossing Mr.G.Peacock's land.
- c) There has been a request for additional street lighting in Colham Lane. Somerset C.C. can not offer any funding. They have offered to do a survey and costing but the project would have to be 100% financed by the parish. This was not considered possible.
- d) The Speed Management Review by Somerset C.C. will now take place on 12th November. If there are any developments about the 20mph-speed restriction they will be reported at the next meeting.
- e) There are some stones in a dangerous position on Colham Lane. **A.P.119 Mrs Hazel Duke** will speak to Mr John Hammett.
- f) There are tree branches at Hollowells, north end of Colham Lane, which hang below the prescribed height.
- g) The safety rails at the bottom, south end of Wynyards near the bridge, have still not been replaced since a car demolished them over a year ago. WS Atkins promised they would be fixed in May. **A.P.120 Clerk** to write to WS Atkins regarding items f. & g.

544 JUBILEE HALL REPORT

Mr John Sullivan had nothing to report. The Chairman was concerned that progress was not being made on provision of disabled access, the Jubilee Hall Committee can not assume that funds will automatically be available for disabled access grants. They should be submitting applications now, not waiting for the deadline. Mr John Sullivan felt that the situation was in hand, the hall has a reserve fund and the committee is waiting for Mr Robert Shearer's amenity study.

545 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Mr Peter Lacy is to continue working for SALC under a new working title.
- b) Mrs Anne Rose will be attending the next SALC meeting.

- c) The public meeting to launch activities for the Queen’s Jubilee was poorly supported, only eight people attended. Another meeting has been set for 16th January 2002. Mrs Margaret Long has written to the Parish Council offering the facilities of the Sports & Social Club for the celebrations. **A.P.121 The Clerk** will write to Mrs Long thanking her for the offer and inviting her to the January meeting.
- d) Mr Paul Love will represent the Parish Council at the meeting with S.S.D.C. regarding BMX & Skating facilities.

546 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME

No questions.

547 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) **A.P. 122 The Clerk**, will write again to Mr McCallum requesting what information he needs.
- b) The Clerk presented his report from the Police Community Planning Meeting. The Chairman was concerned about the lack of a police presence in the village, particularly in light of a recent break-in and theft from a premises in Back St. He was alarmed at the police response to the incident. The theft was reported and issued with a crime number, but after he made further enquiries at Chard police station they had no record of the incident, are crime statistics reflecting a true picture? **A.P.123 The Clerk** was asked to write to the Inspector inviting him to the next Parish Council Meeting.
- c) The meeting to discuss the need for a Parish Plan has had to be postponed; Mr John Sullivan will organise another meeting.
- d) It was agreed to invite Mr Andrew Bennett of ‘The Rural Housing Trust’ to address a public meeting on 12th December in the Jubilee Hall. The meeting will be advertised by a leaflet drop to all households.
- e) The Clerk asked what he should do with the old planning applications, in the knowledge that S.S.D.C. Planning Department keeps all original records back to 1947. It was agreed that the Parish should keep records for 5 years.

548 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday 6th December 2001 at 8.00 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall.

The meeting closed at 10-45pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

ACTION POINT No	ACTIONED TO	PROGRESS	ACTION TAKEN
116	The Clerk	complete	
117	Mr Paul Love		
118	The Clerk	complete	
119	Mrs Hazel Duke		
120	The Clerk	complete	
121	The Clerk	complete	
122	The Clerk		Letter written but not sent
123	The Clerk	complete	