

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

549 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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

Absent:

550 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Robert Shearer presented the interim results of his 'JUBILEE HALL NEEDS SURVEY 2001'. 26 questionnaires have been sent out of which 16 organisations have already replied. There is nothing surprising in the responses, one commented that they needed more space, two that it was cold, six were unhappy with the access, six needed more storage. There was comment about the lights, the kitchen and the acoustics. The survey has identified a need for a good community centre, but it does appear that there will be opposition for a new village hall. There was a long discussion about building new facilities on the sports field, this approach has been tried before but obtaining planning permission is an obstacle, because of access problems onto the B3162. The Chairman asked Mr Shearer if he would present his final report to the Annual Parish Meeting. Mr John Sullivan as a member of the Jubilee hall Committee thanked Mr Shearer for his work. The Jubilee Hall Committee has decided to go ahead right away with the provision of disabled access to comply with regulations before 2004.

Mr David Gordon gave a County Council report. He has presented Winsham's case for an early introduction of a 20mph speed limit past the school. He also raised the point that there is no crossing point for children. The County Council propose to complete six 20mph schemes per year. Posting traffic notices and getting approval from central government also takes time. The Chairman commented that Combe St Nicholas has already got a 20mph speed limit, Winsham has severe traffic problems, because of line of site and so we should continue to urge the County Council to introduce the scheme early in Winsham.

Mr Gordon said there is some though being given to introducing 'Parish Highway Wardens', volunteers will be trained and given a shovel so they can clear minor highway obstructions like lumps of cement or flint wash off. The County Council has give Sustrans some money towards building the Coast to Coast Cycle Route. The

Route will be from Western Super Mare to Lyme Regis, passing through main towns. There could be £2M spin off revenue for the tourist industry.

551 POLICE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Mr Guy Crowden attended the meeting as the Neighbourhood Watch representative. Mr Crowden requested that it be placed on record that he had written to Magna Housing Association requesting their help to resolve a parking issue. Their tenant at 22 Western Way has been parking cars in Davies Close, inconveniencing the residents there. Magna have replied and are looking into it. Inspector Mike Veale was invited to attend the meeting. He replied by letter to say he would be unable to attend and that he had copied the letter to Sergeant Smith at Chard whom will contact the Parish regarding the burglary in Back St.. Members are very unhappy about the level of response the police are giving to reported incidents in Winsham, an example of which was a recent incident at Purtington, which received a poor initial reaction. **A.P.124 The Clerk** will write to Inspector Mike Veale extending an invitation to attend a future meeting. He will also write to the Chief Inspector regarding poor response times and the absence of a Beat Manager, and copy to the Home Secretary.

552 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7TH OCTOBER 2001.

The Chairman signed these as a true record

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

- a) South Somerset Homes have not responded regarding the sighting of the bus shelter. **A.P.125 The Clerk** is to write to their CEO Mr Geoff Atkinson.
- b) The Parish Council has agreed to go ahead with a separate planning application for the access near the War Memorial **A.P.126 The Chairman.**

554 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Further Changes to SSDC Local Plan (Crewkerne & Misterton). This does not affect Winsham.
- b) Planning Application 01/02478/ADV Sign @ The Bell Granted.
- c) Planning Application 01/00252/FUL Woodcott Back St Appeal Dismissed
- d) Planning Application 01/00429/FUL Coach House Granted with conditions *. Lets are to be for a maximum of 6 months and off street parking must be provided.
- e) Changing The Planning System Green Paper Coming Soon.

555 AMENITIES

- a) Mr Paul Love has sent his apologies. **A.P.127 The Clerk** is to ask Mr Love for his monthly report and for any comment he may have about the S.S.D.C. Inspection Report of 10/09/01.
- b) The Clerk has received correspondence from Corn Hill Insurance, regarding the accident on 13th August 2001. The third party say that the concrete into which the steps of the slide have been embedded was, at the time of the accident, standing proud of the grass by more than 1". The Clerk has replied refuting this.

556 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques were signed: - Clerk's salary & expenses, grass cutting and the 1998/99 audit. The latter to be sent on receipt of an invoice.
- b) Copies of the financial statement for November, a formal projection for 2002/3 and simplified precept projections for 2002/3/4 were passed to all members, along with a photocopy of 'Your Guide to Council Tax' issued by S.S.D.C.
- c) The conclusion of the debate was to set a precept of £7000 for 2002/3. To achieve this meant losing the option for extra play equipment. It was felt that additional play equipment should be considered when the existing loan was paid off. This level of precept is £500 higher than 2001/2 representing an increase of £1-50p per household for the whole year. This extra income is planned to increase reserves for the eventual building of the bus shelter.
- d) At the November meeting it was decided to support the Recreation Ground Management Committee in their planning application for new changing facilities. It was asked if the PC could fund the planning application. The PC is very much in favour of the scheme and as a token they propose to offer £50 towards the cost of the planning application.
- e) The Web Museum is to receive £58-50p for the purchase of a domain name.

557 CEMETERY

A decision was made to allow temporary wooded grave markers for a period of up to 18 months.

558 HIGHWAYS

Mr John Sullivan gave his report: -

- a) The safety rails at the bottom, south end of Wynyards near the bridge, have been replaced but the Chairman is unhappy because the rails have not been reinstated

as they existed, only two posts & not three being replaced. The old posts and rubbish has not been removed

- b) Mr Colin Fletcher from the County Council's road signing department walked the village with Mr Sullivan and the Clerk to agree safety improvements to the signs for schools & the children's play area. We should see improvements here. Additionally it has been agreed to place a new sign near the Axe Bridge, 'Road Liable to Flooding. The SAC sign (grade 2 listed) will be painted. The Chairman would like to see the second SAC sign, stolen in recent years, replaced.

Mrs Anne Rose attended the SALC meeting in Yeovil where she raised the issue of the lack of street cleaning. Other parishes are having similar problems and do not receive replies to their letters. Mr Peter Lacy asked for examples, of no reply, to be passed to him.

Mr Tony Fuller asked the Clerk to contact Mr Hayes Springhead High St regarding a light, which shines into the eyes of drivers coming into the village. **A.P.128 The Clerk**

559 JUBILEE HALL REPORT

See Public Question Time where the Jubilee Hall is discussed.

560 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Cornhill Insurance re: Accident 13th August see amenities.
- b) Accounts & Audit Regulations 2001 are now simplified and will cost less.
- c) DEFRA Quality Parish Councils a Consultation Paper, copies for all members have been ordered. A response is requested before 31st January 2002.
- d) NALC National Training Strategy. This document is for information only, but will eventually determine the strategy for new ways in which Parish Clerks and Councillors work.
- e) DTLR Code of Conduct for Parish Councils. This came into force on 27th November 2001 and must be adopted by May 2002. This will be a priority agenda item at the next meeting.
- f) SALC New Code of Conduct Training will follow in the New Year.
- g) Letter from the Rambler's Association; pass to Mr Dennis Shaw.
- h) Hope Africa Appeal, unable to support.
- i) Victim Support Thanks noted

561 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME

Mr Keith Marsh, asked 'what happened to traffic calming?' Mr Sullivan replied that it would cost too much money, as no grant funding was available. We would have to wait for the introduction of the 20mph speed limit.

Mrs Anne Rose asked about follow up on planning matters, particularly at Bridge & Laurel Cottage. **A.P.129 The Clerk** to pass the planning application to Mrs Anne Rose and discuss any follow up.

562 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Mr John Sullivan will chair the Public Meeting on “Affordable Housing”
- b) Plans for a Village Map are to be followed up with Carmel Wilkinson **A.P.130 The Clerk.**
- c) A letter has been sent to Mr McCallum re: Churchyard Wall is ongoing.

563 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 9th January 2002 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
124	The Clerk	Completed	
125	The Clerk	Completed	
126	The Chairman		
127	The Clerk		
128	The Clerk		
129	The Clerk	Completed	
130	The Clerk		