

**THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT THE JUBILEE  
HALL WINSHAM ON *APRIL 17<sup>th</sup> 2002 at 8.00pm***

**ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

Those present:     Mr.C.Slade.           Parish Council Chairman  
                      Mr.J.Sullivan.       Parish Council Vice Chairman  
                      Mr.& Mrs.Rose.  
                      Mrs.H.Duke.  
                      Mr.& Mrs.Pye.  
                      Mr.F.Vaughan.       Parish Clerk  
                      Mr. E. Partridge  
                      Mr.K.Marsh  
                      Mr Shearer  
                      Mr.G.Crowden.  
                      Mr.R. Smart.  
                      Mr.J.Dorse.  
                      Mrs M.Long.  
Apologies:         Mrs.S.Abbey. Mr.T.Fuller.

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2001.**

The Chairman presented the minutes. Mrs Anne Rose asked for a correction in the United Charities Report. (Over the 12 years while Mrs Anne Rose has been a Trustee £6574 has been paid out.) . This was agreed and then The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES**

There were no matters arising.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman thanked his colleagues as members of the Parish Council for all their work over the previous year. Thanks also for the expertise of Guy Crowden (The Neighbourhood Watch), Dennis Shaw (Footpaths), Geoff Peacock (P.C. Arboricultural Specialist) and Stella Abbey (District Councillor).

Mr Graham Winter stood down as a Parish Councillor, Graham did a very good job in securing funding for the play equipment and organising the

parish council's accounts, thank you. Keith Marsh was co-opted on to the council.

The War Memorial is now Listed Grade 2. There is still work in progress on repair work but there are plans to realign the steps and make the entrance/exit from the Lower Recreation Ground safer. This should attract grants from The Countryside Agency.

We have plans ready to go for the Bus Shelter, however South Somerset Homes have not yet agreed a licence/lease for the use of their land at the junction of Davies Close. They have agreed the site in principle.

We have achieved some progress on highway issues but progress is slow. The barrier at the end of Wynyards Lane has been replaced. C.C.

Highways Officer Colin Fletcher has agreed sign improvements throughout the village, but no activity as yet. We have lobbied County Hall for 20 MPH a speed limit. This will happen outside all schools the question is when? Drains and gullies have been cleared and some remedial work for flood defence has been carried out near Dragon House.

We have a promise that Colham Lane will be resurfaced. White line markings are being followed up.

Good progress is being made with the Affordable Housing Project. There was a well attended public meeting. The needs survey is now complete; we await The Rural Housing Trust on the results, expected soon. Ever household in Winsham Parish was sent a copy of the questionnaire.

Winsham Web Museum is up & running, thanks to all the efforts put in by Mr John Sullivan and the team.

We had a Police Consultation Meeting. The meeting was well attended; the outcome being that we need a Beat Manager urgently. The P.C. on behalf of the Recreation Ground Committee applied and was granted planning permission for a shower block on Recreation Ground.

There have been two public meetings to try and kick start the Jubilee Celebration but neither attracted a lot of interest. The Sports & Social Committee are going ahead with their own arrangements for the Jubilee.

After consultation with The Community Council, it was decided against a formal Parish Plan but we will proceed with Mini Plan. In the coming year we can look forward to accepting the New Code of Conduct and becoming a Quality Parish Council.

The Parish Guide has again been updated and a newsletter published, thanks to Mr John Sullivan.

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The Clerk presented the financial statement for years ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2001, audited, and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2002, not yet audited, explaining the details. Mr Roy Smart asked, why there was an increase in administration costs

between the two-year ends. Because of the absence of a Clerk for the complete year to year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2001, the Clerk's salary was under spent in 2000-2001. There are also additional expenses with running a personal computer, ink, and paper and Anti Virus Software. The Clerk donates the use of the computer free.

### **REPORT BY UNITED CHARITIES**

Mrs Anne Rose presented the financial statement, which at this point had not been signed by the Chairman or the Trustees. The Trustees are Steven Kevit, Ernie Chivers Mrs Anne Rose & Mr Colin Slade.

The income to the fund was £562 this year. Mr Robert Shearer expressed concern that the charities are not spending their money. How do people know of the existence of the charities? It was suggested that Holyrood School be approached, making them aware that small grants can be made available to Winsham children moving on to University or into apprenticeships.

Relief of the poor can be interpreted in various ways.

### **REPORT BY RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Mr Roy Smart presented the report. The ground is being used in its usual way, cricket on Wednesdays and Sundays only with one team every other week.

With football two teams play every week, not a success in terms of results. It is quiet for the management committee. We have a maintenance day doing odd jobs, nothing major. We don't need to spend too much money. We have joint meetings with the Management Committee & the Sports and Social Club Committee. The disagreement over, who does what, has been resolved. We have applied for planning permission for the new changing rooms, via the Parish Council as landowners.

In reality we will build new changing rooms and revamp the clubroom, which is of timber construction. It will go on for a few years yet.

We are looking to the Football Association to provide some money but the bid for funds depends on the Football Club. There is a development plan taking place with football in mind.

The Sports & Social Club is a separate entity from the Recreation Ground Committee, but they make all the money. A profit is being made. The Sports & Social Club committee is a small organisation. Margaret long does a lot of the work.

Largely statutory members form the Recreation Ground Committee. New members are needed to demonstrate support from the village. People who

play football are good at playing but not good on committees. More support & more money is needed.

### **REPORT BY JUBILEE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Mr Julian Dorse presented the report. The hall is doing well & it is well used; however expenditure is up with work having been done to the boiler, the rear door & the electrical wiring. The disabled access is going ahead after a gradient problem has been overcome. The men's toilets will become the disabled toilets with new men's toilets being built. The outside costs are substantial with all the work needed on the drains. Roy Smart commented that stage productions might be out of the question with the gent's toilet in its new position. John Sullivan commented that the men could use the disabled toilet at pantomime time.

With regard to time scales, we do not need planning permission, we are chasing funding. The project must be completed by 2004.

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT**

Mr Guy Crowden presented the report. The scheme covers 360 Households and 16 Farms reporting to Avon & Somerset Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator in Yeovil as being 'Reasonably Effective'. Other contacts are held with Dorchester and with Chard Police. Local crime is still a fact of life; it has not gone away. Police can only react if they are told of a problem so please report all crime no matter how small.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

A question was asked about lights on Colham Lane. The Chairman said that the original scheme was never meant to be fully comprehensive. As much lighting was put up as could be afforded at the time. Adding to the scheme would be too expensive.

No further business. The meeting ended at 9-15 pm