

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 6th February 2002 at the Jubilee Hall, Winsham, at 8.00pm

578 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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

Absent:

579 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs Stella Abbey District Councillor spoke on the viability of the Shop/Post Office. Through District Councillor Mr Rick Pallester there has been a request that S.S.D.C.'s Regeneration Officer offers assistance in the matter.

580 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9TH JANUARY 2002.

The Chairman signed these as a true record

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

- a) As reported, poor house numbering in Fore St has resulted in an ongoing dispute with the Benefits Agency over the payment of heating allowance. There have also been problems where the emergency services could not easily find the correct house. Credit has been refused and mail is delivered to the wrong household. This long outstanding problem was first broached in 1981 when Church St was successfully renumbered. Attempts to renumber Fore St were unsuccessful. Mr Mike Bishop from S.S.D.C. suggests and has offered to write to all households in Fore St requesting that house names be adopted to remove any confusion. It was decided to ask Mr Bishop to go ahead. **A.P.138 The Clerk.**
- b) Broken & damaged street signs. Mr Mike Bishop of S.S.D.C. has offered to replace damaged & provide new street signs :-

The street name signs in most urgent need of replacement or provision is: -

1. BAKERSFIELD, Stumps broken.
2. BACK STREET, Top sign damaged.
3. FORE STREET, Top sign damaged, bottom sign poor.
4. HIGH STREET, Top sign damaged, no sign near No1 Peter Pye's house, i.e. bit of road towards Lime Kiln Lane.
5. COURT STREET, Sign poor.
6. BROADENHAM LANE, sign damaged & poor stumps.

There is money in S.S.D.C.'s budget for this.

582 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Planning Application 01/03158/AGN Manor Farm Silage Pits @ Cricket St Thomas. If the applicant decides to proceed then the application must be resubmitted as FULL because of the building's proximity to the road.
- b) An email has been sent to & acknowledged by S.S.D.C. regarding planning applications 98/01742 Bridge Cottage Winsham & 01/00068 Laurel Cottage Ammerham Winsham querying whether the work done conforms to the plans submitted.
- c) An email has been sent to & acknowledged by S.S.D.C. regarding work in progress at The George, a listed building.
- d) Planning Application 02/00139COU Barn & Games Room Purthill Farm. The PC have no objections.
- e) Planning Application 02/00279FUL Sports Changing Rooms Recreation Ground Winsham. This application was submitted by the PC & is advertised in the PC notice board for comment.

583 AMENITIES

- a) Mr Paul Love presented the lower recreation ground reports. The slide and the swings need painting. **A.P.139 Clerk** item for April agenda.
- b) S.S.D.C.'s Inspection Report of 14/01/02 was discussed and the following was decided :-
 - i) The worn bushes on the swing are to be greased. **A.P.140 Mr Paul Love.**
 - ii) The gaps in the safety surface beneath the swing are caused by shrinkage with changes in weather conditions so no action is needed except to monitor.
 - iii) The plate on the roundabout has always been proud **A.P.141 Clerk** to write to manufactures for guidance.
- c) The 2002 ROSPA inspection will be organised by S.S.D.C.

584 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques were signed in favour of - Clerk's salary & expenses, Winsham Recreation Ground Committee re: Planning Application.
- b) The Audit Report for March 2000 was agreed and signed by the Chairman. It is noted that Mrs Mary Pye has agreed to be the Internal Auditor.
- c) Audit for March 2001 is to be submitted to the Auditor on February 25th. An advert has been placed in the Notice Board.
- d) A summary of the financial position was passed around for comment. Mr Keith Marsh pointed out an error against Audit. This was a typing error occurring when the VAT adjustment was made, totals remaining unchanged.

585 CEMETERY

The headstone and inscription for Mr John Jeffrey was agreed.

586 HIGHWAYS

- a) Rail Track re: Knapp Bridge. The bridge is of cast iron construction. A feasibility study has been commissioned to see how the bridge can be strengthened. This is with the County Highway Authority.
- b) On Tuesday 4th February the Parish Council arranged a site meeting with highway officers from Somerset County Council and WS Atkins. Mr John Sullivan & The Clerk walked the village explaining to the officers all the problems reported over the last 6 months, blocked drains on Church St and beyond Ebben Lane towards the A30, signs broken & twisted, missing & poor white line markings in general, were all pointed out. There was a verbal promise that Colham Lane would be resurfaced in 2002-2003. Somerset County Council now has all the information.

587 JUBILEE HALL REPORT

Provision of disabled access is to proceed; a ramp will be built to the left-hand door, also the provision of a disabled toilet. Mrs Anne Rose asked if plans could be made available for the public to comment **A.P.142 Mr John Sullivan.**

588 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Training dates for Members outlining the New Code of Conduct are now available. SALC recommend that 'Councils do not adopt the Code until someone from the Council has been to the training session'. SALC will provide additional training in March/April for Members who can not attend their Districts event. Mrs Anne Rose thought that as many Members as possible should try and attend a training session.
- b) C.V.S. Council for Voluntary Services. It was decided to donate £20.

- c) Air Ambulance. It was decided to donate £50. The service has been used three times in the village over recent months.
- d) Police Inspector Mr Mike Veale will attend the next PC meeting on 6th March. He will come for 8pm. It has been decided to reorganise the venue and the structure of the March meeting. The meeting will be in the main hall, by kind permission of the 6+ Group who have agreed to swap rooms. The core of the meeting will be the Inspectors Report, normal parish business will be conducted as a follow on but only urgent business will be considered. The police attendance at the meeting will be widely advertised.
- e) Bus Shelter; SSH have replied to the PC's request to site the Bus Shelter on their land. In principal there is agreement on their behalf but the terms of the agreement are, at present, unacceptable to the PC. The Chairman will agree the response with the **A.P.143 The Clerk.**
- f) The next SALC meeting will be Tuesday 12th March 7-30pm at The Old School Room West Coker.
- g) A letter has been received from solicitors acting on behalf of Mr McCallum. The Chairman will agree the response with the **A.P.144 The Clerk.**

589 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME

No questions

590 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Parish Mini Plan; although there has been a decision not to proceed with a formal Parish Plan the Chairman believes there is a benefit in documenting the PC's vision of the future so this can be made available for public scrutiny, comment & feedback. This was agreed. **A.P.144 The Clerk.**
- b) The Queen's Jubilee Celebrations; the proposal was to leave the celebrations to individuals and individual groups to make their own arrangements. The Sports & Social Club will be holding an event. It was requested verbally from Mrs Margret Long that it would be nice if the PC could provide the Beacon. This has not been agreed.
- c) Affordable Housing; a questionnaire will be distributed during the third week in March. Mr John Sullivan has written an article for the Parish Magazine, encouraging all households to respond to this survey of housing need.

591 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 6th March 2002 at 8.00 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall.

The meeting closed at 10-15pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

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