

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 3rd April 2002 at the Jubilee Hall, Winsham, at 8.00pm

607 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. E. Partridge.
 Mr.T.Fuller.
District Councillor Mrs.S.Abbey.
Parish Clerk: Mr.F.Vaughan.
Apologies: Mr.P.Love & County Councillor Mr.David Gordon.

Members of the Public: Representatives from Court Farm Close

608 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Councillor Mrs Stella Abbey, reported that children were riding bicycles in the Lower Recreation Ground, using seats and picnic tables as BMX ramps. The P.C. has a sign 'No Cycling'. What can be done? Children have thrown stones into a garden on Bakersfield and labels have been taken off the recycle bins. The comment was as follows:- stop and have a word with the children, don't shout at them just explain that they should act responsibly. Parents are ultimately responsible for there own children. If you know the parents you can speak to them.

There was a discussion between *Councillor Mrs Stella Abbey* and Members regarding the letting policy of South Somerset Homes, the feeling is that local people, looking for a home in Winsham, are unable, for what ever reason, to achieve their expectations. **The Clerk A.P. 148** was asked to write to SSH for clarification of their letting policy.

The Chairman declared an interest in item 11 a) on the agenda (Court Farm Close). This item would be placed as the last on the agenda.

609 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6TH March 2002.

The Chairman signed these as a true record

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

The Shop and Post Office afternoon closure is of great concern to the P.C. There is always the possibility that both could close permanently in their present form. There will be a public meeting, at the appropriate time. The present owner is looking for a buyer. If this does not happen, then he may choose to give notice of his intention to close the business, which would then be the right time for a public meeting. That meeting will be an informed meeting. Steps are being taken to collect facts and produce strategy options.

611 ADOPTION OF THE NEW CODE OF CONDUCT

Although there was an initial proposal by *Mr John Sullivan*, to accept the 'Standard Code of Conduct', it was decided to defer the acceptance to the May meeting, giving Members time to reflect on the implications.

612 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Planning Application 02/00611/FUL New Poultry House Leigh House Farm (resubmission). No objections to these proposals.
- b) Planning Application 02/00565/FUL Laurel Cottage (retrospective). The Parish Council is against this application on the grounds of appearance and visual impact from the road. The lintels above the windows and the roof on the porch are not inkeeping with the property. The previous application, which was passed is considered acceptable.
- c) Planning Application 02/00279/FUL Changing Rooms Winsham PC (Granted).
- d) Planning Application 02/00139/COU Games Room Puthill (Granted).
- e) Planning Application 02/00744/LBC The George. No objections to these proposals.
- f) Planning Application 02/00775/FUL Whatley Farm. No decision was made. The Planning Committee will consider this application on 9th April at 6-30pm.

613 AMENITIES

- a) **The Clerk A.P. 149** will follow up on the monthly report, and the painting of the slide & swings with Mr Paul Love.
- b) Playdale will look into the uneven surface on the Honey Whirl Roundabout.

614 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques were signed in favour of - Clerk's salary & expenses , SSDC, SALC & Somerset Women's Refuge.
- b) It was agreed to increase the Fidelity Guarantee to £10,000 at an additional cost of £4 to the premium and to have Personal Accident Cover for Members & Employees when on Council business, at an additional cost of £15. This complies with Audit recommendations.

615 CEMETERY

Mr Ernie Partridge would like to see a more permanent solution to the repair of the fence between the cemetery roadway and the field. **The Chairman A.P.150** offered to speak to Julian Dorse, asking if he intended to carry out any further work on the fence. The item would then be reviewed at the next meeting.

There have been many favourable comments on the well-presented appearance of the ChurchYard and the Cemetery.

616 HIGHWAYS

- a) *Mr Keith Marsh* remarked that one of the sign posts near the phone box points the wrong way. This has been moved around but is not tightened.
- b) The footpath is uneven on Davies Close and the road surface across the end of Western Way near the War Memorial is also uneven. *Mr Keith Marsh* pointed out that there is a safety issue here, people could fall and injure themselves. **The Clerk A.P. 151** will write to Geoff Mountjoy.
- c) *Mrs Hazel Duke* said that the OUT exit into Western Way from the residents car park has been marked as 'No Parking' by a resident. Can the P.C. take any action? It was decided that, because this was not a public highway, residents should take the matter up themselves with SSH.
- d) A letter was read out from Mr Bob Wellman concerning bridge problems. **The Clerk A.P. 152** was asked to pass the concerns to Somerset County Council and to reply, stating this to Mr Wellman.

617 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Court Farm Close (Residents Letter). Deferred to the end of the meeting.
- b) Police Consultation Meeting 4th April. Date noted.
- c) BBC Somerset Sound. Phone number taken by Members & letter placed on file.
- d) Street Closure Information. Placed on file.
- e) Collection of Fridges by S.S.D.C. (Policy Statement). Placed on file.
- f) Somerset Bus Strategy. Placed on file
- g) Parish Profiles. Taken away by Mr John Sullivan.
- h) Gypsy Traveller Policy. Placed on file
- i) Campaign Against Illegal Poisoning of Wildlife. Placed on file.
- j) Letter from Alun Michael MP (Sleeping Parish Councils). Placed on file.
- k) Meeting with Parishes SSDC(2nd May). Date noted by Members.
- l) Maidstone Borough Council. No comments.

- m) Tatworth & Forton Beat Manager. Clerk to write letters of complaint in support of Tatworth & Forton.
- n) Youth Shelters SSDC Letter. Letter copied to Chairman & dates noted.
- o) Commission for Racial Equality. Placed on file.
- p) Church Yard Wall. Correspondence forwarded to S.A.L.C. (Peter Lacy) for advice.

618 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME

- a) *Mr Keith Marsh* reminded the Clerk about writing to MAGNA Homes regarding parking problems. This will be discussed outside the meeting and followed up by **The Clerk A.P. 153**.

619 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Court Farm Close (Residents Letter). The Chairman declared an interest and left the meeting.
Mr John Sullivan chaired the meeting. At this point the meeting was suspended to allow members of the public to speak.
The meeting was then reconvened.
All members read the correspondence from residents and the reply from K.D.J. Slade and Sons. The basis of the complaint is that K.D.J. Slade and Sons are using their building site as a rubbish dump and, the site may be a hazard to health and safety.
K.D.J. Slade and Sons response is that, people are dumping their own waste on the site. The location is an ongoing building site, containing materials and equipment that will be used in the building of the remaining properties. No hazardous material is stored on the site. Huts and stores have to be provided to comply with Health & Safety. A security fence will be erected around the site.
Time scales are an issue but within planning regulations, once the project has been started end dates are not defined. The residents would like to see an end date offered by K.D.J. Slade and Sons.
The Parish Council are firmly of the opinion that this problem is one between the residents and K.D.J. Slade and Sons. If no joy, then approaches should be made to S.S.D.C. as the planning authority and to the Health & Safety Executive if safety is considered an issue.
- b) Members agreed that Minutes and Agenda could be delivered by email to those who had suitable access arrangements, other Members would receive hard copy in the normal way.

620 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th April at 7-30pm in the Jubilee Hall.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 1st May 2002 at 8.00 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall. This will be the AGM followed by the Ordinary General Meeting.

The meeting closed at 10-00pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

ACTION POINT No	ACTIONED TO	PROGRESS	ACTION TAKEN
148	The Clerk		
149	The Clerk		
150	The Chairman		
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153	The Clerk		