

## WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 1st May 2002 at the Jubilee Hall, Winsham, at 8.30pm

### 628 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Those present:	Mr.C.Slade	Chairman
	Mr.J.Sullivan	Vice Chairman
	Mrs.A.Rose	
	Mrs.H.Duke	
	Mr.T.Fuller	
	Mr.E.Partridge	
	Mr.Keith Marsh	
	Mr.P.Pye	
District Councillor	Mrs.S.Abbey	
Public:	Mr.R.Bailiff. Mr.G.Winter Mrs S Powell	
Parish Clerk:	Mr.F.Vaughan.	
Apologies:	Mr.P.Love	

### 629 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

*Mr Graham Winter*, wished to make a statement to the Parish Council, a summary of which is as follows: -

Pearl and I are annoyed about the article in the Parish Magazine. Profitability and usage of the shop should not be discussed in the public domain. It is wrong to say we are looking to move out of the village. We can not continue to run the shop, for personal reasons and are looking to sell it. It is wrong to criticise the management policy. There is a big difference between practice and theory. We have worked with the Parish Council and a group of interested local people, to try and find solutions, but we feel that our trust has been abused. We will now do what is in our best interests and no longer co-operate. We are unhappy about this. The Chairman felt that the Parish Council had not acted inappropriately.

*Councillor Mrs Stella Abbey* asked for a donation of £10 towards flowers for the trough. This was agreed.

A letter has been circulated to all users of the Jubilee Hall by the Pre School & Mothers & Toddlers Group requesting financial assistance with a garden project at the rear of the Hall. This is an item on the agenda. It was decided to discuss the item here. Should the playgroup be doing this, is it in their remit as a registered charity? Have any plans been drawn up for what is to be done? Should the plans not have been circulated to all users of the Jubilee Hall to see if there are any objections, one organisation should not be allowed to change a fundamental feature without prior agreement with other users? Has the Jubilee Hall Committee considered health & safety and fire evacuation procedures? There was concern that if soil was removed and the level of the garden lowered the boundary wall may become unstable. Who will maintain the garden over the long term? **A.P. 154 Mr John Sullivan** did not attend the last Jubilee Hall Committee meeting but he will speak to Mrs Julie Rowsell as a matter of urgency. The plans are to start work on the garden on 7<sup>th</sup> May. The

Parish Council received a letter asking for a donation towards the project. From what has been said and from information available to them at this time, they would like to see more consultation with other user groups before supporting the project.

*Mr R Bailiff* thanked the Parish Council for getting the gully cleared outside his house.

*Mrs S Powell* came to talk about car parking on Western Way. The car park at the rear of Western Way is owned by South Somerset Homes but many of the residents in Western Way must contribute to the maintenance of the parking area under covenants in their deeds. Some must pay a 12<sup>th</sup>, others a 17<sup>th</sup> and others a 30<sup>th</sup> there being no consistency. Some residents eligible to park in the spaces have 1 or 2 or 3 cars, others perhaps none. People with no eligibility are using the car park. Cars are parked without road tax. How can this problem be resolved?

One idea would be to form a 'Car Park Committee', which could make proposals to place before SSH, space allocation for example or parking discs. The P.C. is of the opinion that unregistered cars can be reported to the police, as dumped cars, and removed by the local authority.

### **630 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3rd April 2002.**

The Chairman signed these as a true record

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

On the matter of the bus shelter, South Somerset Homes have written describing the difference between a licence and a lease. The structure will be a high value amenity costing between £10,000 & £15,000. SSH need not worry, if the use of the shelter becomes a nuisance to the neighbourhood (rather than a benefit), the Parish Council, as the responsible body, will take steps to reduce the nuisance or as a last resort, remove the shelter. The Parish Council works for the benefit of the community. It was decided **A.P.155 Clerk** to proceed by agreeing a **contract** with SSH to build the shelter on their land between Davies Close and the B3162. The Parish Council would suggest a 21-year lease at a peppercorn rent of £2 per annum. If everything is agreeable in principle, the council will then employ a solicitor to conclude the contract.

South Somerset Homes have supplied a copy of their 'Allocations Policy'. Unfortunately appendix A, allocation of the points system, was not included. It was decided to ask for this and for an example of a housing application form. **A.P.156 Clerk**. Paragraph 5.4 of the 'Allocations Policy' states that SSH will consult with interested parties in order continually to develop good practice in this policy area. The P.C. would like to be part of this consultation process, **The Clerk A.P 157** to write to the CEO of SSH.

Letters have gone to SSH & MAGNA making them aware of parking problems on Western Way & Davies Close.

### **632 ADOPTION OF THE NEW CODE OF CONDUCT**

Although Somerset are suggesting all is going well with adoption of the code, some Dorset and Devon parishes are not pleased and are being compelled to adopt the code under protest. The P.C. decided that they had no choice but to adopt the model code as this was the minimum adoptable level of the code. It was made clear by the Clerk that there is now a 28-day window by which time each member should complete his or her 'Register of Interests'.

### **633 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- a) Planning Application 02/00744/LBC The George, granted by SSDC subject to conditions.
- b) Planning Application 02/01094/LBC 8 Church St, the P.C. have no planning objections to this application.
- c) Planning Application 02/01038 21 Church St, more detail of boundaries and land ownership has been requested before a decision is made.

### **634 AMENITIES**

- a) The Play Area Inspection form for April was received from Mr Paul Love.
- b) The Clerk will attend a presentation on Youth Shelters organised by SSDC on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2002.
- c) An anonymous letter was received. It was decided not to respond to this letter. The letter was not read out.
- d) Mr Keith Marsh along with Mr Paul Love was called out to recover a manhole cover thrown down the hole. **The Clerk has contacted South West Water** (Problem reported 2<sup>nd</sup> May to 08001691144 Ref: C3534900).
- e) A letter was received from the Citizen's Advice Bureau written on behalf of Mr Peter Good of 1 Western Way. Mr Good's garden is right next to the play area behind a 6' high chain link fence. Children are playing football in the play area, the ball sometimes going into his garden. If he is not at home to return the ball then the children climb the fence causing damage. The P.C. has a notice in the play area 'No Ball Games'. How can this be enforced?

In response the P.C. are limited in their powers. The Chairman said that our responsibilities can go only as far as signing the area. We have no powers of enforcement. A suggestion from Mr John Sullivan was to make the surface unattractive for football, but then it would be just right for mountain bikes suggested another member. **The Clerk A.P 158** will reply to the C.A.B. letter.

## **635 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) Cheques were signed in favour of - Clerk's salary & expenses, Mrs Stella Abbey for flowers and The Community Council membership.
- b) The accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2002 were presented. All members received a copy of the accounts. It is proposed to discuss these accounts at the June meeting.

## **636 CEMETERY**

Mr Ernie Partridge asked if he should spray the weeds, yes. The Chairman still has to speak to Julian Dorse about fence repairs. The gatepost to the cemetery still needs replacing.

## **637 HIGHWAYS**

The Chairman Mr Colin Slade is concerned about safety at a road junction on the Foss Way. As you turn off the A30 onto the Foss Way, then drive south for about 400 yards you come to the junction, which leads on towards the new cheese factory. There have been quite a few accidents at this junction, one recent fatal accident. There should be a full inspection of this junction to try and establish why accidents are occurring very frequently.

Suggestions from Members were: -

- a) Milk tanker traffic has increased.
- b) The hedges have grown outwards reducing the apparent road width causing traffic to hold the centre of the road.
- c) Speed.
- d) Lack of road markings.

There are still some outstanding issues in the Parish: -

- a) New signs have not arrived yet. Colin Fletcher made a site visit and agreed some work but nothing has happened yet.
- b) White lining is still outstanding after the resurfacing of the B3162.

An email has been sent to Geoff Mountjoy. He has agreed to a site visit with the Clerk at 11-30am on 7<sup>th</sup> May at the Foss Way junction.

Mr Keith Marsh was appointed as the Highway Representative, but The Clerk would be the contact point for County.

## **638 CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Walking & Health a Footpath Guide. Mr Peter Pye took on this job.

- b) Countryside Agency Classification of Parish Councils, MP's Response was left on file.
- c) THATCH a Community Council Magazine was left on file.
- d) Guidance & Accountability in Local Government. (A Guide from NALC), was left on file.
- e) AXE & LIM Annual Review, was taken by Mr Tony Fuller.
- f) Request for Donation Victim Support, is to be reviewed in October.
- g) Neighbourhood Watch Update, a report from Mr Guy Crowden was read out. It is Neighbourhood Watch week 15<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> June.
- h) Pre School & Mothers & Toddlers Garden Project, see earlier report.

### **639 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME**

- a) All dealt with during the meeting.

### **640 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) Mr John Sullivan passed around invitations to the Web Museum Open Day on 25<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm in The Jubilee Hall. Our MP Mr David Laws will attend.
- b) Mr Keith Marsh is concerned about speeding through the village. **The Clerk A.P 159** will contact County and ask for a progress report on the 20-mph speed limit to be introduced past schools. What about 'Traffic Watch', a police scheme, or traffic calming? See the June agenda.

### **641 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 5th June 2002 at 8.00 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall. This will be the Ordinary General Meeting.

The meeting closed at 10-30pm.

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ACTION POINT No	ACTIONED TO	PROGRESS	ACTION TAKEN
154	<b>Mr John Sullivan</b>	Completed	
155	<b>The Clerk</b>	Completed	
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159	<b>The Clerk</b>	Completed	

