

## WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 5th June 2002 at the Jubilee Hall, Winsham, at 8.30pm

### **642 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

Those present:	Mr.C.Slade	Chairman
	Mr.J.Sullivan	Vice Chairman
	Mrs.A.Rose	
	Mr.E.Partridge	
	Mr.Keith Marsh	
	Mr.P.Pye	
District Councillor	Mrs.S.Abbey	
Public:	None	
Parish Clerk:	Mr.F.Vaughan.	
Apologies:	Mr.P.Love, Mrs.H.Duke, Mr.T.Fuller.	
Absent:		

### **643 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

*Councillor Mrs Stella Abbey* commented on the condition of two trees in the village. The older oak on the Lower Recreation Ground is looking very fresh but there are some dead or dying branches, which may need lopping. The Cyprus (*Macrocarpa*) tree in Court St near Oak Gates appears to need some attention. The latter is the property of Mr Peter Duffel. **The Clerk A.P.160** will write to Mr Duffel asking if he will agree to S.S.D.C.'s Tree Officer carrying out an inspection of the oak tree on his land. **The Clerk A.P.161** will ask S.S.D.C.'s Tree Officer to carry out an inspection of the older oak tree on the Lower Recreation Ground.

### **644 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1st May 2002.**

A suggested amendment to the minutes by a member of the public was not carried. The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

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

The handling of reports of 'Public Question Time' was discussed and, the procedure for distributing 'Draft Minutes'. It was decided that The Clerk should present a summarised and accurate report of any discussions during 'Public Question Time', taking due care not to include any inappropriate remarks, which may be considered libellous. This report would be included in the 'Draft Minutes'. The 'Draft Minutes' will only be made available to Members.

The 'Lettings Policy Booklet' & 'Housing Application Form' from South Somerset Homes was made available to Members and taken away for further reading. The

documents will be circulated. A letter from SSH in reply to the Parish Councils request to be included in housing policy consultations will be considered at the July meeting, where an appropriate response will be drafted. It was noted in MAGNA's response to a similar letter, that they follow the guidance offered in SSH policy when arriving at letting decisions.

## **646 MEMBERS REGISTER OF INTERESTS**

All Members have completed Section 81, stating their interests. The original documents have been sent to S.S.D.C. The Clerk holds photocopies, which are available for inspection by the public. All members present signed their declaration.

## **647 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- a) Planning Application 02/01094/FUL 8 Church St, the P.C. has no planning objections to this application.
- b) Planning Application 02/01038 21 Church St, recommend refusal. Subsequently S.S.D.C. has refused this application.
- c) Planning Application 02/01280/FUL Water Storage Tank Cricket St Thomas, the P.C. has no planning objections to this application.
- d) Planning Application 02/01242/FUL Porch 57 Davies Close, the P.C. has no planning objections to this application.

## **648 AMENITIES**

- a) The Play Area Inspection reports are outstanding for May.
- b) S.S.D.C.'s inspection on 22<sup>nd</sup> April reported faults on the flat 4 swings, damage to top shackle & worn bushes, recommending replacement. The Clerk has already made the report available to Mr Paul Love. Under the Chairman's suggestion it was decided to arrange a working party to carry out essential maintenance work on play equipment. An item has been placed on the July agenda asking for a date to be set to do the work.
- c) There has been some vandalism to the safety tiles under the flat 4 swings. This has been repaired but a proper fix will require a new tile. **The Clerk A.P. 162** will contact the original suppliers, Wickstead Leisure Ltd of Kettering on 01536517028.
- d) A further letter from the Citizen's Advice Bureau written on behalf of Mr Peter Good of 1 Western Way has been received, asking for an acceptable compromise to the problem of ball going into his garden. The PC's decision is: - We have taken all reasonable action to prevent ball games being played on the Lower Recreation Ground, the site is signed and there is a substantial fence along the boundary with No1 Western Way. **The Clerk A.P. 163** will reply to Mr Good.
- e) It was agreed to have an inspection and risk assessment carried out by ROSPA again this year. The Clerk has written to S.S.D.C.
- f) The manhole cover has been renewed. The Clerk has thanked South West Water for their help.

- g) The base plate on the Roundabout is still not laying flat even though Playdale have attended site in an attempt to fix the problem. The Chairman suggests it may be a design fault, where the fixings are too far from the edge of the plate. **Mr Peter Pye A.P. 164** has offered to take photographs, **The Clerk A.P. 165** will then write to Playdale.

## **649 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) Cheques were signed in favour of - Clerk's salary, grass cutting & The Playing Fields Association.
- b) The accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2002 were presented and approved.
- c) The Audit of Accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2001 from District Audit was presented agreed and signed by the Chairman.
- d) The Clerk & Mr John Sullivan have reviewed the insurance as recommended by the Auditor. **The Clerk A.P. 166** will write to Cornhill Insurance with some queries.

## **650 CEMETERY**

The Chairman still has to speak to Julian Dorse about fence repairs. Headstone requests were agreed.

## **651 HIGHWAYS**

1. There are still some outstanding issues in the Parish, which **The Clerk A.P. 167** will follow up: -
  - 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.
2. The County Council has produced a video 'Speed Kills'. This Video is available to all parishioners by contacting The Clerk. Its availability will be advertised.
3. The County Council has indicated that the 20mph limit for roads passing schools will not be implemented in Winsham during this financial year. **The Clerk A.P. 168** will write to County Councillor Mr David Gordon asking for support to get the project implemented ASAP.
4. WS Atkins are proposing a 50-mph speed restriction along the A30 at Windwhistle. The PC reserve their judgment of the scheme, they would like it extended much further than 25 meters along the B3167 to a point beyond the next two junctions in a westerly direction. **The Clerk A.P. 169** will write to WS Atkins asking for advice on how to proceed.

## **652 CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) PC Roger Saunders has now been appointed to the job of 'Beat Manager' for villages surrounding Chard. County Councillor Mr Sam Crab sent an email to the Clerk with the news; also Inspector Mike Veale has been promoted to Chief Inspector at South Bristol. Our new Inspector is John Holt.
- b) A Social, Economic & Environmental Profile by SSDC was made available to Members
- c) Car Parking Response from SSH & MAGNA. Both housing associations responded to letters. Households concerned have been written to individually and in general parking problems have improved.
- d) Acknowledgement of Bus Shelter email (SSH). This is an ongoing issue.
- e) SWARMMS Transport Study. Mr Peter Pye took away the leaflet.
- f) Winged Fellowship Trust (Donation). It was decided not to contribute at this time. Other organisations in the village have donated recently.
- g) SALC Meeting Yeovil Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June. The date was noted.
- h) Letter from Mr Good. See notes under Amenities.
- i) Parish Councils Forum (County Hall 14<sup>th</sup> June). The date was noted.
- j) Letter, Car Dumping behind Old Vicarage. A letter was received from Mr Robert Shearer expressing concern over the adverse impact on the village. The PC can not act as the vehicles are on private land. **The Clerk A.P. 170 will contact Mr Shearer.**

## **652 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME**

- a) Mr Peter Pye will respond directly to S.S.D.C. regarding 'Walking & Health a Footpath Guide'.

## **654 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) Mr Hunter of Church House asked via the Clerk if the PC would write to Wessex Water asking for a water quality test. The PC recognised his concerns but was of the opinion that all households have the right to request a water quantity test and therefore advise him to correspond with Wessex Water direct.
- b) The Chairman closed the meeting to the public.
- c) The issue of the ChurchYard Wall & NALC's response was discussed in private.

## **655 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2002 at 8.00 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall. This will be the Ordinary General Meeting.

The meeting closed at 10-30pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

ACTION POINT No	ACTIONED TO	PROGRESS	ACTION TAKEN
160	<b>The Clerk</b>		Visit arranged 18 <sup>th</sup> July 11am
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162	<b>The Clerk</b>	Completed	
163	<b>The Clerk</b>	Completed	
164	<b>Mr Peter Pye</b>	Completed	
165	<b>The Clerk</b>	Completed	
166	<b>The Clerk</b>		In Progress
167	<b>The Clerk</b>	Completed	
168	<b>The Clerk</b>	Completed	
169	<b>The Clerk</b>	Completed	
170	<b>The Clerk</b>	Completed	