

**WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2002**  
**At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham, at 8.00pm**

**691 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

Those present:        Mr.C.Slade                    Chairman  
                              Mr.J.Sullivan                Vice Chairman  
                              Mrs.A.Rose  
                              Mrs.H.Duke  
                              Mr.Keith Marsh  
                              Mr.E.Partridge.  
                              Mr.P.Pye.  
District Councillor    Mrs.S.Abbey  
Public:                    Mr Guy Crowden, Group of Young People.  
Parish Clerk:            Mr.F.Vaughan.  
Apologies:              Mr.P.Love and Mr.T.Fuller.  
Absent:

**692 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

*A group of young people* made representation, outlining their proposals for a skate board ramp and/or half pipe.

*Mr Guy Crowden as Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator* presented the report from Beat Manager PC Roger Saunders.

**693 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no interests to declare.

**694 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

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

- a) Formation of a Housing Committee
  - i.) The Clerk requested that a specific member of the Council is nominated as Housing Officer or a Housing Committee is formed. This would allow business to progress between monthly meetings. The decision was taken to bring housing issues before the full Parish Council.
  
- b) SSDC Housing & Accommodation Strategy
  - i) District Councillor gave a very full report of an internal meeting she

had with Mr Rick Palister & Mr Colin McDonald. Briefly, S.S.D.C. set the housing allocation policy which SSH & MAGNA must follow. Housing of the homeless takes priority. Homelessness is on the increase and the District Council has a statutory duty to provide housing. Short-term accommodation, B&B, is very expensive. The result is that any housing which comes available is in general immediately take up by provision of statutory accommodation. The needs of local families to be housed in the village are low on S.S.D.C.'s priorities.

ii) Any Housing Association can champion 'Affordable Housing' be it the RHT, SSH, MAGNA or Hastoe. The important point is to secure a planning section 106 agreement restricting the letting to local people in the first instance. If there is no demand locally at any given time a house may have to go back in the housing associations pool.

c) SSDC Housing Seminar 21<sup>st</sup> November, the Clerk will attend if job commitments allow.

d) Affordable Housing (Where next?)

i.) The Parish Council instructed the **Clerk A.P. 181** to contact the Rural Housing Trust to set up a Housing Workshop.

ii.) With regards to the identification of land which meets the criteria for affordable housing. It was suggested that individual members approach the Clerk with ideas. Suggestions will then be passed to the RHT for follow up. The Parish Council feels that they should not be seen to favour any particular piece of land.

iii.) South Somerset District Council is about to appoint a new Officer with the responsibility for housing enabling in rural areas. **The Clerk A.P. 182** is instructed to write to S.S.D.C.'s Strategic Housing Manager (Colin McDonald) reminding him that housing need has been proven in Winsham and seeking a meeting with the new appointee as soon as possible.

e) Rural Transport Interchange

i.) The Chairman reported on a very successful meeting between representatives from the County Council and WS Atkins. The Chairman and Councillors Mr Keith Marsh & Mr Peter Pye, District Councillor Mrs Stella Abbey and the Clerk attended the meeting. **The Chairman A.P. 183** agreed to pull together an action plan and present it to Jon-Paul Barrett of Atkins Highways & Transport by 22<sup>nd</sup> October. If progress can not be made with SSH to lease land near the junction of Davies Close, then a proposal should be put forward to build the bus shelter at the top of the recreation ground. *The risk in not producing a plan on time, because of SSH's delay, is to loose the potential of joint funding for the project. The County Council indicated an amount of £9000.*

## **696 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- a) Planning Application 02/022323/AGN Agricultural Building @ Clay Pot Farm Whatley. Formal Planning Application requested by S.S.D.C.
- b) Planning Application 02/02208/FUL Proposed Track Lower farm Purtington. There were no objections to the new track at Purtington.
- c) Planning Application 02/02444/FUL Conversion of Redundant Farm Buildings Lower Farm Purtington . The Parish Council welcomes this development seeing it as an improvement to the area.
- d) Planning Application 02/02482/AGN Steel Framed Building Higher Purtington Farm. The Parish Council has mixed feelings about this application. There is concern about the future use of the building, it may be used for more than hay straw and machinery, and it may become a contractors plant hire site. There is also the potential for other buildings to be erected, thus establishing a farm holding and the need for a farmhouse. There are no grounds for refusing the application as represented but care should be taken to limit further development.
- e) Planning Application 02/02558/FUL Polytunnel Whatley Farm. There was no objection to the Polytunnel.
- f) Planning Application 02/02173/TCA Oakgates Granted by S.S.D.C.
- g) Planning Application 02/02620/FUL Conservatory @ Briar Orchard Ammerham. There was no objection to this application.

## **697 AMENITIES**

- a) Councillor **Mr Paul Love A.P. 184** will pass the play area inspection reports for July, August & September to the Clerk before the next meeting.
- b) The Clerk has replaced one of the seats on the swing, and the chain. The fixings to the shackles have been adapted to fit. **Councillor Mr Ernie Partridge and the Clerk A.P. 185** will carry out a follow up safety inspection on the fixings.
- c) The ROSPA Play Area Inspection Report was presented to the Council.

## **698 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) Cheques were signed in favour of Clerk's salary, Age Concern and Wicksteed Leisure.

## **699 CEMETERY**

Councillors' Mr Ernie Partridge and Mr John Sullivan carried out a risk assessment on the headstones in the cemetery and produced a report. None of the memorials inspected are considered to be in immediate risk of falling or collapse, but many do need different degrees of attention. It was decided to advertise the Parish Council's proposal to take remedial action where necessary. A list will be published in the Joint Parish Magazine next month and displayed on the Parish Council Notice Board. This is intended to give relatives the opportunity to discuss with the Parish Council the proposed steps that will need to be taken.

## **700 HIGHWAYS**

- a) A meeting took place with the new Highways Area Service Manager Mr Tony Shire & Area Technician Anthony Warren. Councillors' Mr Keith Marsh and Mr Peter Pye attended the meeting along with the Clerk. **The Clerk A.P. 186** will summarise the areas of works requiring attention and email Mr Tony Shire.
- b) The Clerk is expecting some correspondence on 'Speed Watch' from PC Nickerson. The item was deferred to a further meeting.
- c) **The Clerk A.P. 187** is to write to County Councillor Mr David Gordon expressing their disappointment in his endeavors to achieve a 20 mph speed restriction through the village,

## **701 CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Council Members are aware that the 'Precept 2003-2004' must be addressed before 1<sup>st</sup> January. This item will appear on the November agenda.
- b) Rural Service Standard (Letter from Alun Michael MP) was made available to Members.
- c) All the 'Ethnic Monitoring' correspondence was made available to Members.
- d) Freedom of Information Act. The Parish Council has agreed to comply with the core principles.
- e) Local Transport Plan 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Report. All correspondence was made available to Members.
- f) Yeovil Hospice Appeal. Members are aware of the event dates.
- g) Youth Shelters (Stanchester School 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 6pm). The Clerk will attend this presentation.
- h) SALC Publication (Standing Orders). It was agreed to purchase the electronic copy.
- i) Otter, Sid & Axe Environment Agency Consultation Document. Councillor Mr Peter Pye took away the pamphlet.
- j) Somerset Waste Local Plan (Consultation Document). All correspondence was made available to Members.

## **702 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME**

- a) Mr Keith Marsh made the P.C. aware of changes that may happen to the membership of the school governing body. Mr Keith Marsh is presently a LEA member of the governors. Keith may resign as a LEA governor and replace Mr Tony Fuller as the Parish Council governor.
- b) Mr Peter Pye asked about progress on 'Twinning'. The Chairman indicated that the 'Twinning Issue' will not be progressed any further.
- c) Mr Peter Pye reminded the Chairman about the need to progress the planning application for change to the design of the War Memorial steps.

### **703 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) There have been considerable areas of change so it was decided to produce the Parish Guide again this year.
- b) Risk Assessment, is to be considered as ongoing. So far the recreation area and the cemetery has undergone risk assessment from the physical perspective. Risk assessment for financial procedures has also been undertaken as advised by the audit reports for years ending 1999 & 2001.
- c) Purchase of Share/s in Winsham Shop Ltd. It was decided not to purchase share/s in 'Winsham Shop Limited'.

### **704 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2002 at 8.00 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall.

The meeting closed at 10-30pm.

Signed.....Date.....

ACTION POINT No	ACTIONED TO	PROGRESS	ACTION TAKEN
181	<b>The Clerk</b>		Defered for SSDC response
182	<b>The Clerk</b>		Email sent 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct
183	<b>The Chairman</b>		
184	<b>Mr Paul Love</b>		
185	<b>The Clerk</b>		Ongoing
186	<b>The Clerk</b>	Completed	
187	<b>The Clerk</b>	Completed	