

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 6th November 2002
At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham, at 8.00pm

705 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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

706 POLICE MATTERS

Beat Manager PC Roger Saunders gave notice that he would be attending the meeting but was otherwise engaged. The police consultation process has been changed, there will no longer be direct meetings with representatives of the community, instead the public are being asked to complete a questionnaire, available from police stations.

This was felt to be a retrograde step. **The Clerk A.P. 188** was asked to write to Inspector Holt expressing this view. Note: when our Neighbourhood Watch representative called at Chard police station and asked for a questionnaire, there were none available. Neighbourhood Watch has not received notification of the change to the consultation process.

Halloween & Bonfire Night brought complains to the police which were mysteriously diverted to a Birmingham call centre. Eventually when contacted they refused to attend the incidents. The Clerk will include this in his letter to the Inspector.

707 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

District Councillor Mrs Stella Abbey. What progress on the skate board facility, why can not a facility be located on the upper recreation ground, as the Parish Council owns this land? The land is on lease to the Recreation Ground Committee. What are the terms of the lease? **The Clerk A.P. 189** will inquire.

708 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests to declare.

709 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON 11th SEPTEMBER

The Vice-Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

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

1) Affordable Housing (Where next?)

- a.) With regards to the identification of land, District Councillor Mrs Stella Abbey has identified four potential sites. These are only suggestions and should be thought about and discussed further. Hopefully other suggestions will come forward. The sites are :-
- i) Field between Western Way and the football field, abuts Davies Close (Mr Bullivant).
 - ii) Field opposite Colin Slade's yard, abuts Back St, (Mr Warry).
 - iii) Ferhay, field between Fore St and Court St (Yvonne Saunders & Geoff Peacock).
 - iv) Fields between cemetery and Western Way, abuts Western Way (Nicholas de Savary).

It was decided to list these sites in the minutes and place the item on the agenda for the next meeting.

2) Rural Transport Interchange

- a) My Chairman, Colin Slade, has now submitted a combined planning application to South Somerset District Council. Part of the application is for improvements to the footway access at the lower end of the recreation ground, involving realignment of the War Memorial steps. The other two parts of the application are for the sighting of the proposed bus shelter at "Site A" or "Site B", dependent on negotiation with South Somerset Homes, ongoing, for the lease of their land at "Site A". The proposed plans do indicate an off loading area in the hedge opposite "Site A". At this point an agreement with the landowner has not been secured.
- b) The Clerk has written again to South Somerset Homes requesting an agreement in principle for the Parish Council to lease a piece of land at the junction of Davies Close and the B3162.
- c) The Clerk has secured a written agreement from the County Council to contribute £6000 to the Parish Council's bus shelter. There are conditions to the agreement, which must be discussed at the next P.C meeting.

711 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Planning Application 0202719/COL (Removal of agricultural tie condition on property at Whatley Mill). There are no grounds upon

which the Parish Council can oppose the 'Certificate of Lawfulness' being granted,

- b) Planning Application 02/02482/AGN Steel Framed Building Higher Purtington Farm (Further details requested by S.S.D.C.). Ongoing item, see next months agenda.
- c) Planning Application 02/02803/FUL Stable Building Laurel Cottage. No objections to this application.
- d) Planning Application 02/02620/FUL Conservatory @ Briar Orchard Ammerham. P.C. recommend refusal in its present form, matter referred to 'S.S.D.C. Area West Committee' 20th November.
- e) Planning Application 02/02208/FUL New Track to House at Purtington granted.
- f) Planning Application 02/02558/FUL Polytunnel @ Whatley Farm Granted.
- g) Influencing the Planning Process (Seminar 29th Jan). It was decided not to send a representative to the seminar.

712 AMENITIES

- a) It was decided that the **Chairman A.P. 190** should speak to Councillor Mr Paul Love asking if he wished to continue as the amenity representative.
- b) In the mean time Councillor Mr Peter Pye has agreed to carry out safety inspections on the lower recreation ground.

713 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) A successful audit to 31st March 2002 was noted. Many thanks to Mrs Mary Pye for all her help.
- b) The Clerk's salary review was deferred to the next meeting.
- c) All payments for outstanding invoices were agreed.
- d) Potential election costs were noted.
- e) The bank reconciliation was checked by the Vice-Chairman and noted by Members.
- f) It was decided to allocate the Citizens Advice Bureau £50.
- g) The Clerk past a budget forecast to all Member. The precept must be decided at the December meeting.

714 CEMETERY

- a) Councillors' Mr John Sullivan & Mr Ernie Partridge have completed the risk assessment of memorials and head stones. There are no memorials considered dangerous enough to warrant immediate removal. Some, however, are beginning to cause concern, and these have been noted. It was agreed to publish the findings on the P.C. notice board and write an article for the Parish Magazine.
- b) Mrs Di Forward has kindly offered a contribution towards replacing the gatepost at the entrance to the cemetery. **A.P. 191 The Clerk** will

purchase a post and Councillor Mr Ernie Partridge has offered to fix the post.

715 HIGHWAYS

Progress on achieving the 20-mph speed restriction past the school does not look promising. County Councillor David Gordon informed Members that Winsham was number 203 on a list of 300 awaiting the roll out of the scheme. At present 50 schemes a year are being processed, so it will be 4 years before the work is done in Winsham. Councillor Mr Keith Marsh has been in discussion with the school, trying for partnership funding, using monies from the 'Safe Routes to Schools' budget and Parish Council money to try and bring the time scales forward. After a meeting at the school with Andy Coombes County Hall's 'Safe Routes to Schools Officer' the scheme is still 3 years away.

Flooding, what can be done? A review of the situation above Fore St is urgently needed. There was a lengthy discussion at the Parish Council Meeting, ranging from climate change, the need for deeper gullies and changes in farming practice. It was agreed that the County Council Highway Service Manager (Tony Shire) should be asked to arrange a meeting with all parties concerned. **A.P. 192 The Clerk** will follow this matter up.

716 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Local Elections 2003. A letter from Bob Gillis was noted.
- b) Somerset Community Recycling. Circulars were made available to Members.
- c) Health & Social Needs in Somerset. Circulars were made available to Members.
- d) C.V.S. Community News was made available to Members.
- e) Sports & Leisure Directory 2002-2003, was made available to Members.
- f) Heritage Matters. Circulars were made available to Members.
- g) Invitation to S.S.D.C.'s Housing Strategy Seminar. It was agreed that the Clerk should attend.
- h) SALC Meeting Monday 9th December. The date was noted.
- i) Country Side Agency Circulars were made available to Members.

717 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME

- a) Mr Tony Fuller has resigned from the school governing body and is therefore no longer the Parish Council's representative. Councillor Mr Peter Pye offered to be the P.C. representative on the school governing body. This was agreed.

- b) Councillor Mrs Anne Rose gave an update on the legal matter of the churchyard wall. The Archdeacon of Taunton has advised the P.C.C. that they should not get involved in the dispute regarding the churchyard wall.

718 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Councillor Mr Keith Marsh produced a template for risk assessment. Perhaps this could be applied to journeys to school? Offering more ammunition in support of the P.C. bid for a 20-mph speed restriction.

719 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 4th December 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
188	The Clerk	Completed	
189	The Clerk	In Progress	I have corresponded with the recreation ground committee
190	The Chairman		
191	The Clerk	Completed	
192	The Clerk	Completed	