

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 5th February 2003
At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham, at 8.00pm

750 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.	
	Mr.T.Fuller	
	Mrs H Duke	
	Mr Roger Beer	
Parish Clerk:	Mr.F.Vaughan.	
District Councillor	Mrs.S.Abbey.	
Apologies:	County Councillor Mr David Gordon.	
Present:	Mrs Margaret Long	
Absent:	None	

751 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs Margaret Long attended as a member of the 'Recreation Ground Committee'. The Upper Recreation Ground is a village amenity & as such the Recreation Ground Committee would like to see more support from the Parish Council. There are a number of ongoing problems, not the least being that revenue is not meeting costs, SSDC's recreational maintenance grant has not been applied for, this is now in hand, it must be claimed before the end of February. There are lots of damage problems with car going onto the field late at night. Perhaps the answer is to erect a barrier, but this may not be practical because of the siting of the recycle bins. Mr Keith Marsh has offered to become the PC's representative on the Recreation Ground Committee up until the elections in May.

District Councillor Mr Stella Abbey outlined the election plans. SSDC have been given permission to trial the new election process, no polling stations, booths or pencils. Voting will be postal, by phone or internet. There will be no additional costs to the District or Parish Councils.

752 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Mr Peter Pye & Mr Colin Slade declared an interest in item 6c.
Mr Ernie Partridge declared an interest in item 9b.

753 CO-OPTION OF A NEW MEMBER

Mr Roger Beer was co-opted as a Member of the Parish Council. Mr Peter Harper from Purtington did express an interest in becoming a Member of the P.C. but decided to reserve his options until the elections on 1st May 2003.

754 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8th January 2003

The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

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

1. Rural Transport Interchange

- a) The licence has been signed.
- b) The quote to increase public liability to £10,000,000 is £34-65p. This was accepted.
- c) The quote for building insurance based on a value of £10,000 was £125. This was thought to be high. **The Clerk A.P.203** was asked to get other quotes.
- d) The Insurance Co pointed out a problem with the wording in the licence and in the lease. 'Cover is for the Parish Council's legal responsibilities only and will not cover **all** claims as per the licence signed and in the draft lease'. On enquiry with Allianz Cornhill it seems no such cover exists for all claims, the only possible way forward is to agree with South Somerset Homes a change to the wording of the lease. Suggested wording could be: - 'The Parish Council shall indemnify the Company for all claims where the Parish Council is legally liable including such costs, expenses, awards and damages arising out of the said claims, demands, actions, proceedings, state settlements, determinations or judgements made in respect or in connection with the shelter and its use'. **The Clerk A.P.204** to write to SSH.
- e) ATKINS have amended their drawing 5011251.601.05.02001 Rev B to show the Bus Stops realigned and higher up the road.
- f) Jon-Paul Barrett of ATKINS has written to the PC requesting that two quotes for building the shelter, in a recent letter we are informed that the quotes should include foundation work. **The Chairman A.P. 205** has agreed to organise the quotes for the next meeting.

2. Affordable Housing

Parish Council representatives on the 'Task Force' will be: -
Mr Colin Slade, Mr Keith Marsh, Mrs Hazel Duke, Mr Peter Pye &
Roger Beer.

It was agreed that the above Members would attend meetings when they could and if they felt that they were offering a positive contribution.

756 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- b) Planning Application 03/00026/FUL Wild Life Park @ Cricket St Thomas (Recommend Approval).
- b) Planning Application 02/02620/FUL Briar Orchard Ammerham (Granted).
- b) Planning Application 02/03437/FUL. Councillor's Colin Slade & Peter Pye left the meeting. There are no objections to the change in height. The PC's original comments still apply. Councillor's Colin Slade & Peter Pye rejoined the meeting.

757 AMENITIES

- a) Mr Peter Pye has carried out safety check on the lower recreation ground, (no immediate problems).
- b) Mr Ernie Partridge left the meeting. Offers to tender for the grass cutting contract were sent to four organisations, two of which replied. It was agreed to give the contract to Mr A.E. Partridge because he presented the lowest price and offered the best value for money. Mr Ernie Partridge returned to the meeting.

758 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques were signed for the Clerks salary, insurance and hire of the Jubilee Hall

759 CEMETERY

- a) There has been some wind damage to the 'Monkey Puzzle' tree. Mr Partridge offered to clear the branches.
- b) An email has been received from a Mr Michael Coates requesting that his mother's ashes be placed with his father Hamilton Coates, who was buried in Winsham Cemetery in 1987. Additionally he requests that the tree on the grave be removed and replaced with something smaller. The PC would welcome the removal of the tree. In recent years it has been the councils policy to discourage the planting of trees within grave plots because of ongoing maintenance problems. It was decided that he could consider replacing the tree with a small shrub, it was suggested that the habit of the shrub should have a spread not greater than 2 ft in diameter.

760 HIGHWAYS

Councillor Keith Marsh has updated the list of 'work outstanding' and emailed it to Mr Tony Shire. This now includes potholes and road break up in Leigh Lane. There is to be a meeting with Dorset Highways (re: condition of bridge over the Axe) on 13th February. There is mud on the road above Fore St. The farm responsible is believed to be A.H. Warren Trust. It is best to report mud straight away to Highways.

There followed a long discussion on car parking problems. It was agreed that **The Clerk A.P. 206** should write a notice for publication in the Church Magazine. The notice should be posted in the shop window & the PC's board. The Clerk should also write to Roger Saunders The Beat Manager.

761 CORRESPONDENCE.

- a) Neighbourhood Watch. Mr Guy Crowden will be standing down shortly as co-ordinator. As yet there is no one to fill the position, Mr Ravine does not wish to be co-ordinator. Can Members give some thought to a possible candidate?
- b) A Community Chest Grant up to £1000 is available to help crime reduction.
- c) Census 2001 (Headline Information & Analysis) was passed to Mr Tony Fuller.
- d) County Council (Distribution of Agendas) is now by email only.
- e) Comprehensive Performance Assessment (Somerset C.C.) overall disappointing result of Fair.
- f) Letters of Thanks (Age Concern & Citizens Advice).
- g) Community News made available to Members.
- h) Awards For All are still available.
- i) SALC (Free Resource Section 137 Increased to £5)
- j) Somerset Community Health Council (Report) made available to Members.
- k) Letters from PM (Policing) that **The Clerk A.P. 207** to write in support.
- l) Emergency Planning. There followed a discussion on the role of 'First Responders' It was felt that a First responder Team would not be suitable of Winsham. A request for such a team would have to come through the Ambulance Service. Emergency Planning will reappear on the agenda for March
- m) Enterprise Strides 28th Feb made available to Members.
- n) Marie Curie (Donation). It was agreed to donate £50.
- o) Somerset Community Waste Recycling, made available to Members.
- p) Standards Boards (Talk back, Look Forward)(28th Feb) made available to Members.
- q) Rubbish Bags (Letter from Mrs Shearer) **The Clerk A.P. 208** would include a reference in the next church magazine article

762 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME

A house in Back St has been empty for a long time, it may become a health or fire hazard, what can be done. The PC has no powers here.

763 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Parish Web Site & Email Addresses help by The Clerk. Mr John Sullivan asked for Members support to carry out further investigations. This was given.
- b) Recent Legislation (Data Protection Act 1998 plus others). Point noted by Members.
- c) Consideration of New Standing Orders & Financial Regulations. Amendments distributed, agenda item for next meeting.
- d) Fund Raising Web Sites (any additions to the list) nothing to add.
- e) Elections May 2003, see District Councillors report earlier.

764 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 5th March 2003 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
203	The Clerk	Completed	
204	The Clerk	Completed	
205	The Chairman		
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