

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

765 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.	
	Mrs H Duke	
Parish Clerk:	Mr.F.Vaughan.	
District Councillor	Mrs.S.Abbey.	
Apologies:	Mr Roger Beer & Mr Tony Fuller.	
Present:	Mrs Cook.	
	Members of the public supporting ‘Skate Boarding’ facility provision.	
	Mr Chris Lamprill, representing Ilminster and District Community Transport Scheme	
Absent:	None	

766 ILMINSTER & DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Mr Chris Lamprill gave a presentation on ‘South Somerset Links’ and Ilminster and District Community Transport. To summarise ‘South Somerset Links’ operates two People Carriers, which have been adapted to accommodate five passengers or three passengers and a standard wheelchair. Anyone with transport difficulties is eligible to use the scheme. The fare is 80p per mile independent of how many people travel. Ilminster and District Community Transport operates two mini buses which can be hired for day trips out. Contact numbers are :- 01460 75759 or 01460 61973. The Parish Council is supportive of the scheme. The Chairman thanked Mr Lamprill for his presentation.

767 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs Cook attended the meeting and expressed her opposition to the proposed Wind Turbines re: Planning Application 02/01865/FUL. It was pointed out that the PC has come to a decision in favour of the application. Mrs Cook was advised to express her opposition at SSDC Regulation Committee meeting when this item is present on that committee’s agenda. It was pointed out, after Mrs Cook left the meeting, that she did not live in Winsham Parish.

The Skateboarding Group has approach the Recreation Ground Committee and agreed a designated area for a site. They are looking for the Parish Council’s support. The Recreation Ground Committee leases the field from the PC and has autonomy over its use. The PC has no objection to a skateboard area on the field.

The Clerk A.P. 209 agreed to investigate the cost of public liability insurance & property insurance.

The Chairman addressed the meeting and expressed concern over the recent vandalism to the picnic tables on the Lower Recreation Ground. The tables have been carved into with a sharp knife. There are cigarette ends and plastic bottles scattered around and again the junior swings are being used as a goal. It is disheartening to people who have strived to provide these facilities. He would like to know, outside the meeting, who is responsible to the vandalism.

768 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Mr Colin Slade declared an interest in item 6b Rural Transport Interchange.

769 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5th February 2003

After one amendment, the Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

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

1. Rural Transport Interchange

Mr Colin Slade (Chairman) declared an interest in this item and asked that it be dealt with at the end of the agenda, allowing him to leave early. This was agreed. It is reported here for continuity.

Estimates for building the shelter have been submitted to ATKINS on 3rd March. Funding has been agreed: -

The Parish has offered £2,000 as a contribution to the scheme and therefore require £9164.28 to complete the scheme. Somerset County Council will contribute a value of £6,000 to the cost of the shelter with the remainder provided as an interest free loan.

The Parish Council will receive a cheque in the sum of £9164. on the basis that £3164.28 will be repaid by the Parish Council on the following terms; £1582.00 to be paid on or before 30th June 2003 and the remaining £1582.28 to be paid on or before 30th September 2003. The Parish Council must therefore raise money to repay this interest free loan. It was decided to seek borrowing authority via SALC for permission to raise £3164.28 from the PWLB (Public Works Loan Board). As a parallel activity to investigate the possibility of funding from the Countryside Agency's Vital Villages Transport Grant. Until long term funding can be secured the PC will hold the funds for the

War Memorial steps in reserve only commencing that project when long term funding for the bus shelter is secure.
It was agreed that K.D.J. Slade & Sons Limited should be offered the contract to build the shelter, their's being the lowest quote, on condition that the work commences before the end of the financial year March 31st 2003 and that the work is completed before 30th June 2003.

2. Affordable Housing

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

The first meeting of the 'Task Force' has been arranged for Tuesday 8th April at 2.00pm in The Jubilee Hall.

3. Parish Council Web Site

Councillor Mr John Sullivan has completed a phone survey. This survey confirmed the Parish Councils view that a Parish Information Web Site was likely to be popular. There would be a cost to the PC for a domain name of £32.88p. Councillor Peter Pye proposed that Mr Sullivan proceed with the project. This was agreed by all present.

4. Police Resources

David Laws MP has managed to secure additional Offices & Resources for 'East Somerset District' which includes Winsham. The Clerk phoned in a thank you for which acknowledgement has been received.

5. Neighbourhood Watch

For personal as well as health reasons Mr Guy Crowden has informed the Parish Council that a new co-ordinator will be needed at an early date. The Clerk has been instructed to advertise for a suitable candidate by notice in the shop window, on the PC Notice Board and through an article in the Church Magazine, which has now been done. The Chairman asked the **Clerk A.P. 210** to write and thank Mr Crowden for all his valuable work over the last 7 years.

771 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 18th February in the Jubilee Hall was presented to the Council. The Chairman signed them as a true record of the meeting.
- b) Planning Application 03/00413/FUL Whitegate. The plans were passed around for comment.

- c) Planning Application 02/03473/FUL Conservatory Colham House (Granted)
- d) Planning Application 03/00533/COU&LBC Barns Whatley Farm. The plans were passed around for comment.
- e) Planning Application 03/00555/LBC War Memorial Steps. Plans were available, for public inspection, at the meeting
- f) Work on Trees 03/00548/TCA Old Vicarage Winsham. The plans were passed around for comment.
- g) Planning Application 02/02444/FUL Conversion Lower Farm Purtington (Granted)*
- h) Planning Application 02/03086/FUL Access Widening Plumb Tree Cottage (Withdrawn)

Items b), d), & f) will be considered by Members of the Planning Committee and a report made at the next meeting.

772 AMENITIES

- a) Councillor Mr Peter Pye has carried out safety check on the lower recreation ground, (no immediate problems).
- b) SSDC have carried out their inspection. The PC's interpretation of this report is (no immediate problems).
- c) Councillor Mr Keith Marsh went to some length to explain the unusual financial arrangements of The Recreation Ground Committee. They are struggling for funds to pay for grass cutting. The PC's view is that, with a little reorganisation, the users of the facility should contribute financially in a more constructive way. Additionally with a 'Recreational Maintenance Grant' from SSDC grass cutting expenditure could be met.

773 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) A cheque was signed for the Clerks salary.

774 CEMETERY

- a) Councillor Ernie Partridge asked if he should cut back the new growth (suckers) around the base of the monkey-puzzle tree. This was agreed.

775 HIGHWAYS

- a) Colham Lane will be resurfaced 3rd & 4th weeks in March.
- b) Flood defence above Fore St will commence 3rd Quarter 2003.
- c) Damage along Leigh lane will be attended to 2nd Quarter 2003. Also pot holes at Whatley
- d) Road break-up outside No 4 Davies Close is not considered unsafe by the County Council. The Parish Council place this on record that they think it is.
- e) The Chairman asked **Mr Marsh A.P. 211** to look at the junction at Street Farm, surface improvement & flood prevention. Mr Tony Shire would be taken to inspect the junction during his May visit.

- f) The safety of the bridge over the Axe was discussed at a site meeting between Mr Marsh, Mr Vaughan, Mr Richard Bastow (Dorset East Area Highway Manager) and other Officers. The bridge parapets are in poor condition but not unsafe. The improvement suggested was 'Signing'. The outcome is still under negotiation with Dorset.

776 CORRESPONDENCE.

- a) Emergency Planning.
The Parish Council asked The Clerk to publicise the availability of an 'Emergency Skeleton Plan' and ask if there is a volunteer within the community who is able and willing to collect and compile the data to complete the plan for Winsham. This has been done.
- b) Countryside Rights of Way. A letter has been received asking for comments on improvements to Rights of Way around Winsham. Councillor Mr Peter Pye was asked by the Chairman to take the document and discuss a strategy with Mr Dennis Shaw.
- c) Crewkerne & Ilminster Community Regeneration Group asked for donations towards leaflets. It was decided not to contribute.
- d) C.V.S. It was decided not to offer a donation to CVS
- e) Winged Fellowship. It was decided not to offer a donation to Winged Fellowship
- f) Community News was made available to Members.
- g) Community Chest Grants information was made available to Members.
- h) Defra Licensing Bill information would be passed to interested parties.

777 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME

- 1. What progress is being made with the Jubilee Hall disabled access? Mr John Sullivan said that no visible progress had been made but that grants were being investigated.
- 2. The Annual General Meeting should be advertised, this is now done and will be on 30th April for 7-30pm in The Jubilee Hall.

778 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Elections May 2003. Nomination papers were passed around.
- (b) 5 Year Plan. It was decided to keep this item for a further meeting
- (c) Church Yard Wall. Although the public had left the meeting they were formally excluded when a letter was read out from the ArchDeacon of Taunton.

779 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 2nd April 2003 at 8.00 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall. The meeting closed at 11-00pm.

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

ACTION POINT No	ACTIONED TO	PROGRESS	ACTION TAKEN
209	The Clerk		
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211	Mr Keith Marsh		