

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 2nd April 2003
At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham, at 8.00pm

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780 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 Roger Beer	
	Mrs H Duke	
Parish Clerk:	Mr.F.Vaughan.	
District Councillor	Mrs.S.Abbey.	
Apologies:	Mr Tony Fuller.	
Present:	Householders from Western Way	
Absent:	None	

781 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A number of householders from Western Way attended the meeting.
Members listened to residents concerns and decided to give their full support, but agreed to discuss the PC's options in closed session at the end of the meeting.

782 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Mr Colin Slade declared an interest in item 5b Rural Transport Interchange.

783 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5th March 2003

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

784 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. It was agreed to proceed with a loan application from the Public Works Loan Board for the sum of £3164-00. Repayment to be by annuity over 6 years.

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. Countryside Rights of Way

Councillor Mr Peter Pye, with the help of Mr Dennis Shaw have looked at footpaths in the parish with a view to their improvement, in respect to new links and new rights of way. The background to this investigation is based on a letter received by the PC from the County Council. All recommendations for improvement are based on the premise that all costs and negotiations for access fall on the shoulders of the County Council. Perhaps some landowners will take a dislike to the suggestions. Three areas for improvement were discussed at the meeting, one of which is outside the parish. It was decided to ask Councillor Mr Peter Pye to put together a package of ideas for submission to County Hall. This package would be ratified at the next ordinary council meeting.

785 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Planning Application 03/00413/FUL Whitegate. The PC has no objections to this application.
- b) Planning Application 03/00533/COU&LBC Barns Whatley Farm. The PC's view is that the application should be refused unless the access is moved further from the junction of the B3162 & the road to Cricket St Thomas.
- c) Work on Trees 03/00548/TCA Old Vicarage Winsham. The PC prefers that the silver birch be removed, no objection to the application.
- d) Planning Application 03/00593/FUL Mill Brook (Demolition & Rebuild). Based on plans submitted the PC recommend refusal but have asked of an extension to the consultation time so that a site visit can be arranged.
- e) Planning Application 02/03437/FUL 2 High St Double Garage. Granted with conditions.

786 AMENITIES

- a) Councillor Mr Peter Pye has carried out safety check on the lower recreation ground, (no immediate problems).

787 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques were signed for the Clerks salary, Cemetery Rates, Domain Name & SALC x 2.

788 CEMETERY

- a) Councillor Ernie Partridge will not be standing for re-election in May. Mr Partridge was asked if he would like to continue with his excellent work of overseeing the upkeep & maintenance of the cemetery. Ernie indicated that he would like to continue the work as far as he was able. It was proposed by Councillor Sullivan and seconded by the Chairman that Ernie is nominated for this job at the AGM. A title for the job has not yet been decided.
- b) Mr Partridge suggested that back-filling hollows with spoil from recent digging was now counter productive, stones were surfacing making seeding and eventual mowing difficult. The Clerk has spoken to Mr Peter Parfit.

789 HIGHWAYS

- a) Colham Lane has been resurfaced, but water is still coming up through the tarmac at Hollowells End. This needs bringing to the attention of Highways at the May meeting.
- b) Highways need reminding about improvements to the footway at the junction of Western Way, near the War Memorial steps.
- c) A pot hole has been reported at Ammerham
- d) At a later date, the slop on the disabled access & the tarmac surface at the transport interchange needs reporting as unsatisfactory. 'Let's get the bus shelter construction well under way first', commented the Clerk.
- e) Dorset CC have acknowledged receipt of correspondence from the PC regarding structural concerns about the bridge and possible remedies.

790 CORRESPONDENCE.

- a) Local Elections (Information Pack) was made available to members.
- b) Active Living Centre Crewkerne, correspondence was made available to members.
- c) Community Transport In Somerset, a leaflet was made available to members.
- d) Quality Parish Councils, a leaflet was made available to members. The Clerk asked if he could attend a seminar on 18th April at a cost of £10 entry plus time and travelling expenses. This was agreed.
- e) NSPCC (Donation). It was decided to donate £50. Proposed by Councillor Duke & seconded by Councillor Sullivan.
- f) Community Update, correspondence was made available to members.
- g) THATCH, a leaflet was made available to members.

- h) Village of TheYear Competition, Councillor Sullivan asked if he could work on a presentation for 2003/2004. This was agreed by all.
- i) The Chairman read out a letter from Mr Jim Loaring, asking if a tree could be planted in the village in memory of Jan. It was decided to place this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

791 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME

1. Councillor Mr Keith Marsh opened a discussion on the provision of a skate board facility. There is an agreement in principle, with the Recreation Ground Committee, to build ramps at the top of the Upper Recreation Ground. If the PC owned the skateboard facility it could be included under their existing public liability insurance, but the PC must take overall responsibility for safety checks on a weekly basis, (suggestion that the clients take this responsibility as agents for the PC). The cost of insuring the structure would be in the region of £150-00 per annum, the structure being added to the PC's asset register, so the PC would be the owner. The PC is in favour of supporting the project. They will take on the public liability aspect and pay the structural insurance costs on the understanding that the user group will contribute by re-embursing 50% of the structural insurance to the PC.

792 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Elections May 2003. The Clerk confirmed that nominations for the May elections were now closed. Nine electors for Winsham have been nominated. It can now be confirmed, 4th April 2003, that the number of candidates seeking election equals the number of vacancies. The candidates are therefore elected unopposed.

Person's Elected are: -

Beer Roger William
Duke Hazel Dawn
Fewkes Simon
Harper Peter James Walton
Marsh Alan Keith
Pye Peter William
Slade Colin John
Slade Nicola Jayne
Sullivan John Shaun

- (b) Three Members of today's council have not sought re-election; they are Councillors Mrs Anne Rose, Mr Ernie Partridge and Mr Tony Fuller.

The Chairman, seconded by Councillor Mr John Sullivan and by all other members present, thanked all three for their work over the last four years. Thanks to Mr Ernie Partridge for all his work in maintaining the Cemetery & Lower Recreation Ground. The visual appearance of the Cemetery has improved beyond recognition. Thanks to Mrs Anne Rose for many years' service to the Council, particularly her attention to detail and her work in representing the PC at SALC meetings. Thanks to Mr Tony Fuller for his enthusiastic input to debate and his work on the Planning Committee.

793 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be the Annual General Meeting on 7th May 2003 at 8.00 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall, followed immediately afterwards by the Ordinary Meeting. The meeting closed at 10-30pm.

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

ACTION POINT No	ACTIONED TO	PROGRESS	ACTION TAKEN