

# WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2004  
At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham, at 8.00pm.

## Draft Issue 1

### **1029 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

Those present: - Mr.Colin Slade Chairman  
Mr Simon Fewkes  
Mr.Peter Pye  
Mr Peter Harper  
Mrs Hazel Duke  
Mr Roger Beer  
Parish Clerk: Mr.Frank Vaughan.  
District Councillor Mrs.Stella Abbey.  
Apologies: John Sullivan, Nicola Slade & Mr David Gordon  
Public Attending None

### **1030 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

None

### **1031 NOMINATIONS FOR CASUAL VACANCY**

The Returning Officer has notified the PC that the casual vacancy can be filled but to date no one has put himself or herself forward for the job. It was decided to continue to advertise the vacancy.

### **1032 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

District Councillor *Mrs Stella Abbey reported: -*

The 'Wheeled Bin' service is a Government initiative organised through Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP). The funding comes via the SWP. Local Councils have to meet Government recycling targets or face fines, landfill is no longer a long-term option. It has been decided that the only economic way of achieving recycling targets is to opt for sorting waste at source, hence the introduction of the 'Wheeled Bin' system, I personally am not defending the system. Not all properties, particularly in rural areas, have suitable access to take & accommodate wheeled bins. Some people will not be able to physically move their bins to the roadside for collection. There will be an assisted collection for people who can not physically move their bin and the existing black bag collection will be retained, on a fortnightly basis, for properties, which can not accommodate bins.

The Chairman expressed the feelings of the PC, 'this is town thinking which only widens the urban rural split. Councillors' Peter Pye & Peter Harper attended a presentation given by SWP and were surprised how inflexible they were too simple suggestions from the public. The question was asked 'how do we know what to put in which bin?' The answer was that a leaflet explaining the process would be distributed to all households. What happens when the leaflet is recycled, wouldn't pasting instructions on the bin itself as to what should & should not be placed in it be a better solution. This idea was dismissed. The Clerk was asked to write to SWP making this suggestion in writing.

District Councillor *Mrs Stella Abbey continued: -*

With regard to planning law and agricultural ties, the owner of a property can obtain a 'Certificate of Lawfulness' to remain resident even though no longer employed in agriculture, but the tie is reapplied when the ownership of the property changes. An agricultural tie can only be removed by making & successfully achieving specific planning permission. The district council is now in the process of reviewing all properties with agricultural ties a long & expensive process.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the proposed visit by Angie Singleton & Andrew Gillespie had been deferred pending a decision, by the PC, as to a preferred date, allowing the PC time to formulate questions. It was decided to invite Angie Singleton & Andrew Gillespie to the December meeting. The PC to formulate questions at their November meeting

### **1033 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

- a) There were no interests declared for the agenda of this meeting.

### **1034 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2004**

The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

### **1035 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN/TO BE TAKEN**

- a) A possible use of the community access fund, for improvements to footpath CH30/3 has been investigated by the Chairman & Councillor Peter Pye. John Smith the landowner of part of the path has agreed to repair his section. The other part of the path is unclassified highway and becomes a highway not a footpath problem; the grant does not apply. The Clerk has asked county Councillor Mr David Gordon for help in resolving this issue.
- b) The Clerk has a copy of the Act of Parliament 'Anti-social Behaviour Act 2000' this covers the misuse of hedges.
- c) The Chairman & Councillor Peter Pye have agreed to complete the risk assessment.
- d) There was a long discussion on road safety issues, farm contractors using mobile phones, speeding & lack of 20-mph restriction, parking on corners, parking in front of disabled access. It was agreed that the **Clerk AP** should follow up, yet again, the 20 mph restriction, the mobile electronic speed indicator and white lines in front of disabled access to deter parking.
- e) District Councillor Mrs Stella Abbey as a member of the Recreation Ground Committee presented the Committee's financial statement. To summarise, the loss of RMG will result in a funding shortfall of £250 for 2005-6 & £500 for 2006-7 and ongoing year on year at this level. The PC will consider allocating £250 to the Recreation Ground Committee for grass cutting when the precept is set in November.

### **1036 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- (a) Letter from Mike Williams (Speeding the Planning Process), The PC already comply with the request in this letter.
- (b) Planning Application 04/01129/FUL (Lower Farm Barns Purtington) Granted with conditions by SSDC,
- (c) Planning Application 03/01867/FUL Dwelling @ Hill Dairy (Granted by SSDC)
- (d) Planning Applications 04/02415 & 16 Hen House (Granted by SSDC)
- (e) Planning Application 04/01856/FUL New Dwelling Merrivale Forton (Granted by SSDC)

### **1037 AMENITIES**

- a) Monthly report, no major issues but the large oak tree will need branches trimming off. Jeff Peacock to advise.
- b) SSDC Area West has £35,000 remaining in its 'Play Area Refurbishment Capital Budget'. It was decided that the PC should approach SSDC and request funding for improvements to play equipment safety, new chains, safety surface & improved access. Councillor Mr Peter Pye & the Clerk will meet Adrian Moore on site at 10am on 12<sup>th</sup> October to discuss possibilities.
- c) Literature from Wicksteed Leisure was handed to Councillor Mr Peter Pye.

### **1038 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- (a) Cheques for the Clerk's Salary & Grass Cutting were signed.

### **1039 CEMETERY REPORT**

Mr Andrew Partridge has requested an additional grass cut, this was agreed.

### **1040 HIGHWAYS**

- a) See discussion on road safety.
- b) Councillor Roger Beer & the Clerk met Anthony Warren 'Highways' and toured the Parish. Anthony has summarised the outcome of the meeting. **The Clerk AP** will write to landowners asking that hedges are trimmed.

### **1041 CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Draft Code of Conduct & Political Activities (Local Government Employees) made available to Members.
- b) Wheeled Bins, discussed earlier.
- c) SALC made available to Members.
- d) Community Update (Community Council) made available to Members.
- e) Air Ambulance Donation 2005/06 it was decided to donate £50 this financial year.
- f) Out of Hours Medical Service, it was decided to place the poster in the shop.
- g) Letter from Chief Superintendent A Marsh (Som & Avon Police) summarised in the meeting.
- h) Clean Neighbourhoods (Defra Consultation), made available to Members.
- i) Licensing Policy (SSDC Consultation) made available to Members.

- j) Somerset Minerals Local Plan (On Deposit @ Various Locations)
- k) South West Regional Spatial Strategy 2026 (Regional Assembly Consultation), made available to Members.
- l) Rivers Axe & Char Enhancement Project made available to Members.

**1042 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) Repair to Bus Shelter Roof, the Chairman offered to carry out the repairs & to repair the wooden picnic tables.
- b) War Memorial Steps (struggling to get grant support). It was suggested that the **Clerk AP** approach The British Legion.
- c) It was decided that a Parish Guide & Chairman's Letter should be produced, thanks to Councillor John Sullivan in anticipation.

**1043 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2004 at 8.00 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall.

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