

## WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

*Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2004*

*At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham, at 8.00pm.*

***DRAFT Issue 1***

### **954 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

Those present: -      *Mr John Sullivan*                      *Acting Chairman*  
                                 *Mr Peter Harper*  
                                 *Mrs Hazel Duke.*  
                                 *Mr Simon Fewkes*  
                                 *Mr.Keith Marsh*  
                                 *Mr Roger Beer*  
                                 *Mrs Nicola Slade*

Parish Clerk:            *Mr.Frank Vaughan.*  
District Councillor    *Mrs.Stella Abbey & C.C. David Gordon.*  
Apologies:              *Mr.Colin.Slade, Mr.Peter Pye*

### **955 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

*No public present*

### **956 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

*District Councillor Mrs Stella Abbey reported: - that she had received some comment and complaint about recent decisions made by the District Council. Councillor Mrs Abbey wished to make it clear that she was not a member of the District Executive where final decisions are made and that sometimes as a member of the Liberal Group on the District Council she was, for political reasons, expected to side with the Group. She did however oppose many of the decisions made recently. She went on to say that she would do her best to keep electors up to date with pending SSDC decisions that impact on Winsham, although this was difficult given the size of some of the agenda. For example glass is not recycled from this area & wheeley bins are not yet being introduced in Winsham although both are under trial in other areas.*

*County Councillor Mr David Gordon: - said that he was pleased that the Parish Paths Partnership was still active. Moneys are being made available for footpath improvements signposts etc.*

### **957 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

- a) Membership of Freemasons, a letter was read out from SSDC regarding the Grand Charity.*
- b) There were no interests declared for the agenda of this meeting.*

### **958 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2004**

*The acting Chairman signed the minutes as true records.*

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

**a) Affordable Housing (Lettings Policy)**

Mark Dillon has written to the PC confirming that the PC can not become directly involved in the wording of the section 106 agreement as this agreement is a legal document between the developer and the council's planning department. The PC would be able to express their views at the planning consultation stage. Given the fact that Hastoe has outlined its lettings policy and given assurance that the local connection will play a prominent part in any selection process, the PC decided to 'let the process grind on'.

**960 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- (a) *Planning Application 03/01864/FUL Hill Dairy Amendments* (The Parish Council recommends approval with conditions).
- (b) *Planning Application 04/00634/FUL Former Telephone Exchange Fore St* (The Parish Council recommends approval with regrets over off street parking).
- (c) *Planning Application 04/00583/FUL Silage Clamp @ Leigh House Farm* (The Parish Council recommends approval).
- (d) *Planning Application 04/00373/TCA 15 Church St (Approved by SSDC)*.
- (e) *Planning Application 04/00770/FUL Access @ 2 Church St* (The Parish Council welcome the improvement to the access. However they would prefer that the access be positioned at the western boundary with Grafton. This would improve the visibility for the owner of Grafton & prevent a vehicle being parked at this boundary).
- (f) *Planning Application 04/00564/COU Equestrian Centre @ Puthill* (The Parish Council recognise that there is a link between this application and 04/00090/FUL Young Stock Barn @ Cricket St Thomas. The Parish Council has recommended refusal of this latter application and prefers that it be built at the Puthill Farm site for reasons stated in the email 11<sup>th</sup> February 2004.  
The Parish Council supports the change of use to an Equestrian Schooling Centre provided that another farm unit is not required to replace the Puthill facility. They recommend additionally that a restriction be placed on the Equestrian Schooling Centre restricting access for horseboxes, allowing horseboxes only to access from the A30 via the estate, not allowing access through the narrow lanes.

**961 AMENITIES**

- (a) Councillor Mr Keith Marsh offered to carry out the Playground Inspections while Councillor Mr Peter Pye was on holiday.
- (b) Before the meeting The Chairman Mr Colin Slade offered to repair the damaged benches on the lower recreation ground.
- (c) *Recreational Maintenance Grant, a letter from Mr Tim Carroll was read to Members*

- (d) *A review of the Recreational Maintenance Grant will be carried out by SSDC & parishes will be kept informed.*
- (e) *The ROSPA publications have been ordered.*

### **962 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- (a) *Cheques for the Clerk's Salary, Community Council Membership, SALC Membership, Cemetery Rates were signed.*
- (b) *It was decided to change the type of bank account at Alliance & Leicester to a 'Community Instant Reserve Account', needing a new mandate.*

### **963 JUBILEE HALL REPORT**

*Councillor Mr John Sullivan reported: - Jubilee Hall Committee is having a new window fitted to the front dormer with a ½ grant from SSDC. They are however still in a poor financial situation, especially if one of the regular bookings is cancelled. If they could come to an agreement with the Parish Council whereby the P.C. paid an annual fee for all usage, including storage, this would greatly improve the financial position. £500-00 per annum was suggested as a figure but some Members felt that the organisation should pay its own way. It was decided to see how much contingency money the P.C. had available for the financial year 2004-2005 as this expenditure is not in the budget. **The Clerk A.P 38** will report at the May meeting*

### **964 CEMETERY**

*Councillor Mr John Sullivan has read through the Home Office Consultation Paper. He gave a written & verbal report to the meeting suggesting that as much control, as possible should be pushed down towards local communities. He will reply in that vein sending copies to Members.*

### **965 HIGHWAYS**

- (a) *Councillor Keith Marsh reported: - highways are working steadily in the village, next week will see the kerb lowered near the Jubilee Hall & cameras down drains. The path on Western Way is ongoing because of lack of funds.*
- (b) *Closure of Fore St (5<sup>th</sup> April 2004) has happened for flood improvements.*
- (c) *Potholes @Wynyards x5 (Mr James Pargiter), the correspondence was passed to Councillor March for inclusion on the spreadsheet.*
- (d) *Additional potholes have been reported at Whatley Mill & between the A30 & Greencombe Farm.*

### **966 CORRESPONDENCE.**

- (a) *A-Z Sports & Leisure SSDC Publication was made available to Members*
- (b) *Community Update was made available to Members*
- (c) *The Police Community Vehicle is next in Winsham on 30<sup>th</sup> April at the Jubilee Hall entrance.*
- (d) *SSDC's Countryside Walks & Events was made available to Members & posted in the shop.*
- (e) *Affordable Rural Self-Build Housing (Seminar 8<sup>th</sup> May South Petherton), information for Members.*

### **967 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- (a) Councillor Keith Marsh asked if the **Clerk A.P. 39** would write to Roger Wotton about the condition of the new stables along Western Way.
- (b) Councillor Nicola Slade asked the **Clerk A.P. 40** to write to the Mr & Mrs Sherrin Court Farm Court St asking if they would trim the overhanging trees on Church St to improve visibility for drivers leaving Court St
- (c) *Web Museum Partnership Agreement with CC & SSDC*, the Parish Council agreed to be in the Partnership at nil cost.
- (d) *Broad Band*, the target has been reached.
- (e) War Memorial, the application to English Heritage was in part unsuccessful because the work to the War Memorial steps is not strictly maintenance and would alter the original form of the Memorial. We did budget for the full cost of the work, a successful grant application being considered as a bonus. The work can go ahead, but the **Clerk A.P. 41** will look for other sources of money. English Heritage has decided that the War Memorial would benefit from cleaning and they are prepared to contribute towards this and to the repair of the stonework damaged by an articulated vehicle last May. The feeling at the meeting was to go ahead with the cleaning but the Chairman Mr Colin Slade has since asked for the item to be deferred to the May meeting,
- (f) *Waste Recycling*, the reply letter was passed to Councillor Mrs Hazel Duke, timetables are now posted in the shop, PC notice board & web site.
- (g) *FM (VHF) Radio Reception*, the clerk read out the response from the BBC an has written an article for the church magazine.
- (h) *Fires on Upper Recreation Ground*, this has been dealt with by speaking to the mother of the child concerned.
- (i) *SWEB Power Cuts (Back St & Fore St)* **Clerk A.P. 42** is to write a letter of complaint to Western Power Distribution.

**968 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Parish Council's AGM will be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2004 at 7.30 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall.

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2004 at 8.00 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall.

*The Date of Annual Parish Meeting has been agreed for Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 7-30pm in the Jubilee Hall*

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

ACTION POINT No	ACTIONED TO	PROGRESS	ACTION TAKEN
38	<b>Clerk</b>		
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41	<b>Clerk</b>		
42	<b>Clerk</b>		