

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 5th May 2004
At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham, at 8.00pm.

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968 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Those present: -	Mr. Colin Slade	Chairman
	Mr John Sullivan	Vice Chairman
	Mr Peter Harper	
	Mr. Peter Pye	
	Mrs Hazel Duke.	
	Mr Simon Fewkes	
	Mr Roger Beer	
Parish Clerk:	Mr. Frank Vaughan.	
District Councillor	Mrs. Stella Abbey.	
Apologies:	Mr. Keith Marsh & Mrs Nicola Slade & David Gordon.	
Public Attending	Mr Geoff Peacock	

970 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Geoff Peacock: -

I have today received a visit from Western Power Distribution who wanted to carry out a risk assessment on trees under power lines. Mr Peacock wanted to know if the Parish Council was targeting him or if the PC were being used to target him because of the recent power failure being attributed to a willow tree touching power lines on his property. Mr Peacock was reassured that no personal targeting is or has taken place. The PC asked Western Power Distribution for reassurance that everything possible was being done to maintain supplies to Winsham. The risk assessment was a result of this query. Mr Peacock was happy with the explanation.

971 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

District Councillor *Mrs Stella Abbey reported: -*

She supports any action to oppose the removal of rural phone boxes and is actively seeking support from SSDC. The Chairman asked Mrs Abbey to find out the planning department's view on recent planning applications on the Cricket St Thomas estate & to ask if the industrial unit near the cheese factory met industrial building standards. Mrs Abbey has replied to these queries in a letter to the Chairman & the Clerk.

972 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

973 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7th April 2004

The Chairman signed the minutes as true records.

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

a) Bus Shelter Risk Assessment

Our insurance company has asked for a risk assessment on the bus shelter. Councillor Keith Marsh has done some training on risk assessment and will advise. Councillor Peter Pye offered to help. The Chairman reminded members that risk assessments are needed on all the PC's assets

b) Jubilee Hall Lettings

After a long debate it was decided that the PC would offer £500-00 to the Jubilee Hall Committee for annual rent & storage facilities, but this payment would be reviewed annually. It was agreed that the Clerk should buy a storage cabinet for £139-83p

c) War Memorial Cleaning

Again after some debate it was decided not to clean the War Memorial, when you wash ham stone it deteriorated, but it was decided to survey the War Memorial and raise 3 estimates for repair work. This repair work would qualify for 50% grants from English Heritage. Councillors Colin Slade & Peter Pye to confer and produce estimates.

975 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- (a) Planning Application 04/00330/FUL Stable Lower Farm Purtington (Granted by SSDC).
- (b) Planning Application 04/01173/FUL Conservatory @ Westvale Leigh Farm. (Parish Council recommends approval).
- (c) Planning Application 04/00374/AGN Ludney Farm Allowenshay (This application was received in error)
- (d) Planning Application 04/01129/FUL Lower Barn Farm Purtington (Parish Council recommends approval).
- (e) Planning Application 04/00223/FUL Barn @London Lodge Granted by SSDC.

976 AMENITIES

- (a) The ROSPA publication has been received & was passed to Councillor Peter Pye.
- (b) Members were asked if they wanted to attend a seminar on Saturday 12th June in Yeovil.

977 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- (a) Cheques for the Clerk's Salary, Roy Smart Printing & Allianz & Cornhill were signed.

978 JUBILEE HALL REPORT

See decision on refinancing, by PC paying £500-00 for rent & storage.

979 CEMETERY

Members agreed the response to the Home Office Consultation Paper.

A question has been asked: -

Should we not remove the waste material, grass cuttings and surplus soil, from the cemetery? As removal of waste is at a cost the decision was made to leave the waste material on site for the time being.

980 HIGHWAYS

There was a discussion about grass growing through tarmac, is it growing through the tarmac or on top?. It is probably growing on top because traffic on narrow lanes can not wear it off. Spraying would be one solution. A good example of this would be on Colham Lane.

981 CORRESPONDENCE.

(a) Loss of Public Phone Box at Purtington.

Councillor Mr Peter Harper has organised a petition opposing removal of the kiosk. The Parish Council unanimously supports this and asked the Clerk to write to BT expressing their views, also to write to the MP seeking his support. This has been done.

(b) Dualling of the A303, correspondence was made available to Members.

(c) Moving Parishes Forward, correspondence was made available to Members.

(d) Recycling Yellow Pages & Car Batteries, correspondence was made available to Members.

(e) Promotion of Community Facilities, correspondence was made available to Members.

(f) SALC Correspondence, correspondence was made available to Members.

(g) Taunton & Somerset NHS Trust, correspondence was made available to Members.

982 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) None

983 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 2nd June 2004 at 8.00 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall.

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