

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 2nd June 2004
At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham, at 8.00pm.

DRAFT Issue 1

984 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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

985 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None

986 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

District Councillor *Mrs Stella Abbey reported: -*

The planning applications for Puthill will go to Area West Committee in June. The venue is the Victoria Hall Crewkerne. It would nice if Members could attend.

The District Council has been running a pilot scheme "Parish Lengthsman" where a person is employed to monitor and maintain the highways within the Parish. This pilot scheme has proved successful and will probably be extended. The scheme is expensive to run and will be a combined operation with costs shared between County, District and groups of Parishes.

The Chairman was concerned that we may be paying twice for the same service. Should this project not be funded from County & SSDC's existing highway maintenance & street cleaning budgets? What extra value will Parishes get?

Councillor Abbey will pass this concern to James Parry.

The annual meeting of Parishes, organised by SSDC will take place in July, but no date or venue is set yet.

The Chairman brought up the issue of 'speeding', as this was a concern expressed at the Annual Parish Meeting. There was some discussion on the merits of "Mobile Speed Boxes". **It was decided to have an agenda item for the July meeting and to invite County Councillor David Gordon.**

Councillor Mr Peter Pye pointed out that the footpath to Ammerham is wild & woolly. Andrew Partridge has not been able to secure a contract to cut the grass on the path. This is probably a communication problem. The person to speak to is Becky Stephens @ SSDC based in Chard. District Councillors Stella Abbey & Councillor Peter Pye will follow this up.

987 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

988 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5th May 2004

The Chairman signed the minutes as true records.

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

a) Bus Shelter Risk Assessment and others.

It has been decided to work through a risk assessment of all the Parish Council's assets and responsibilities. **The Clerk has been asked to review the assets register** and make a start on a list of items for risk assessment. Councillor Keith Marsh is still interested to get involved in the risk assessment & Councillor Peter Pye is still offering to help.

b) War Memorial Repairs

Councillors Colin Slade & Peter Pye to confer and produce estimates.

990 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) District Councillor Stella Abbey's reply to questions asked by the Chairman.

1. Building at Cricket St Thomas, given permission as light industrial. This is not a planning matter, but an Environmental Health matter. EH say that the only provisions necessary are hot and cold running water, accessible toilets and a place separate from work area to eat. As far as I know these are all available.
2. Planning applications at Cricket estate. Steve Belli (new planning manager) is dealing with these, though the stock building at the old silage pits is in Bryn's name. I shall visit Puthill with SB later this month. No decision made yet and NOT going to Committee in May. In fact, may not go to Committee at all, as planning officers largely take the same line as Winsham PC, because COU for Puthill would in effect mean loss of a farm. Highways have objected because of inadequate access. So these applications may end up as delegated refusals.

As stated earlier, the planning applications for Puthill will go to Area West Committee in June.

- (b) Planning Application 03/01864/FUL Hill Dairy Coombe Farm Extension to Cubical Building (Granted by SSDC)
- (c) Planning Application 04/00583/FUL Silage Clamp Leigh House Dairy Farm (Granted by SSDC)

991 AMENITIES

- (a) The ROSPA annual inspection has been scheduled for June.
- (b) Councillor Peter Harper will carry out this Council's weekly inspections, for early June.

- (c) There is a bolt missing from a child's swing. This swing has been taken out of service until it can be fixed. Councillor Roger Beer will check to see if he has a suitable bolt

992 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- (a) Cheques for the Clerk's Salary, Jubilee Hall rent & storage, grass cutting and a storage cabinet were signed.
- (b) It was agreed to change bank accounts within A&L. Unfortunately this involves a new mandate. Councillor's John Sullivan, Hazel Duke, Nicola Slade & Roger Beer agreed to be signatories.
- (c) The Audit to 31st March 2004 was discussed, agreed & signed by the Chairman.

993 UPPER RECREATION GROUND REPORT

Councillor Nicola Slade agreed to give her report at the July meeting.

994 HIGHWAYS

- a) County Highways now has a new management structure. The Clerk has copied correspondence to Councillor Roger Beer.
- b) The Chairman asked **The Clerk to write to Dorset Highways** pointing out the wear to the verges between the Axe Bridge & Horn Ash. Flint gets eroded from the verges by heavy traffic, probably the wide bus. Flint on the road is a traffic hazard.

995 CORRESPONDENCE.

- (a) Loss of Public Phone Box @ Purtington, MP's Response. Although our MP Mr David Laws supports our cause and has written to BT on our behalf, BT is still intending to remove the box. Because of their mistakes however they have extended the deadline for consultation to 12th July. There was some discussion as to whether the box could be saved if it were 'Listed', is there time? It was decided to investigate this as a possibility. For the future we should seek to have the box in Winsham village 'Listed'.
- (b) Western Power's response confirmed the Parish Council's understanding of the situation. The contact person at Western Power is Adrian Shepherd (Distribution Manager) 01823 348571.
- (c) The next SALC meeting is on 14th June in Yeovil
- (d) The RMG Letter from SSDC refers to a meeting of the Grants Panel in early July to which Parishes will be invited. It was decided that we must be represented at this meeting.
- (e) The Police Community Vehicle will be in Winsham on Saturday 5th June
- (f) The Exmoor Structure Plan was made available to Members.
- (g) The Standards Committee papers were made available to Members.
- (h) The New Tomorrow (Rural Service Delivery) 30th June @ Taunton Race Course, information made available to Members.
- (i) Waste Action, there is a free talk/presentation being organised by 'Somerset Waste Action'. It was decided to keep their offer in mind.

- (j) Action for Chard, papers made available to Members but the date for the meeting has passed.
- (k) ADAG A30/A303 Dualling. The South West Regional Assembly voted 41 to 42 i.e. 42 in favour of duelling the A303.

996 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Marjorie Fowler has some concerns about overhanging trees in Fore St! **The Clerk will ask Marjorie for more detail.**

997 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 7th July 2004 at 8.00 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall.

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