

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Combined Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 6th April
2005 and the Planning Meeting held on 12th April 2005
At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

DRAFT Issue 1

1120 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Those present: - Mr.Colin Slade Chairman
(Ordinary Meeting) Mr John Sullivan Vice Chairman
Mrs Nicola Slade
Mr.Peter Pye
Mr Simon Fewkes
Mr Roger Beer
Mr Peter Harper
Mrs Hazel Duke
Mr Albert Froud
Parish Clerk: Mr.Frank Vaughan.
District Councillor Mrs.Stella Abbey.
Apologies: Mr David Gordon
Public Mr Robert Shearer, Mr Mark Pike & Mr Dennis Shaw

Those present: - Mr.Colin Slade Chairman
(Planning Meeting) Mr John Sullivan Vice Chairman
Mr Roger Beer
Mrs Hazel Duke
Mr Albert Froud
Parish Clerk: Mr.Frank Vaughan.
District Councillor Mrs.Stella Abbey.
Apologies: Mr.Peter Pye & Mr Peter Harper
Public 17 Members of the Public were present.
Decisions made at this meeting are indicated @ 1127 items e,f,g & j

1121 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Pike did not wish to speak. Mr Shaw was concerned about the introduction of wheeled bins, particularly as the only access to the rear of his property was through the front door. The wheeled bin would have to be stored on the pavement at the front, on Church St. Since the meeting it has been established that Mr & Mrs Shaw are eligible for refuse sacks. Mr Shearer asked for an update on the proposals to declassify Broadenham Lane to a footpath. He was briefed by Councillor Mr Peter Pye, to the best of his knowledge, but advised to contact County Councillor Mr David Gordon for the up to date information.

1122 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

District Councillor *Mrs Stella Abbey reported:* -
You may hear more about 'Community Planning' from the District Council. SSDC are to draw up community plans based on the major towns and to link the villages to these towns. Winsham will be linked with Chard.

1123 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Mrs Hazel Duke declared an interest in planning item 7d as neighbour of the applicant. There were no other interests declared.

1124 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2nd March 2005

After the correction of a typing error the Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

1125 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN/TO BE TAKEN

- a) It was decided not to peruse the purchase of new picnic tables, but to repair the existing ones, they will last a further 10 years.
- b) The Clerk was asked if there was anything to be gained in applying for a grant for replacing the chains on the swings. Grants under the 'Mendip & South Somerset Community Safety Partnership' are not applicable to general maintenance, replacement & repair.
- c) The Parish Council has decided to ask Mr Fear of Highways to remove the bollards from Western Way because they are an obstruction to the footpath, causing people to step out into the road.
- d) Members remarked that it was nice to receive letters of thanks from the Brownies.

1126 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a. Planning Application 04/03414/FUL Old Farm House Purtington
The Parish Council approve this application. They are pleased that the architectural style is being maintained and that the site will finally be cleaned up.
- b. Planning Application 04/03584/LBC Notice Board on Winsham Primary School
The Parish Council approve this application.
- c. Planning Application 05/00617/FUL Bungalow Extension Oakleigh
The Parish Council approve this application
- d. Planning Application 04/00609/FUL Extension & Garage 9 Western Way
The Parish Council recommend approval of this application
- e. Planning Application 05/00597/COU Garage to Office 10 Davies Close
Winsham Parish Council recommend refusal of this application. The proposed hard standing for car parking was unacceptable to Mrs Marsh (the warden of the sheltered housing); it took away the garden & blocked the view from her lounge window. The hard standing has not been implemented by South Somerset Homes. The Parish Council agree, the proposed hard standing was unacceptable, and are pleased that it has not been implemented. They would recommend refusal of this hard standing. However the loss of the garage, without there being a satisfactory alternative for parking an additional car, will result in yet another car having to be

parked on the public highway. The grounds for recommending refusal are loss of a garage and therefore loss of a car parking space.

The Parish Council think that it is deplorable that South Somerset Homes should get itself in a position of having to submit a retrospective application.

- f. Planning application 05/00717/FUL Erection 1 House Land Adjacent to Plumb Tree Cottage.

The Parish Council recommend approval of this application with suggested changes:-

1. The property is move back 1 meter from the road, and this land be given over to highways. The road is very narrow and the extra width would offer safety for pedestrians.

2. The Parish Council would like to request that the 'Planning Authority' negotiate with the applicant for additional road widening beyond the boundary of the site to the north toward Plum Tree Cottage in the interests of highway safety.

3. All elevations should be faced with stone.

4. The roof should be of second hand clay tiles or slate.

5. for clarification:-

The PC would like the property moved back 1 meter regardless of the frontage being offered to highways.

- g. Planning Application 05/00493/FUL Removal of Temp Condition Barn- Office @Puthill

The Parish Council approve this application but they would be concerned if there was any extension or addition to this facility in the future, obviously because of the potential for increased traffic to & from the site. Can any condition be placed on the acceptance of this application restricting future expansion? The planning officer informs the Clerk that a restriction on future development can not be applied. Each case is considered on merit at the time.

- h. Planning Application 05/00460/TCA Removal of Trees @ Plum Tree Cottage Approved by SSDC

- i. Planning Application 05/00194/TCA Trees @ Lane Cottage Granted by SSDC

- j. Planning Application 05/00799/FUL Houses Western Way.

Winsham Parish Council fully supports this scheme for 8 'Affordable Houses' to be built on land off Western Way. They agree with the applicant 'Hastoe' that, despite recognised highway issues, this is the most suitable site in the village. In terms of detail they believe that the layout is good and parking issues have been addressed with two spaces per household. They would like to see some adjustment to the uniformity of the frontage by perhaps a variation in style of the porches.

Also some thought should be given to colour perhaps by using pre-coloured plaster to cut down on ongoing maintenance. Winsham Parish Council recommends approval.

1127 AMENITIES

- a) Councillor Peter Pye stated that the Lower Recreation Ground had been inspected and was ok.

1128 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques were signed for Clerks Salary, SALC, Community Council, Cemetery Rates & NOMINETUK (for Domain Name)
- b) The Clerk presented 'The End of Year Financial Statement' which was accepted.

1129 JUBILEE HALL

Councillor John Sullivan presented the *Jubilee Hall Report*: -
Following on from my report at our last meeting & after discussion with the Chairman, I would propose that we hold a public meeting, a 'Parish Meeting', to explain the problems & discuss the options available. Councillor Sullivan agreed to organise this meeting for Tuesday 3rd May at 8 p.m.

1130 HIGHWAYS

The Chairman remarked about the state of the road between Horn Ash and the Axe Bridge. Water is continually running down the road causing vehicles to move to the wrong side of the road to avoid it. This is dangerous. There are no drains in this road. The edges of the road are also being eroded by heavy vehicle traffic. The Clerk will write to Dorset County Council asking them to improve the drainage & road edges.

1131 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Police Crime Statistics for 2003/2005 were made available to Members.
- b) The Police Contact Vehicle will next visit Winsham on 25th April between 11-30 a.m. & 12-30 hours.
- c) Licensing Act 2003 (Notification to Town & Parish Councils). Parish & Town Councils will not be notified, as consultee for new applications & changes to existing licences.
- d) A358/303 Dualling, information was made available to Members
- e) Village of The Year Competition, it was decided not to enter this competition.
- f) NHS Trust Board Briefing, was made available to Members
- g) Defra Broadband in Rural Communities (on CD), was made available to Members
- h) Standards Committee (Information), was made available to Members
- i) An Invitation to Wells 10th April, was made available to Members
- j) Notice of Election Somerset County Council (Thursday 5th May 2005) was noted.
- k) Parish Paths Stewardship Scheme 9th & 16th April, information was made available to Members
- l) Tree News will be passed to the Tree Warden

1132 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Residents in Purtington are complaining of the smell coming from an open drain just below London Lodge Farm. Councillor Mr Peter Harper has contacted South Somerset Environmental Health and they are referring the matter to The Environment Agency because of fears that the water course will become contaminated.

1133 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 4th May 2005, which will be the AGM at 7-30 p.m. followed by the Ordinary Meeting at 8.00 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall.

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