

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 4th May 2005
At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

DRAFT Issue 1

1141 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	
	Mrs Hazel Duke	
	Mr Albert Froud	
District Councillor	Mrs. S. Abbey	
County Councillor	David Gordon	
Parish Clerk:	Mr. Frank Vaughan.	
Apologies:	Mr Simon Fewkes	
Present:	Mrs Marjorie Fowler	

1142 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs Marjorie Fowler did not wish to speak.

1143 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

District Councillor *Mrs Stella Abbey reported: -*

Everyone is aware that the District Council is seeking to change the planning process with respect to 'Delegated Powers'. Can I reassure the PC that their views will still be taken into consideration? If they have a genuine planning reason for disagreeing with an Office's decision they should approach the Ward Member who is obliged to represent the PC's views and request that the matter goes to committee. At this stage in the process the personal opinion of the Ward Member will not affect the decision to bring the matter to committee, only the genuine planning reason. During the committee meeting the Ward Member then has the opportunity to express his or her personal opinion. I hope this is reassuring to Members of the PC.

The 'Affordable Housing Scheme' proposed for Western Way will be a matter for consideration at a 'Site Meeting' of Area West in May and will come before Area West's Planning Meeting in June.

County Councillor *Mr David Gordon reported: -*

I am assured that Broadenham Lane will be brought up to a serviceable standard by Highways. It can not yet be handed over to 'Rights of Way' because that group of people are fully committed on the 'Rights of Way Improvement Plan' & are short on resources. However the work will remain in the 'Highways Schedule'.

There are three areas of trends which I would like to share with you:-

1. The introduction of quiet lanes & quiet routes plus the introduction of more rights of way now seems to be dovetailing with the single payment scheme for farmers.
2. The new licensing arrangements are bad legislation
3. Partnership working is a thing of the future. If you want to get something done then join up with other interested groups.

These are David's last few days as County Councillor; he is not standing in the election. The Chairman thanked David for his help and wished in good luck in the future with his restoration/conservation projects

1144 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared.

1145 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6th April & 12th April 2005

The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

1146 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN/TO BE TAKEN

- a) Mark Dillon's response to the PC's questions on 'Affordable Housing' was discussed at length by Members summarised :-
- i) In writing the section 106 agreement the PC would like to see the list of parishes where there may be a local connection listed in a priority order :-
 1. Cricket St Thomas
 2. Wayford
 3. Tatworth & Forton
 4. Chillington, Chaffcombe & West Crewkerne equally
 - ii) The PC is looking for flexibility in the number of houses available for shared equity. Could shared equity be offered first & only to Winsham people. If there is no interest or if, after taking advice, the people interested are unable to afford the scheme, the house or houses would again be offered first to Winsham people for rent before going into a cascade? In theory if this is possible all eight houses could be offered first & only to Winsham people under shared equity.

Members feel that they are articulating the feelings of people in the village who have a preference for the shared equity route. However a number of Members would not consider shared equity as a good investment.

1147 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a. Proposed Changes to Delegated Powers, see the District Councillor's report.
- b. Planning Application 05/01032/FUL Replacement Cottage Leigh Lane
The Parish Council recommend approval of this application with two conditions, a garage be included on the site & the brick quoins be replaced by natural or reconstituted stone. Brick quoins make the property look to modern.
- c. Planning Application 05/01115/FUL Extn @ Lower Stadway Back St.
The Parish Council recommend approval.
- d. Planning Application 05/00507/FUL Extn to Leopard Enclosure. The Parish Council recommend approval.

- e. Planning Application 05/00509/FUL Extn to Cheetah Enclosure. The Parish Council recommend approval.
- f. Planning Application 05/00597/COU Office 10 Davies Close (Withdrawn)
- g. Planning Application 05/01136/COU Office 10 Davies Close
Winsham Parish Council recommend refusal of this application. The original proposal for a 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 new application omits this hard standing. The Parish Council are pleased with this decision. 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. It is felt that South Somerset Homes can provide additional off street parking somewhere else on their land to compensate for this loss. The grounds for recommending refusal are loss of a garage and therefore loss of a car parking space, particularly if ,sometime in the future, the person living at 10 Davies Close is not the scheme manager.
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.
- h. Planning Application 05/00331/FUL Fence @ Blue Houses (Granted by SSDC)
- i. Planning Application 05/00609/FUL Extn @ 9 Western Way (Granted by SSDC)
- j. Planning Application 05/00617/FUL Oakleigh Granted by SSDC

1148 AMENITIES

- a) Councillor Peter Pye stated that the Lower Recreation Ground had been inspected and was ok.
- b) It was decided to ask SSDC to carry out the annual safety inspection

1149 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques were signed for Clerks Salary and the Insurance
- b) The Clerk presented 'The Audit' which was accepted.

1150 JUBILEE HALL

Councillor John Sullivan Reported :-

After the public meeting yesterday there is a body of opinion that the Jubilee Hall Committee should go ahead with refurbishment. There is momentum and I am sure the project will go ahead. The work involved is not properly defined yet but costs will be between £60,000 & £100,000. At some point the PC will be asked to make a contribution as a prerequisite to receiving grants from County & District. Our first fund raising event will be a picnic at Leigh House on July 9th £12-50 per person, bring your own wine.

1151 CEMETERY

The Clerk has carried out a survey of both cemeterys for the Home Office.

1152 HIGHWAYS

The Chairman asked The Clerk to again write to Dorset Highways about the state of the road to Horn Ash.

1153 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Waste Recycling & Collection Arrangements. The opinion was that the road show was well received and people are getting assistance with their individual problems.
- b) Sport & Leisure Consultation (SSDC). The document was made available to Members
- c) Local Transport Plan 2006-2011. All households have received a copy via Royal Mail
- d) Trafalgar Weekend 21st-23rd October. The documents have been passed to Guy Crowden
- e) Donation to CVS of £50-00 was agreed.
- f) Donation to Relate. It was decided not to make a donation.
- g) Funding Fayre 11th May The Gateway Yeovil 12 noon. Councillor Nicola Slade was handed the information.

1154 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Counciillor Mr Peter Pye would like to produce a walks guide based on a model produced by Tatworth & Forton. This was agreed in principle.

Councillor Mr Peter Pye also pointed out that footpath CH 30/7, in Winsham & footpaths CH 8/1 & CH 26/1, outside the parish, although marked on the map do not exist on the ground. Have SSDC followed up on the access problem. The Clerk was written to Paul Attwell.

1155 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 1st June 2005 for 8-00 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th June for 7-30 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall. This meeting will be chaired by Councillor Mr John Sullivan in the absence of Councillor Mr Colin Slade.

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