

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 1st June 2005
At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

1156 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Those present: -	Mr.Colin.Slade	Chairman
	Mr John Sullivan	Vice Chairman
	Mr Peter Pye.	
	Mr Roger Beer	
	Mrs Hazel Duke	
	Mr Albert Froud	
District Councillor	Mrs.S.Abbey	
Parish Clerk:	Mr.Frank Vaughan.	
Apologies:	Mr Simon Fewkes, Mrs Nicola Slade & Mr Peter Harper	
Present:	Mrs Marjorie Fowler & Maureen Marsh	

1157 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs Marjorie Fowler did not wish to speak except to say that she was concerned about the vandalism to the bus shelter roof. The Chairman said that he was getting some 'back lash', for asking children to behave themselves; his name had been written on the shelter. The chairman will fix the tiles.

Maureen Marsh asked what progress had been made about stopping the water running down the path. Councillor Roger Beer & the Clerk will take the matter up again with Highways.

1158 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

District Councillor *Mrs Stella Abbey reported: -*

The planning application for 'Affordable Housing' at the site off Western Way will not now be heard by Area West on 15th June because amended plans are in the pipeline. There will be a separate meeting on Wednesday 6th July at Crowshute House Chard for 6 p.m. to consider this application. The Clerk reminded the Council of Mark Dillon's request that representatives of the Parish Council attend this meeting to support the application.

1159 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Mr Albert Froud declared an interest in agenda item 7d 'Application 05/01366/COL'. Councillor Froud left the meeting before this item was discussed.

1160 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4th May 2005

After two minor corrections the Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

1161 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN/TO BE TAKEN

With regard to 'Affordable Housing' the Parish Council asked Mark Dillon if it was possible to have more flexibility in adjusting the ratio of rented properties to shared equity. Mark's reply was:-

"From my own knowledge I very much doubt that a flexible tenure of this sort will be possible. The scheme funding would be completely different for shared ownership because it needs a much lower degree of public subsidy. If we were to bid for a scheme of shared ownership we would not be able to convert it to rent because the construction cost could not be recovered at the levels of rent the Association are obliged to charge. That is why it is so critical that we get it right now". It is proposed to offer one home as shared equity.

1162 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a. Application 04/03622/FUL Development on Land Adjacent to Idunno Back St Granted by SSDC with Conditions.
- b. Application 04/03584/LBC Notice Board @School Granted by SSDC with Conditions.
- c. Application 05/01136/COU Garage @ 10 Davies Close Granted by SSDC.
- d. Application 05/01366/COL Certificate of Lawful Use Meadowcroft Colham Lane. In the absence of Councillor Froud the Members present recommended approval of this application. Subsequently the Planning Officer's response was :-
"As a point of interest on this application, it is purely a legal matter and won't be determined by the Area West Committee. If our legal department confirm that the certificate should be issued, then it would, however, if they state it shouldn't be issued then it would be refused".
- e. Application 05/00493/FUL Renewal @Puthill Granted by SSDC
- f. Application 05/01115/FUL Extn @ Lower Stadway Granted by SSDC

1163 AMENITIES

- a) Councillor Peter Pye stated that the Lower Recreation Ground had been inspected and was ok, but he specifically asked that Jeff Peacock take another look at the oak tree now that it is in full leaf, to establish if any branches need removing. The Clerk will write to Jeff.

1164 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques were signed for Clerks salary, grass cutting & Members expensed.

1165 JUBILEE HALL

Councillor John Sullivan Reported:-

As everyone probably knows, by now, there are quite major structural problems with the Jubilee Hall. If nothing is done then, for health and safety reasons, the hall will close in two years time, when the floor becomes unsafe and the roof leaks. Everyone, I am sure, would want the facilities of the hall to be available but this is at a cost. The building has been surveyed and the problems identified, costings have been presented to the County & District Councils, who will, when finances are available, provide the major funding. There has to be local input to this funding, directly from the Jubilee

Hall Committee and from the Parish Council. The Jubilee Hall Committee are organising local fund raising events, which you will soon hear about, but the bottom line is that the Parish Council need to think about find somewhere in the region of £15,000 as their contribution. There is a real risk of loosing the facility of the Jubilee Hall if the Parish Council does not make this contribution.

The Chairman commented that 'Parish Council is between a rock and a hard place'. It needs to make a contribution but this will inevitably have an adverse impact on the precept. How will the Parish Council fund their contribution? They do not hold any reserves on this scale, so they will have to borrow from the 'Public Works Loans Board'.

Reluctantly the PC agreed to underwrite a loan of £15,000 which will increase the precept to about £10,200, an increase of 17%. This it was felt, will restrict their ability to finance other village projects for at least 5 may be 10 years but they have no choice except to see the hall close!

1166 CEMETERY

There has been some vandalism in the cemetery. Notices have been posted around the village and on the cemetery gate, saying that this is unacceptable and action will be taken against anyone caught damaging property. The police have been informed.

1167 HIGHWAYS

The Parish Council has been in correspondence with Mike Fear from Somerset Highways regarding the bollards placed on the footway near Thatch Cottages Western Way. His reply was that the bollards were a relatively cheap solution to an immediate problem. The footway and the bollards are to protect the residents of the thatch cottages. The Parish Council now asks the question, are people still objecting to the bollards? If so can they raise a petition to this effect and present it to the Parish Council?

Dorset Highways replied to the Parish Council's enquiry about road to Horn Ash, quoting their reference 152093.

1168 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Community Access Fund 2005. As mentioned in last months minutes Councillor Mr Peter Pye would like to produce a walks guide based on a model produced by Tatworth & Forton. Councillor Pye took the correspondence to read.
- b) Letter from Police Inspector Neil Pitman. Members noted the correspondence.
- c) VITALISE Donation (Winged Fellowship Trust). It was decided not to give a donation.
- d) Letters from Mr Edward Wright (Bollards & Planning). The Chairman has read the letter and asked The Clerk to reply.
- e) SALC Councillor's Training 13th July West Buckland £20. Councillor Froud will attend.
- f) Regional Spatial Strategy 2006-2026. Members noted the correspondence.
- g) Joint Race Equality Scheme., Members noted the correspondence.
- h) NHS Briefing. Members noted the correspondence.

- i) SSDC's Annual Meeting (Appointments). Members noted the correspondence.
- j) Wheeled Bin Collection (Mondays). The service will commence on 6th June.
- k) St Margaret's Hospice Appeal. Members noted the correspondence.
- l) Community News (Thatch). Members noted the correspondence.

1169 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Mr Peter Pye pointed out again 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. SSDC have still not followed up on the access problem. The Clerk has written to Paul Attwell but has not received a reply. The Chairman asked that The Clerk write to the C.O.E of SSDC.

1170 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 6th June 2005 for 8-00 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall.

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