

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 6th July 2005
At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

DRAFT Issue 1

1171 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Those present: -	Mr.Colin.Slade	Chairman
	Mr John Sullivan	Vice Chairman
	Mr Peter Pye.	
	Mrs Nicola Slade	
	Mrs Hazel Duke	
	Mr Peter Harper	
District Councillor	Mrs.S.Abbey	
County Councillor	Mr Tony Shire	
Parish Clerk:	Mr.Frank Vaughan.	
Apologies:	Mr Simon Fewkes, Mr Albert Froud, Mr Roger Beer.	
Present:	Residents from Western Way attended to inspect the amended plans for application 05/00799/FUL.	

1172 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of the public present expressed their views of the amended plans for application 05/00799/FUL. These views will be taken into consideration later when the Parish Council formulate their response to the application.

1173 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

District Councillor *Mrs Stella Abbey reported: -*

The Cricket St Thomas Estate is to sell off its dairy herd, developing ‘Countryside Stewardship’ instead. They are in negotiations with DEFRA to open new permitted paths around the whole estate particularly through the beech trees next to the A30.

County Councillor Mr Tony Shire reported:-

Tony introduced himself as our new County Councillor. He is now the portfolio holder for Transport, Highway’s & Waste for the whole County.

Tony read out a list of highway work that is scheduled for the Parish over the next few months including the resurfacing of Lime Kiln Lane, drainage work @ Whatley Mill and work on the lanes through Purtington.

He was questioned about the disposal of plastic. ‘we are trying to encourage a company to come into Somerset to collect plastic’.

Members have been invited to tour the new recycling plant at Dimmer. Tony holds a £5000 community fund which will be distributed over the next few weeks. Local organisations should apply ASAP. Finally queries about the improvements at Broadenham lane should be addressed to Ian Morrison area manager Yeovil.

The Chairman & Councillor Hazel Duke said they were disappointed in the standard of the work of verge cutting. The Clerk will write to Highways. Reported to Highways 12 July 16:14.

1174 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No interests were declared

1175 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1st June 2005

The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

1176 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN/TO BE TAKEN

a) The Parish Council has been trying for some time now to get three footpaths cleared and 'walkable', they are CH 30/7 in Winsham Parish & CH 8/1 along with CH 26/1 in Cricket Parish. The District Council acting as agents for the County Council has the responsibility to clear these footpaths but their lack of enthusiasm to acknowledge our correspondence let alone to do anything to clear the paths is extraordinary in its absence. It has taken 9 months just to get them to offer to investigate the problems.

We will continue to monitor the situation. The Clerk was asked to write again to SSDC asking for action on clearing & signing the paths.

b) It has been Councillor Mr Peter Pye intention to use money from the Community Access Fund to produce booklets on walks around Winsham; however it is now thought that there is insufficient time this year to pull together all the information and get the printing done before the imposed deadline of the end of March. Peter will do the work on the booklets and apply for grants in 2006.

1177 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Modifications to SSDC Local Plan do not affect Winsham.
- b) Application 05/01032/FUL Replacement Cottage Leigh Lane
Approved by SSDC
- c) Application 05/01579/FUL Porch @ Jasons Fore St,
PC recommendation to follow.
- d) Application 05/00799/FUL Amended Plans Houses Western Way,
PC recommendation to follow.
- e) SSDC Area West Meeting Wednesday 20th July @Merriot, Members are encouraged to attend this meeting to support application 05/00799/FUL

1178 AMENITIES

- a) Councillor Peter Pye stated that the Lower Recreation Ground had been inspected and was ok. Jeff Peacock's son will inspect the tree and remove branches as required.

1179 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Cheques were signed for Clerks salary; grass cutting, Jubilee Hall rent, PFA & Marie Curie.

1180 JUBILEE HALL

Councillor John Sullivan Reported:-

The grant application for £87000 has been submitted to the County/District Joint Panel. We are asking for half this amount. A team is coming on Monday to look around. Fund raising is going well we already have £4000 which represents a tremendous demonstration of support.

The Play Group may or may not move to the school. If they move they will have a storage problem, we will have a shortfall in income of about £250/year which we can recover elsewhere. The Play Group is doing well & we would be sorry to lose them.

1181 CEMETERY

There has been some damage to the road surface at the turning circle caused by a SSDC lorry driver who empties the dog bin. The Clerk is to write to SSDC. The matter has been reported to Jeana @ the Lufton Depot

1182 RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE/ SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

The Recreation Ground Committee & the Sports & Social Club have now developed a good working relationship. The fair went well & funds are quite good. The committee is seeking estimates for repairs to the pavilion. Work is progressing on new licensing applications.

1183 HIGHWAYS

Dorset Highways replied to the Parish Council's enquiry about road to Horn Ash, quoting their reference 152093 but no work has been done. The Clerk will follow this up. Dave Maunder @ DCC has been made aware that the problems have not yet been fixed.

1184 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) SSDC Corporate Plan, the Clerk responded to the questionnaire within the time scale.
- b) South Somerset NHS Briefing, was made available to Members
- c) South Somerset NHS (Consultation Process), the Clerk was asked to respond on behalf of the PC, which he has.
- d) Somerset Gateway, a Community Information Partnership, the Clerk responded to the questionnaire within the time scale.
- e) Flood Awareness Workshop Tuesday 26th July 6-30pm Yeovil, information was made available to Members.
- f) Police Community Vehicle Wednesday 20th July 12-30 p.m. to 13-30 p.m.

- g) Clean Neighbourhoods (DEFRA), (Parish Councils can now issue 'Fixed Penalty Notices' for litter offences & others). Members noted their new powers.
- h) Letter from Tony Shire (County Councillor), Tony attended the meeting.
- i) Marie Curie a donation of £50 was agreed.
- j) Letter from Chief Superintendent Andy Marsh, was made available to Members.
- k) SSDC Standards Committee agenda & minutes made available to members.

1185 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It is the view of the Parish Council that 'the new waste collection service is a complete and utter shambles'. The Chairman commented that 'if they do not get their act together they will lose the support of the public'.

District Councillor Mrs Stella Abbey said that the suppliers of the bins 'Otto' are behind schedule, some people have not received green garden waste wheeled bins or grey refuse wheeled bins. The company running the service are unfamiliar with the surroundings; they are not linking rounds with parishes.

Parish Council will be writing to Steve Petrie (Waste Collection Co-ordinator) and Karle Tyte (Group Manager {Waste}) at South Somerset District Council expressing their concerns about the collection service in its present form. Their emails are:-

steve.petrie@southsomerset.gov.uk

karle.tyte@southsomerset.gov.uk

The situation regarding fly tipping has been resolved between the PC & the District Council. The Clerk has been asked to write to South Somerset Homes stating that the PC is unhappy with SSH protocol for house swaps. If fly tipping occurs as a result of a house swap then liability falls on the Parish or and the District who have to sort out the mess. I am told that SSH get the tenants to sign an agreement that they are responsible for removing rubbish, which they have to accept before they can swap. The new tenants are therefore responsible for moving the old tenants rubbish.

1186 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 7th September 2005 for 8-00 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall.

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