

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 5th October 2005
At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

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1204 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
Mr Roger Beer
District Councillor Mrs.S.Abbey
Parish Clerk: Mr.Frank Vaughan.
Apologies: Mr Simon Fewkes, Mr Tony Shire & Mr Albert Froud

1205 POLICE VISIT

The Police did not attend the meeting.

1206 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of the public did not attend the meeting.

1207 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

District Councillor *Mrs Stella Abbey reported: -*

Some improvements have been made to local footpaths, I will check on the ground & report back.

Councillor Peter Pye is still concerned that no progress has been made with signing or improving footpath CH8/1 from Hollowells through the Cricket St Thomas Estate to the Fosse Way. It is marked clearly on the Ordinance Survey Map but it is not marked or walkable on the ground. The Parish Council is to write again to the District Council to get the matter resolved.

1208 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No interests were declared

1209 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7th September 2005

The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

1210 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN/TO BE TAKEN

To overcome the problem of a lower attendance at some council meetings, particularly during peak holiday times, Councillor John Sullivan suggested a

timetable whereby the full council meets 8 times a year, allowing planning meetings and meetings for unscheduled but important issues to be called as and when required. The Chairman was not in favour of this proposal and there was not a seconder.

1211 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Confirmation of the 'Order to Divert Footpaths' 30/15 & 30/16 have finally been agreed.
- b) There will be a 'Development Control Workshop' for 7 pm in the Guild Hall Chard on Thursday 3rd November. The District Councillor encouraged Members to attend.

1212 AMENITIES

- a) The Chairman read the 'Play Area Inspection Report' for June, carried out by the District Council. He commented that 3 sets of chains on the 'Swings 4 Flat' have been reported as very worn.
- b) The oak tree has been trimmed by a qualified tree surgeon at a cost of £180-00 + VAT.

1213 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques were signed for Clerks salary & grass cutting.
- b) The Auditor's request that the accounts be presented in the 'Receipt & Payments' format has been completed and returned.
- c) The Precept will be presented and agreed at the November meeting,

1214 CEMETERY

There was nothing to report at this meeting.

1215 RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE/ SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

District Councillor *Mrs Stella Abbey reported:* -

The grass and hedges are looking good on the Upper Recreation Ground. I would like to thank Mr Partridge for his work. We have done some building refurbishment without spending any money, new curtains for example. Usage of the facilities is improving.

We propose a different planning application for the changing rooms. We now intend to extend the existing club house to provide this facility, with its own plumbing. This is a cheaper option. The main structure of the club house to the south side needs major repairs. We estimate the cost of these repairs to be £2100-00. Our financial position is poor, we scrape along one month to the next, and for example we pay the insurance monthly. We are looking for funding from the Parish Council, amongst others, for these necessary repairs.

It was proposed by Councillor Peter Pye & seconded by Councillor John Sullivan to earmark £1000.00 in the 2006/07 budget.

1216 JUBILEE HALL

Councillor Mr John Sullivan reported:-

The District Council's Grants Committee is voting tonight, on the possibility of making funds available to Winsham, result:-

“That priorities and levels of funding for village hall projects as outlined below be supported and go forward as bids for SSDC capital funding for 2006-08 and for inclusion in the Joint County and District Village Hall and Community Centre Programme for 2006-08:

Priority 3 Winsham Village Hall - £21,850 “

We have less ground for optimism with our application to County, decision 21st October, but DEFRA may be able to help with ‘Discrete Funding’.

Local village funding is going well.

1217 HIGHWAYS

Councillor Mr Roger Beer reported:-

The gully cleaning has been completed, with some blocked and damaged gullies marked for further attention, but who signs them off at the end of the day?

Dorset has replied to our letters and will be carrying out some work near the entrance to Bere Farm.

Mike Fear of Highways has replied to the Clerk's request for a sign ‘Unsuitable for HGV's’ and this will be placed at the junction of the A30 & the road to Winsham.

Defective covers in Leigh Lane will be replaced.

Work is progressing in Purtington with the provision of stone baskets to support the road, but Councillor Peter Harper can not see a good reason why the whole of Down Lane has been resurfaced, but no complaints.

1218 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Yeovil & District CVS AGM 11th October.
- b) Air Ambulance (Consideration in Precept)
- c) Local Transport Plan (2006-2011)
- d) Wake up to Waste a Presentation (30th September 5-7pm Chard)
- e) Police Community Contact Vehicle Monday 10th October 13-15 to 14-15.
- f) SSDC Housing Strategy Seminar Wednesday 28th September Westland's 10-00 am to 4-00 pm
- g) Community Update
- h) Minerals & Waste Development Framework (County Council)
- i) Primary Care Trust Questionnaire
- j) Standards Committee Minutes

This list of correspondence was made available to all members prior to the meeting. It was decided at the meeting to donate £50-00 to Yeovil & District CVS & £100-00 to Air Ambulance.

1219 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk was asked to contact South Somerset Homes and enquire as to why number 19 Western Way is still empty after many weeks and to enquire if this property is to be used as a transit house for families from Chard who are having their houses

modernised. The Clerk has been assured that number 19 Western Way will not be used as a transit house and that it is available for let. Two families have been offered the property but have not returned contact with South Somerset Homes. SSH are in the process of offering the house to a third family.

The Clerk was asked to make enquiries about another, privately owned property, Cobblestones Back Street which has been empty for many years. Neighbours are becoming concerned about the condition of this property. The Parish Council has no powers to require the owner to make repairs. If vermin are a problem then the District Council's Environmental Officers have the powers to enter the building and deal with any infestation.

Councillor Peter Harper is concerned about a proposed planning application to convert the farm buildings at London Lodge into a waste storage facility. This will be an application to County & needs careful monitoring.

The Clerk has been asked to look into whether the County Council Highways or County Councillor Tony Shire can help with grants for safety improvements to the War Memorial Steps.

1220 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 2nd November 2005 for 8-00 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall.

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