

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 2nd November 2005
At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

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1221 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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

1222 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of the public did not attend the meeting. However spurred on by the heavy rainfall on the previous two evening, Mr. Nick George wrote to the Parish Council expressing concern that, despite some remedial work, flooding could still be a problem. Mr George made four suggestions which may alleviate flooding and asked for the P.C.'s consideration of the matter. It was decided to pass Mr. George's letter on to the appropriate authorities and to write him a letter of thanks for his work keeping the drains clear on the previous two evenings.

1223 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

District Councillor *Mrs Stella Abbey reported: -*

I would like to see a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO Officer) make an appearance in the village from time to time. Sergeant Andy Kingston from Crewkerne is the Officer who organises PCSOs in this area.

The November Area West meeting has an agenda item 'Community Safety Update' where I will be able to speak of my concerns. I understand that the 'Community Safety Panel' has no money to send PCSOs to villages.

The Chairman commented that it would be better to spend money on PCSOs, allowing them to visit villages, than to continue funding the 'Police Community Contact Vehicle'.

She continued:-

Speedwatch is to be encouraged. Communities wishing to start up a Speedwatch group will need to pull together six or more volunteers and be able to secure a minimum of £200 funding. Training for new groups or volunteers wishing to join existing groups can be arranged through Gemma North, the Speedwatch administrator. The administrator will then arrange with the Police to deliver the training and carry out the risk assessment on the sites to be used. The Police have identified co-ordinated support through its Beat Managers for day-to-day operations, allocating responsibility for training to named personnel within the Road Policing Unit. This has been a stumbling block in the past.

The Chairman still believes that a 20 mph speed restriction past the school would help in Winsham. The Clerk is to follow up progress on this scheme with County.

1224 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No interests were declared

1225 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5th October 2005

After some adjustments the Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

1226 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN/TO BE TAKEN

Footpath CH 8/1 is still an ongoing issue.

1227 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Development Control Workshop 3rd Nov Guildhall Chard, Councillor Hazel Duke & the Clerk will attend.
- b) Application 05/02598/FUL Bridge Cottage. Winsham Parish Council unanimously opposes this application & recommend refusal, on the following grounds.
 - 1. Over development of the site.
 - 2. The potential for overlooking neighbours property.
 - 3. The habitable accommodation, being detached from the main dwelling is, in itself a new dwelling and contrary to the Local Plan for new builds in the countryside.
 - 4. This development would set precedence.
- c) Application for Car Park @Cricket St Thomas. The PC recommends approval.
- d) Application 05/00032/S73 Agricultural Tie Kenyons Granted by SSDC
- e) Public Access to Development Control. The time table will be placed on the notice board and the web page.

1228 AMENITIES

Councillor *Mr Peter Pye reported:-*

My checks are up to date and there are no health and safety issues in my opinion. Three of the chain sets on the flat swings will need replacing next year.

1229 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques were signed for Clerks salary & grass cutting, Air Ambulance, age Concern, The Audit & Tree Surgery.
- b) The Auditor was presented & accepted
- c) After discussion the Precept was agreed at £9768-00, an increase of 12% because of donations to the Jubilee Hall refurbishment, ongoing for 10 years, and to the Upper Recreation Ground.

1230 CEMETERY

There was nothing to report at this meeting.

1231 RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE/ SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

Mrs Stella Abbey reported: -

The Football Club has now produced plans for the changing rooms & the Sports and Social Club will probably have funds for additional work to their building. We have made two additional grant applications to 'Wyvern Waste' & 'Awards for All.'. The Chairman requested that, as landlords, the Parish Council are given copies of any material changes to the buildings.

She continued:-

I have uncovered a document from the Charity Commission which states that the 'Upper Recreation Ground' 3.635 acres is leased from the Parish Council for 99 years commencing 1st June 1968 at £1-00 per annum. We would like to resume payment of this lease.

The Clerk received a phone call from Mrs Rickard 50 Davies Close. A tree on the Upper Recreation Ground overhangs her garden to high for her to cut down. Can it be trimmer? Stella & the Clerk will follow this up.

1232 JUBILEE HALL

Councillor Mr John Sullivan reported:-

The District Council support our bid for £21,850-00 as outlined in last months minutes. The County Council support our bid but are unable to fund it at the present time. They have applied to Central Government for additional funds. If this bid is successful we will receive some extra funding. DEFRA may be able to help with 'Discrete Funding'.

All parties appreciate the Parish Council's commitment to the project.

1233 HIGHWAYS

Councillor Mr Roger Beer reported:-

I am in discussion with Anthony Warren over blocked drains. John Smith will put a chisel plough in somewhere above Spring Head to try and divert water into the subsoil. Anthony Warren is not willing to clear the ditch up Crewkerne Hill but I will keep asking.

1234 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Council Tax Consultation 9th 14th & 16th November
- b) Recreation Ground management Committee (Thank You Letter).
- c) South Somerset State of the District Council Debate 17th Nov
- d) SALC Update
- e) Regional Economic Strategy 30th Nov Exeter
- f) Beacon Open Day 15th Nov Westland's
- g) Police Community Contact Vehicle Now Scheduled for November 4th 14-15 to 15 -00 hrs.

This list of correspondence was made available to all members prior to the meeting.

1235 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Christmas Readings, Councillor Nicola Slade will read the lesson at the Christmas Service.
- b) Councillor Simon Fewkes is happy for the tree to be erected on his land, as before. The Chairman asked that Simon arrange for the electricity cables to be covered.
- c) The Parish Guide & Christmas Letter will be published again this year. Thanks to Councillor John Sullivan.
- d) Inclusion of a 'Shop Letter' with the Parish Guide, this was not agreed.
- e) Letter from Mr White (Cobblestones) was read out.

1236 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 14th December 2005 for 8-00 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall.

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