

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 14th December 2005
At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

Draft Issue 2

1237 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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

1238 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Geoffrey Middleton was concerned about the condition of Cobblestones Back St. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council had written to the owner expressing its concern about the condition of the property. They received a reply saying that there had been a long running dispute in the family over ownership and hopefully this will be resolved shortly.

1239 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

County Councillor Mr Tony Shire reported:-

The County Council are carrying out a consultation process with the public asking, 'what is an acceptable council tax increase?' probably in the range of 3% to 10%. The consensus varies with the age group & where people live. The Government has taken away the education budget and is now paying the money direct to schools. This reduces the County Council's flexibility to spend or make cutbacks. We may have to make cutbacks in nursery services & life long learning. We may have to make cutbacks in highways but highway safety has to remain a high priority, any less would not be much at all. The government will be setting priorities in LTP2 'Local Transport Plan 2'. In March we will have to look at what money we have and what we can spend it on. Schemes will be reviewed in accordance with available funds.

District Councillor Mrs Stella Abbey reported: -

The Chaffcombe waste site is owned by the County Council, the land is to be sold. The buildings on the site are owned by the District Council. These buildings have been neglected over the years. The District Council will be selling these buildings. We have finally achieved a sewage system in Clapton, after many years fighting South West Water. You will all be aware of the district elections in 18 months time. I will not be standing as a prospective councillor. I will be sorry to leave; I hope we find a good candidate.

1240 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Mrs Nicola Slade declared an interest in agenda item 7f & was not in the room when this item was discussed.

1225 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2nd November 2005

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

1241 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN/TO BE TAKEN

- a. *20 mph Speed Limit a Progress Report.* Mr David Greenhalgh reported by email :-
As part of the fairly recent policy review on speed management all schools have been reassessed and Winsham is not within the top 100. However, all future highway schemes have to be judged against a set of national objectives set by Government and school 20 mph limits will need to be reconsidered with regard to securing the necessary funding which is sourced through the second Local Transport Plan. At this stage I am unable to give you any firm commitment one way or another but please be assured we will get the information out to Parish Councils as soon as we can.
- b. *Speedwatch.* This has produced a positive response in so far as the local co-ordinator Mr Graham Coombs has offered his services to Winsham
'I am the CSW co-ordinator for Chard. I have produced and given talks to various villages about setting up a CSW, with costs of equipment, etc, some of these villages are now operational, and some still intending to establish CSW. I hold and go to various suitable locations, and have a speed display sign, which puts vehicles speed up in approx 18" high figures'.
It was decided that the Parish Council should advertise, through the shop & parish magazine, for volunteers to undergo training and take part in the speedwatch project, using the argument that, without a 20 mph speed limit speedwatch is another way of protecting our children.
- c. Footpath CH 8/1, it was decided to ask the District Council to remark & reopen the footpath or have the path removed from the O.S. map.
- d. Councillor Mr Peter Pye took the opportunity to speak against the decision made, not to distribute a 'Shop Letter' with the 'Parish Guide' item 1235d last month. He expressed the view-'This was an abysmal decision to make, the shop is a community organisation & we should support it'. Arising from this Councillor Mrs Nicola Slade said that there could be situations where less loquacious members of the Council did not have the confidence to express their views or ask for a motion that could be voted upon. It was agreed that this could at times be a problem and deserved consideration at a future meeting.

1242 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Application 05/02911/FUL Extension 17 Western Way, the Parish Council recommended approval.
- b) Application 05/02824/LBC Refurbishment Hey Farm House, the Parish Council recommended approval.
- c) Application 05/02823/FUL Refurbishment Hey Farm House, the Parish Council recommended approval.
- d) Application 05/02826/FUL 3 Units Hey Farm Cottages, the Parish Council recommended approval.
- e) Application 05/02827/LBCL 3 Units Hey Farm Cottages, the Parish Council recommended approval.
- f) Application 05/02951/FUL Barn Adjacent to Lynroy, the Parish Council recommended approval with conditions.
- g) Application 05/02598/FUL Bridge Cottage, refused by SSDC
- h) Application 03/02527/COU Estate Workshop to None Agricultural, approved by SSDC
- i) Application 05/02579/TCA Fell Leylandii @ Lynroy, approved by SSDC.
- j) Application 05/03222/LBC Kitchen Sink @ Old Manor Farm, the Parish Council recommended approval.
- k) Agricultural Waste Transfer @ London Lodge Ref PC/05/03248/CPO/BM, decision deferred until a planning meeting on 4th January @ 8pm here.

1243 AMENITIES

Councillor *Mr Peter Pye reported:-*

My checks are up to date and, in my opinion there are no health and safety issues.

1244 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques were signed for Clerks salary & the 'Annual Play Ground Inspection'.

1245 CEMETERY

The decision on provision of new gates is deferred to the February meeting.

1246 RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE/ SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

Mrs Stella Abbey reported: -

We are raising funds for the essential building work; £3000 from 'Awards for All' and £1000 from the Parish Council are already promised. We expect a contribution from our County Councillor's discretionary grant, but not sure how much. We will know by the 3rd week in January if Wyvern Waste will be making a contribution. We are fundraising locally with a planned event in the Bell for January.

Unfortunately we have an ongoing management problem, there is hostility between the Recreation Management Committee & the Sports & Social Club Committee over distribution of the Sports & Social Club profits.

1247 JUBILEE HALL

Councillor Mr John Sullivan reported:-

There is good and bad news, with a very successful event at Leigh House raising over £1000 & a promise of funds from Wyvern Waste but uncertainty over the promised £22000 from the District Council. The latter may be reduced, we will know in February.

1248 HIGHWAYS

It was decided that we should have a survey of road signs. Please report any damaged signs to the Clerk who will pull together the information & inform Highways. The Clerk is to write to Highways about the condition of Leigh Lane.

1249 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Somerset Primary Care Trust Health Report
- b) Somerset District Council Corporate Plan
- c) Somerset County Council Statement of Community Involvement
- d) West Dorset (Community Involvement (Draft Statement)
- e) Somerset Waste Action (Ask to Attend Council Meeting)
- f) Somerset District Council Horticultural Ground Maintenance in Winsham
- g) Playing Fields Association News Letter
- h) Police Community Contact Vehicle (Reduced Schedule Next Year)
- i) Somerset Drug & Alcohol Action Team
- j) Refuse Collection Over Christmas
- k) SSDC Homeless & Temporary Accommodation Strategy
- l) Mendip & SSDC Community Safety Partnership (Contact Sheet)
- m) A Letter from Chief Superintendent Andy Marsh (One Regional Police Force & More).

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

1250 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Please refer to item 1241d above.

1251 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 1st February 2006 for 8-00 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall.

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