

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 2nd February 2005
At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham, at 8.00pm.

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1090 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Those present: -	Mr. Colin Slade	Chairman
	Mr John Sullivan	Vice Chairman
	Mrs Nicola Slade	
	Mr. Peter Pye	
	Mr Simon Fewkes	
	Mr Roger Beer	
	Mr Albert Froud	Co-opted Member
Parish Clerk:	Mr. Frank Vaughan.	
District Councillor	Mrs. Stella Abbey.	
County Councillor	Mr David Gordon	
Apologies:	Mr Peter Harper & Mrs Hazel Duke	
Public	Mr Tony Shire, Mrs Maureen Marsh, Mrs Sharon Cox & Mrs Alison Edgington	

1091 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs Maureen Marsh is having problems with water draining from the playing field area. She is not sure if it is a problem for South Somerset Homes or for the County Council. Either way no one is accepting responsibility. Councillor Roger Beer will get Highways to visit the site & progress the problem.

Winsham Pre-School & Toddler Group is experiencing a cash flow problem.

Mrs Sharon Cox & Mrs Alison Edgington presented the financial situation to the Meeting. The situation will be discussed further at the Parish Council's March meeting.

Mr Tony Shire introduced himself as the prospective Lib-Dem candidate at the County Council elections in May.

1092 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

District Councillor *Mrs Stella Abbey reported: -*

The District Council will be producing a CD-ROM containing information on how to fund raise. There is a Community Development Officer at Chard, who can be contacted @

areadevelopmentwest@southsomerset.gov.uk

Clerk's comment (I have asked if they can help with fundraising for Mother's & Toddler's Group). "They already had a call from Natalie Shakespeare of the group asking for help, on 27th Jan".

The wheeled bin policy has been changed. It is now recognised that households in rural communities tend to compost their garden waste, therefore the new green bins will not be supplied in Winsham. However they can be purchased on request for £25-00p.

The assisted collection for people who can not physically move their bins to the roadside will go ahead.

Other District Council matters: -

Charities are exempt from the new licensing fees. The government is giving a one off fee to reduce council tax this year but they have passed down the responsibility for the new gambling bill to local authorities without extra funding.

Councillor Abbey met with local horse riders to discuss further development of bridleways. There was some discussion and disagreement on the merits of converting Broadenham Lane and the continuing path to Ebben Lane into a bridleway.

County Councillor *Mr David Gordon reported: -*

Recycling at Chaffcombe is up by 50%, but some Local Authorities have seen increases of 80% so we have some way to go. There has been a change to officially allow reselling of reusable goods including second hand building materials. The Chaffcombe depot is to be resited at a more convenient location.

The problem with the condition of Broadenham Lane is being addressed. I am meeting with the Head Officer of Highways Ian Morrisson on site on Thursday morning 10th February. Councillor Peter Pye asked if he could attend.

1093 NOMINATIONS FOR CASUAL VACANCY

Mr Albert Froud of Meadowcroft Colham Lane was co-opted onto the Parish Council.

1094 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors' Colin Slade & Nicola Slade declared an interest in agenda item 8a. They were not present when this item was discussed.

1095 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5th January 2005

Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

1096 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN/TO BE TAKEN

- a) It was decided to write to Andrew Gillespie asking for a breakback of the road-sweeping budget to indicate how much money is allocated to Winsham. Also to see if highway cleaning can be transferred to the parish. We should also ask about funding for recreational improvements, tables for the Lower Recreation Ground

1097 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Planning Application 04/03622/FUL 2 Houses @ Idunno Back St.
In principal the application is acceptable but should only be granted if all visible elevations use natural stone as the predominant material. It would also be a condition that the boundary wall with No 4 Fore St be retained as a stone wall.
The height of the properties is of some concern because all the other properties on

that side of Back St are low level, we just bring this to the attention of the planners and leave any decision to their discretion

- b) Planning Application 04/03285/COU Purtington Barn (Granted by SSDC)
- c) Planning Application 04/03311/2/FUL 1 Thatch Cottages (Granted by SSDC)
- d) Planning Application 05/00032/S73 Removal of Agricultural Tie Stonefield House.

The Parish Council is concerned that this application, where an agricultural tie is transferred from a large value property to a significantly smaller property may set a precedence. They therefore object to the application in principle and recommend refusal.

- e) Planning Application 04/03363/FUL Retention of Mobile Home Blackmore Stables West Crewkerne. The Parish Council recommends this application be granted.
- f) Planning Application 04/03383/FUL Extension @ Spring Bank Granted by SSDC.
- g) Planning Application 05/00194/TCA trees at Lane Cottage Court St. The Parish Council has no objection to this application.

1098 AMENITIES

- a) Councillor Peter Pye stated that the Lower Recreation Ground had been inspected and was ok.
- b) Councillor Pye has a plan to check the shackles on the 4 way swings to see if the bolts can be removed, with a view to replacing the chains. If the bolts can be undone then we will not have to order new ones when the chains are replaced.

1099 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques for the Clerk's salary.

1200 CEMETERY

- a) Councillors' John Sullivan & Roger Beer had a site meeting with Mike Judd in an attempt to establish a tender procedure for the new cemetery gates. Mike a blacksmith will draw up a specification for the gates. The Chairman asked the he be kept informed of developments. It was also said that Lee Warren should be given the opportunity to tender.
- b) The Clerk was asked to issue tenders for grass cutting and to give to go-ahead for Andy Partridge to carry out a one off cut, if needed, between now & when the new tender offer is accepted.

1201 UPPER RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE

The Recreation Ground Committee is looking for an urgent cash injection to cover expenses, particularly insurance. Historically their revenue source has been the Social Club but not any longer. The Cricket Club no longer exists and they historically facilitated the grass cutting. The Football Club does pay a small amount for the use of the facilities, but the facilities are poor and they argue against paying more. Stella Abbey has found a source of money retained by The Youth Club. This club is dissolved but still has about £500-00 in the bank. Under its constitution this fund should be 'put at the disposal of the Parish Council'. The P.C. will receive the money

and must decide how it is distributed. Although not in the constitution the intention was that remaining assets would be used for the benefit of younger people. Suggestions for recipients are, Mother & Toddlers Group, Recreation Ground Committee, 6+Group & Brownies. In addition the P.C. has £200-00 remaining from its fund allocated to charities under section 137 to March 2005 and an emergency contingency fund of £1000 to March 2006.

Decisions on allocation of monies will be on the agenda for the March meeting of the Parish Council

1202 HIGHWAYS

Councillor Roger Beer reported: -

Major works are scheduled for Lime Kiln Lane & Court St. If we push any more for immediate repairs to the road at Purtington Highways will close it, so it is best left to them to repair it as soon as possible. There is a manhole/gully needing repair at the Cricket Rd & the A30. If you report a pothole say it is more that 2” deep & you get a quicker response.

1203 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Register of Electors 1st December 2004 was passed to Councillor Mr Peter Pye & returned.
- b) Vista Training was made available to Members.
- c) SALC (Freedom of Information Act), the Chairman asked for this document to be copied to Members.
- d) Trail Riders Fellowship (RUPP & BOAT), the Clerk was asked to reply with the best information available i.e. the land is owned by John Taylor.
- e) Police Community Contact 8th Feb @ 12-45 p.m.
- f) Crime Audit 2004, was made available to Members.
- g) Future of Taunton beyond 2026, was made available to Members.

1204 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Councillor Peter Pye commented that the ‘Affordable Housing Meeting’, held last night, was well attended. There were a number of complainants from Western Way but the majority of people attending were in favour. The people who are in favour should be encouraged to organise themselves into a pressure group as the views of the minority may get the lead.
- b) Due to changes in the Jubilee Hall booking arrangements the P.C. has now been asked to use the rear door to the Committee Room and not disturb the 6+Group. The Clerk will set up tables early & place a sign on the front door indicating that access to the meeting is around the back.

1205 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 2nd March 2005 at 8.00 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall.

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

