

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 5th April 2006
At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

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1284 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Those present: -	Mr Colin Slade	Chairman
	Mr John Sullivan	Vice Chairman
	Mr Peter Pye.	
	Mr Roger Beer.	
	Mrs Hazel Duke	
	Mr Albert Froud	
	Mrs Nicola Slade	
District Councillor	Mrs.S.Abbey	
County Councillor	Mr Tony Shire	
Parish Clerk:	Mr.Frank Vaughan.	
Public	None	
Apologies:	Mr Peter Harper.	
Absent:	Mr Simon Fewkes.	

1285 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No public in attendance.

1286 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

District Councillor *Mrs Stella Abbey reported:* - For reasons of cost the District Council will be withdrawing 'Green Composting' from villages of less than 1000 inhabitants, the amount of garden waste collected does not justify the effort required to collect it. As an alternative the District Council will be offering composting bins at a highly subsidised rate. The withdrawal of the service is unfortunate for some elderly residents who will be unable to dispose of garden waste that can not easily be composted at home. Bonfires are not an option these days so they will have to pay someone else to remove it.

The Chairman Mr Colin Slade commented, " Per head of population villages contribute more too council tax revenue than town & city dwellers, yet again, here is an example where they receive an inferior service. If the District Council wants to save some money why don't they review their 'Recycling Collection'. They visit Winsham three times per week, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday to collect, bottles, food waste and so on. How can they justify the extra manpower & fuel costs? Why can they not collect from the whole village in one day?" The Chairman asked Councillor Abbey if other villages received partial collections. In addition to the questionable efficiency of these partial collections they do result in the village looking untidy with bins out, somewhere, for 4 out of the 5 working days, land fill collection being on a Monday. To make matters worse, recycle containers are just thrown around after being emptied by the crews. Can you put our concerns to the appropriate council officials. South Somerset District Council has, after all, just won a 'Beacon Award' for 'Getting Closer to Communities'.

County Councillor *Mr Tony Shire reported:* - Crewkerne Hill, Fore St, Court St & Broadenham Lane are included in the 'Surface Dressing' programme for the current financial year. At this point agenda item 13d was brought to the attention of Councillor Shire. Some

patching has been carried out on Court St and in the opinion of one of the residents of Court St the quality of work is poor. After some discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would report this matter to Highways.

Councillor Shire continued; I have donated £500-00 of by discretionary grant to the Winsham Recreation Ground Committee to be use towards the refurbishment of the club house. I have also donated a further £500-00 to Relate towards its work helping parents & children.

1287 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No interests were declared.

1288 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1st MARCH 2006

The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

1289 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN/TO BE TAKEN

- a) *Village of the Year Competition*: After much consultation, Councillor Mr. John Sullivan has completed & returned, on time, Winsham's entry form for the Village of the Year Competition. A copy is filed with the Clerk.

1290 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Application 06/00606/FUL Conservatory Chapel House, recommended for approval by the PC with comments to SSDC.
- b) Application 06/00210/FUL Vehicular Access 15 Western Way, recommended for approval by the PC with reservations about visibility & retention of the footpath made to SSDC.
- c) Application 06/00926/LBC Internal Works @ Old Manor Farm, recommended for approval by the PC to SSDC.
- d) Application 06/00567/FUL Extension Football Changing Area, recommended for approval by the PC to SSDC.
- e) Agricultural Waste Transfer @ London Lodge Ref PC/05/03248/CPO/BM, Refused by County.
- f) Application 05/00799/FUL Affordable Housing Granted by SSDC
- g) Application 05/02951/FUL Barn @ Lynroy Granted by SSDC
- h) Application 05/02824/LBC Hey Farm Granted by SSDC
- i) Adoption of "Local Plan" by SSDC, time scale noted by PC.
- j) SCC Statement of Community Involvement, noted by PC.
- k) DCC Statement of Community Involvement, noted by PC.
- l) WDDC Statement of Community Involvement, noted by PC.
- m) Town & Parish Council Workshop (Report). The workshop was attended by Councillor Bert Froud & the Clerk. Both felt the workshop was informative & useful.
- n) Delegation Scheme Review by SSDC Scrutiny Committee. Parish Councils in Area West should have been sent a questionnaire asking their views on the 'Delegation Scheme'. Views should have been received by SSDC in time for presentation to their Scrutiny Committee. The questionnaire has now been

distributed, to be returned by 28th April for presentation to SSDC District Executive meeting on 4th May.

For the record Winsham Parish Council are unhappy with the new arrangements. The questionnaire has been completed & returned expressing this view.

1291 AMENITIES

Councillor *Mr Peter Pye reported:-* The 'Toddler Swings' have been damaged, in my opinion because of misuse by older children who wind the swings over the top bar and use the frame as a goal post. This is both inconsiderate and dangerous. One of the 'Toddler Cradles' is broken and has been removed, so younger children have lost the facility. Playing ball games, although difficult to prevent, is considered dangerous on the Lower Recreation Ground because of the proximity to the road. I ask that parents and individual members of the community encourage older children to play ball games on the Upper Recreation Ground.

The Clerk was asked to write an article for the parish magazine about this.

The Parish Council agreed plans to spend £400-00 on renewing broken and worn chain sets & swing seats. An order has been placed with GB Sports & Leisure of Wester-super-Mare sales@gbsportsandleisure.co.uk

1292 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Cheques were signed for Clerks Salary, Cemetery Rates, and The Community Council & SALC.

1293 CEMETERY

Nothing significant to report.

1294 RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE/ SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

Mrs Stella Abbey reported: - The money left over from the original building project will be used to replace windows in the skittle alley. The computer course is going well.

Unfortunately the Social Club isn't doing anything at the moment. We are hoping to arrange 'Sports Coaching' across a wide range of sports to try and attract kids up to the recreation ground.

1295 JUBILEE HALL

Councillor Mr John Sullivan reported: - We have received the formal offer of funding from SSDC. The County Council has been unable to offer funding but we have met Defra's criteria for funding. Rod Wells will project manage the refurbishment. The hall will close on 1st July until the end of September. We will use local tradesmen & suppliers where possible. We are delaying any further fund raising for chairs. When we receive the certificate of completion for the light I will apply again to 'Awards for All' for funding for the chairs.

1296 HIGHWAYS

Councillor Roger Beer reported: - The Clerk & I attended a meeting in Chard to discuss gully emptying. It was recognised that gullies in rural areas needed emptying more frequently than in towns. That Councillors & the public should not be given the run around when trying to report a problem, i.e. mud on the road, whose responsibility is it, Police, County or

District. Report all highway issues to 08453459155 or southsomhighways@somerset.gov.uk . The County are introducing ‘Global Positioning Technology’ to identify the location of gullies, so even when buried they can be found. The Clerk was asked to report a pothole on Western Way, near No15.

1297 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Meetings of Towns & Parishes with SCC Evening of 4th May
- b) Somerset Art Week (Donation Request). South Somerset Together
- c) Police Community Vehicle (Davies Close Tuesday 25th April 1430-1530)
- d) Clean Neighbourhoods Act 2005 Defra.
www.defra.gov.uk/environment/localenv/legislation/cnea
- e) Postwatch www.postcomm.gov.uk

This list of correspondence was made available to all members. A decision was made not to donate to Somerset Arts Week.

1298 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Dog fouling is still a problem on Western Way & Court St. The Clerk was asked to report this to SSDC enforcement, ESGenforcement@southsomerset.gov.uk
- b) With the possibility that Unitary Councils may be introduced, local elections in 2007 for the District Council may not take place. It is possible that the parish may have to fund its own election in 2007. However Councillor Stella Abbey has been told that the District will fund this parish election.

1299 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- a) AGM for 7-30pm on 3rd May followed by Ordinary Meeting
- b) Annual Parish Meeting 14th June for 7-30 pm.

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