

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 1st March 2006

At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

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1268 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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

1269 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs Natalie Shakespeare came to the meeting to seek advice & support on how best to resolve the strained relationship between the Recreation Ground Committee and the Sports & Social Club. Some advice was offered but the Parish Council are not able to give direct support. Perhaps the Sports & Social Club AGM on 27th April will offer an opportunity for change?

1270 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

District Councillor *Mrs Stella Abbey reported:* - When you receive your council tax demand please look carefully at the four sub-headings, Parish, District, County & Police. You will see that the District has achieved the lowest percentage council tax rise.

1271 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Clerk agreed to leave the room for item 6b. No other interests were declared.

1272 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1st FEBRUARY 2006

The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record. Councillor Mr Peter Pye asked the Clerk to follow up progress with footpath CH 8/1.

1273 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN/TO BE TAKEN

- a) *Speedwatch*. The Parish Council has advertised for volunteers but none have come forward. This item will be reviewed in 12 months.

- b) *Clerk's Salary Review.* In the absence of the Clerk it was agreed that his salary should be increased to £8.39 per hour for the year ending 31st March 2007.

1274 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Agricultural Waste Transfer @ London Lodge Ref PC/05/03248/CPO/BM PC, SSCD & County Officer Recommend Refusal.
- b) Application 05/02824/LBC Hey Farmhouse, Amended by Applicant. Approved by PC & SSCD.

1275 AMENITIES

Councillor *Mr Peter Pye reported:-* 'The Lower Recreation Ground is checked weekly & in my opinion at the last inspection there were no safety issues'. Thanks to the Chairman for repairing one of the picnic tables. The other table needs some minor repairs. The Clerk was handed the weekly check sheet completed up to 8th February. An incident was reported to the Chairman of children lighting a fire in the bus shelter. Why did not the person involved stop the kids there & then instead of coming to tell me? It was the view of the Parish Council that these kids should be named & shamed.

1276 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) A cheque was signed for the Clerks salary.

1277 CEMETERY

Councillor Roger Beer agreed to set a date & arrange a Cemetery Committee Meeting to move forward the issue of the gates.

1278 RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE/ SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

Mrs Stella Abbey reported:- All the building work has now been completed except for an extra ramp for the door. All bills have been paid & we finished the work slightly under budget. As the Parish Council requested the small amount of money left over will be put towards a future capital project & not spent on every day running costs. We have organised a computer course at the re-vamped club house but we need more people to use the facility.

1279 JUBILEE HALL

Councillor Mr John Sullivan reported:- I have received a verbal confirmation from SSCD that our grant application have been passed. We are now fully funded. Work is planned to start in July running through to September. Rod Wells is in discussions as to how the project should be managed. We will use as many local tradesmen as possible. Treatment for woodworm will have to be outsourced. The Jubilee Hall Committee is grateful for the support from the village. The Social Inclusion Unit at SSCD was impressed by the Parish Council's commitment. The rise in precept charge will affect every household in the village but every household will have the opportunity to benefit from the Jubilee Hall improvements.

We are now pushing another project to raise £5000 for improved seating, a digital projector and screen. The hall will be welcoming & a much nicer place to visit. Just as a footnote the 'Lottery' are now back in the 'Village Hall Business' to late for Winsham.

1280 HIGHWAYS

Councillor Roger Beer reported:- The work in Purtington Road is now complete and the drain is complete at Colham Lane. Our complaint, about potholes in Bakersfield, has been turned down by Mike Fear. He says they are not dangerous and the work will have to wait until next years budget is available. The Clerk will write to Mike. The problem with the drain in Davies Close remains unresolved. Roger is to phone Highways for a progress report. If this does not produce a satisfactory outcome he will ask the Clerk to write & escalate the matter.

1281 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) SALC Agenda, The Clerk will attend the SALC Meeting on 13th March.
- b) The Community Police Vehicle will be in Davies Close on 17th March at 11 am.
- c) The Somerset Economic Strategy Document was made available to all members.

1282 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Councillor Mr John Sullivan sought the Parish Council agreement to enter The Village of the Year Competition. The closing date for entries is 31st March. The Parish Council fully support John's endeavours & wish him luck.
- b) Dog Fouling is becoming a problem. The Clerk has pinned signs around the village both serious & humorous to try and deter owners from allowing their dogs to foul the pavements, but the problem persists. Responsible dog owners are looked at with disgust because of the thoughtless action of a few. The "Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Bill" now enables Local Authorities and Parish Councils to deal with fouling by dogs. It gives Parish Councils the power to issue fixed penalties dog offences. For the moment the Parish Council has written to the District Council requesting the services of their dog warden to patrol the village.
- c) Neighbourhood Watch. Mr Edward Lycett-Green is still officially our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, he is requesting to stand down because of other commitments. The Parish Council will again advertise the vacancy.

1283 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- a) Parish Council Ordinary Meeting 5th April for 8-00 pm.
- b) AGM for 7-30pm on 3rd May followed by Ordinary Meeting
- c) Annual Parish Meeting 14th June for 7-30 pm.

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