

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 3rd May 2006
At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

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1307 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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| 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 | |
| | Mr Peter Harper. | |
| District Councillor | Mrs.S.Abbey | |
| Parish Clerk: | Mr.Frank Vaughan. | |
| Public | None | |
| Apologies: | Mr Tony Shire | |
| Absent: | Mr Simon Fewkes. | |

1308 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No public in attendance.

1309 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

District Councillor *Mrs Stella Abbey reported:* - The planning for the permissive paths for the Cricket St Thomas has reached an advanced stage. The project is going ahead with maps already drawn. Councillor Mr Peter Pye noted that footpath CH 8/1 is shown on the proposed map as a right of way & not a permissive path. 'We should ensure that this path remains a right of way'. *Councillor Abbey continued;* wind turbines are again on the agenda. The application submitted in February 2003 has never been withdrawn. We now anticipate a new application taking into account some MOD concerns.

'Recycle collection is not ideal and will be reviewed in September 2006', quoting Beth Prince SSDC Waste Management Officer.

The District Council employ a Welfare Officer. Some elderly people never claim their benefits, which is a concern for them as it may affect their health. It is also a concern for us all because less money is circulated in the local economy.

1310 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No interests were declared.

1311 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5th April 2006

The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

1312 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN/TO BE TAKEN

- a) The Clerk reminded Members of a meeting of Town & Parish Councils at Sparkford tomorrow evening 4th May
- b) Ball Games on the Lower Recreation Ground. The Parish Council has received an email in response to its publicity stressing ball games should not be played on the Lower Recreation Ground.
It is alleged that children have been told not to play ball games on the Upper Recreation Ground, because it makes the surface muddy. District Councillor Mrs Stella Abbey and Parish Councillor Mrs Nicola Slade, who are both members of the Recreation Ground Committee stressed that no one has authority to stop children playing ball on the Upper Recreation Ground. The Clerk was asked to reply to the email and apologise for the incident, children are welcome to play games on the Upper Recreation Ground.
New chains and seats have been fitted to both swing sets on the Lower Recreation Ground. Using the Toddler Swings as goal posts has in the past resulted in a broken seat. The Parish Council again ask that children do not play football or ride bicycles on the Lower Recreation Ground because of the safety risk to other users, proximity to the road and the risk of damage to equipment.

1313 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) All Members with email have agreed to receiving notification of planning applications and delegation decisions individually by that method.
- b) The Clerk reminded Members of a Planning Workshop on 25th May for 7pm in the Guild Hall Chard.
- c) Application 06/00606/FUL, Chapel House, granted by SSDC.
- d) The Clerk was asked to look at planning applications 98/01742/FUL & 05/02598/FUL, Bridge Cottage, looking specifically for windows in the roof space, and to report back at the next meeting.

1314 AMENITIES

Councillor *Mr Peter Pye reported*: - SSDC Play Area Inspection Report of 22nd March indicated high risk areas on the flat & cradle swings. All the high risk items have now been replaced by G.B. Sports & Leisure at a net cost of £397-25p. The Clerk informed Members that G.B. Sports & Leisure recommend that the flat swing should be monitored as there are signs of corrosion at the top of the middle leg. Councillor Pye pointed out that if the cradle swings continue to be used as goal posts they will soon be broken again.

1315 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques were signed for Clerks Salary, Insurance, G.B. Sports & Leisure, & St Margaret's Hospice. The Clerk was asked to hold the G.B. Sports cheque for one week.

- b) The report from the Internal Auditor was read out to Members & Members were handed copies of the External Audit in anticipation of signing that audit off at the June meeting.
- c) The Council acknowledge the revised insurance policy.

1316 CEMETERY

Councillor Mr John Sullivan completed a Government Questionnaire on Burial Law. He has now received the report which acknowledges Winsham's input. The report can be read at

http://www.dca.gov.uk/consult/buriallaw/buriallaw_cp0105.htm#contact

1317 RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE/ SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

Mrs Stella Abbey reported: - The Football Club's planning application has been granted. They can not get F.A. funding to build because the structure is not bricks & mortar. SSDC will support them which may require nominal Parish Council support. It does not look like cricket starting again in the foreseeable future. The cricket nets have been removed and plans are afoot to build a second football pitch. We have three successful football teams and still expanding.

The Sports & Social Club is doing well. They are planning to buy a flat screen TV in time for the World Cup (Soccer). There was a change around of Officers at the Sports & Social club AGM. We need some better signage at the end of Bakersfield pointing to the recreation ground.

1318 JUBILEE HALL

Councillor Mr John Sullivan reported: - A lot of social events are taking place this summer to fund raise for the Jubilee Hall refurbishment. Can I now ask the Clerk to ask for the loan from the PWLB?

1319 HIGHWAYS

Councillor Roger Beer reported: - The pothole on Western Way has been repaired, however the old sign Children Playing has disappeared from Ann Bevis's garden, highways did not take it, neither did the Clerk. We need to approach County again about 20 mph restrictions past the school.

1320 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Meeting With Parishes & Area West 11th May 7pm Chard
- b) SSDC Community Involvement (Draft Statement)
- c) SSDC's Summary of Accounts 2004/2005 & Questionnaire.
- d) Strategy for Sport & Active Leisure in South Somerset
- e) St Margaret's Hospice News Letter. It was agreed to donate £100-00.
- f) Police End of year Report
- g) SSDC's Parish Stewardship Scheme
- h) Walking Festival 28th May-4th June
- i) SSDC Countryside News
- j) SCC Rights of Way Improvement Plan 28th July (Roger & Peter)
- k) SALC News Letter

- l) Regional Assembly Update
- m) Rural Youth Annual Review & News Letter
- n) A Practical Guide for Parish Councillors (Booklet)

This list of correspondence was made available to all members. A decision was made to donate £100-00 to St Margaret's Hospice.

1321 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor John Sullivan reported that the Web Museum is compiling a history of the Parish Council which had its first meeting in December 1894.

1322 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- a) The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on 7th June for 8-00 pm. in the Jubilee Hall
- b) Annual Parish Meeting 14th June for 7-30 pm. In the Jubilee Hall

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