

## **WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2006**

**At the School, Winsham.**

**Draft Issue 1**

### **1355 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

Those present: -	Mr Colin Slade	Chairman
	Mr John Sullivan	Vice Chairman
	Mrs Hazel Duke	
	Mr Peter Harper	
	Mr Peter Pye	
	Mr Roger Beer	
	Mrs Trish Baxter	
District Councillor	Mrs.S.Abbey	
Parish Clerk:	Mr.Frank Vaughan.	
Public	Mr Dave Woodland & Mr Richard Woodland	
Apologies:	Mr Albert Froud, Mrs Nicola Slade& Mr Tony Shire.	
Absent:	None	

### **1356 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Mr Dave Woodland & Mr Richard Woodland presented plans for a new additional "MOT Test Station" and improvements to the existing garage at Woodland's Garage Fore St. The Parish Council were asked to comment on the plans before they were submitted to the District Council. There were no objections to the outline plans especially as the outcome could be employment for one or two additional people.

### **1357 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

District Councillor *Mrs Stella Abbey reported:* - There is no "Ordinary Area West Meeting" this month. There is however a "Special Area West Committee Meeting" to consider the construction of a new Waitrose food store in Crewkerne.

### **1358 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

No interests were declared.

### **1359 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>th</sup> July 2006**

The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

### **1360 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN/TO BE TAKEN**

- a) It was agreed that the traffic problems around the shop & the intersecting road junctions had improved. Delivery vehicles are now taking more care when parking. It was decided to keep the situation under review.

### **1361 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- a) Application 06/02504/FUL Erection of two story extn @ Whatley Cottage. PC Recommend Approval & Approved by SSDC
- b) Application 06/02743/FUL Solar Roof Panels on New Houses Western Way. PC Recommend Approval. Planning Now Not Required Say SSDC
- c) Application 06/02131/FUL Wall @ Barrack Cottage, referred to Area West & Granted by SSDC *With Conditions*.
- d) Application 06/00210/FUL Vehicular Access 15 Western Way Granted my SSDC.
- e) Application 06/02024/FUL Barn Conversion Higher Broadenham, Refused by SSDC.
- f) Application 06/01506/FUL Stone Wall 3 Court Farm Close Approved by SSDC. *With Conditions*.
- g) Application 06/01790/LBC Knapp Bridge Granted by SSDC. *With Conditions*.
- h) Application 06/01223/FUL Porch @ Beaucroft Back St Granted by SSDC.
- i) Bridleway CH30/19 Greencombe Farm Permanent Diversion. Comments Submitted by PC & Acknowledged.
- j) Application 06/02676/LBC Plank Muntin Screen Old Manor Farm, PC Recommended Approval.
- k) Refusal of Application 06/02111/FUL Extend & Divide Dwelling @ Clay Pot. Procedural Confusion.

The Parish Council received notification of a planning decision to refuse application 06/02111/FUL @ Clay Pot Winsham under powers of delegation. The PC took the opposite view and recommended approval. After further discussion, within the 7 day time scale and for planning reasons, the PC asked, through the Ward Member, that the application be brought to Committee, only to be told the case had been signed off.

The procedure is now: -

Where there is difference between the PC and the case officer, a report is forwarded to the relevant Member and a copy forwarded to the PC. The report is forwarded to the PC as a matter of courtesy. The Ward Member then has 7 days within which to respond and either agrees or not with the case officers report.

The 7 days is a maximum period for the Ward member to reply. If the PC wishes to raise certain points/concerns etc with the Ward Member within that timescale, they are free to do so but once the case officer has heard from the Ward Member, the application will either be determined or forwarded to the Chair. How Ward members and PC/TC's wish to work during the 7 days period would be for them but the scheme is clear in that once the case officer has heard from the Ward Member, the application can move forward to decision or to the Chair.

Considering the above procedure Winsham PC has now decided to consider planning application as soon as practically possible after the receipt of the application documentation.

1. Applications on the agenda for the "Full Council Meeting" will be considered and decided at that meeting & not referred to the Planning Committee. Council Meetings will now start at 7-30pm to accommodate this change of practice.
  2. When an application is received outside the timescale of a "Full Council Meeting" then a Planning Committee Meeting will be called at the earliest practical opportunity.
- l) Development Control On The Move to Yeovil. All Development Control Staff will be located at Brympton Way from 18<sup>th</sup> September

### **1362 AMENITIES**

*Councillor Mr Peter Pye reported: -*

- a) The bearing on the little roundabout is noisy. The Clerk was asked to purchase a special tool from Wicksteed so that the floor of the roundabout can be removed, allowing access to the bearings.
- b) The weekly inspection checks have been carried out. The report was handed to the Clerk.
- c) The 3 monthly check carried out by SSDC raised no urgent issues which we are not already aware of and are monitoring.

The Clerk past a leaflet to Councillor Pye which advertises playground inspection training. This training is available in Chard on 16<sup>th</sup> November.

### **1363 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) Cheques were signed for Clerk's salary, grass cutting & Somerset Playing Fields Association.

### **1364 CEMETERY**

- a) Councillor John Sullivan asked the Clerk to send out the tenders for grass cutting & hedge trimming 2007-2008.
- b) Councillor Mr John Sullivan offered to carry out a safety inspection of headstones. The Chairman & his brother Robert will be carrying out repairs to some of the headstones in the near future. It was decided that Councillor Sullivan would carry out the safety inspection after this work has been done.

### **1365 RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE/ SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB**

*Mrs Stella Abbey reported: -* The disabled ramp has finally been signed off. The Horticultural Society's annual show was successfully held in the Sports & Social Club. The hedges around the recreation ground have been cut, the place looks tidy. On the down side there is still the possibility of a heavy insurance claim against the Recreation Ground & the Football Club.

### **1366 JUBILEE HALL**

*Councillor Mr John Sullivan reported:-* Good news, the refurbishment of the hall is running to budget. However the project is running late because we can not start the outside work until the House Martins have finished nesting. A lot of the old ventilation system is blocked. We propose to improve the underfloor ventilation by drawing down air from above.

Councillor Mr Peter Pye & the Chairman were alarmed at this, ventilation from above is not recommended in building regulations, moist air is drawn in. Subsequent to the meeting the Chairman & Councillor Pye have been in correspondence with Rod Wells the Project Manager.

### **1367 HIGHWAYS**

There has been a complaint about parked cars in Court Farm Close & Court St. This was noted. Councillor Mr Peter Pye asked the Chairman about the temporary lighting

on Back St, the fitting looks unsafe. There has been a survey to reposition the light with a new light & new cabling at no cost to the PC.

### **1368 CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Active Living Centre (Age Concern Letter)
- b) Police Contact Vehicle Thursday September 28<sup>th</sup> 13-15 to 14-00
- c) Dog Fouling (Letter Received!)
- d) Resurfacing Wynyards Lane (J.H.Pargiter)
- e) SSDC Corporate Plan (How Did the Year Go?)
- f) Fly Posting & Clean Neighbourhoods Act
- g) Playing Fields Association News Letter
- h) Community Council AGM 19<sup>th</sup> September @ Broadway
- i) SALC AGM 30<sup>th</sup> September @ North Curry
- j) SALC Representatives on Outside Bodies (Volunteer).
- k) Community Council News (Village Post Offices)

This list of correspondence was made available to all members. There is ongoing correspondence re: Active Living Centre with a meeting proposed for 18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> October.

The Chairman asked the Clerk, were possible, to circulate correspondence ahead of the meeting.

### **1369 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) Provision of Dog Bin on Footpath CH 30/1 off Western Way. It was decided to advertise the PC's intention to provide a dog bin on footpath CH 30/1. If there are no objections the bin will be ordered shortly after the next PC meeting.
- b) Auction Catalogue of Cricket Estate. Councillor Mr John Sullivan has offered to selectively copy the catalogue onto the museum web site. For the short term the catalogue is in the safe custody of Councillor Mr Peter Pye.
- c) Cobblestones Back St. The Clerk is in receipt of a letter from Mr White's Solicitors indicating that Cobblestones will be placed on the market before the end of the year.
- d) The stonework on the War Memorial has again been damaged. The Clerk has spoken to the Site Foreman on the Gadd site. He denied any responsibility but offered to make good the damage.

### **1370 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- a) The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> October for 7-30 pm. in the Winsham School.

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