

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 1st November 2006
At the School, Winsham.

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1387 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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

1388 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Richard White & Simon Douglas made a presentation on behalf of Winsham Football Club. The Club has planning permission for an extension to their changing rooms to include a referee's changing room and improved showers, changing and storage facilities. Fund raising to allow this project to go forward has need progressing throughout the last 4 years. The Club would like to commence work on the project in June 2007. They are now seeking grants and are asking the Parish Council for £1800 towards the £7500 which still needs to be raised. The Club made their accounts to 31st May 2006 available to Members.

Dave & Richard Woodlands attended the meeting to be available and answer questions, if any, on planning application 06/03803/FUL

1389 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

District Councillor Mrs Stella Abbey reported: - There is a proposal to build 525 houses on the CRL site in Crewkerne. This will involve relocating the school & the sports facilities, also a new link road. Can the infrastructure support the development? The Waitrose application has been passed.

1390 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No interests were declared.

1391 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5th October 2006

The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

1392 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN/TO BE TAKEN

- a) Active Living Centre. Councillor Mr John Sullivan arranged a meeting with Estelle Casey, the Active Living Centre's project officer, others present were Mrs Stella Abbey, Mrs Sandy Wells & Mr Frank Vaughan. The purpose of the meeting was to establish what 'Active Living Centre' is all about and see if the over 50's who live in Winsham can benefit in some way. Active Living should be guided by the people who use it, however to start the project off in Winsham it was thought that a series of talks should be held over the next 6 months with the guest speaker luckily funded by the project. The talks will be organised monthly commencing in February, the venue being the newly refurbished Jubilee Hall.

1393 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Application 06/03803/FUL, Woodlands Autos. The Parish Council recommends approval of this application, especially as there could be employment opportunities created. They also welcome the enhancement of the external yard by the removal of the lift platform which will result in reduced noise & inconvenience to neighbours.

1394 AMENITIES

The District Council has just carried out its 3 monthly inspection of the Lower Recreation Ground. There was nothing brought to light which we are not already aware of & monitoring.

The Chairman suggested that the two picnic tables should be resited and secured to the ground. This decision is taken reluctantly as a result of continuous misuse, fixed table hinder grass cutting. The Chairman will discuss sitings with Councillor Peter Pye & Mr Ernie Partridge.

1395 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques were signed for Clerk's salary & Grass Cutting.
- b) It was decided to make a grant of £1800-00 to Winsham Football Club towards their extension.
- c) The Clerk circulated the current financial statement and the projected budget for 2007-2008. It was proposed by the Chairman & agreed unanimously to keep a tight control of the budget for next year & keep any increase in the precept as low as possible. In order to save money it was decided not to produce the 'Parish Guide', not to give donations for 2007-2008 and to hold back on any aspiration of becoming a Quality Parish Council. A final decision on the level of precept will be made at the December meeting.

1396 CEMETERY

- a) The grass cutting tender was awarded to Mr A E Partridge, SSDC declined to tender & Deane DLO tendered high.
- b) It was decided to delay any further grass cutting this session and watch the weather; if the temperature remains low a final cut will not be needed.
- c) It was decided not to replace the name plate on the flower bed in the church yard. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Jose Gowers and thank her for maintaining the flower bed on behalf of the Parish Council.

1397 RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE/ SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

Stella Abbey reported: - The football club is doing well but it does dominate the activities on the Upper Recreation Ground. Over Easter and next summer I would like to foster a wider range of sports activities for kids.

The Parish Council, although not wanting to interfere in the running of the Upper Recreation Ground, wonder why there is a need for three separate committees. Would it not be a good idea to review the management structure? Perhaps have a public meeting in the spring to discuss a way forward.

1398 JUBILEE HALL

Councillor Mr John Sullivan reported: - Work on the structure of the building is scheduled for completion on 2nd December. We have had a holdup with delivery of lighting equipment. We are still waiting for grant authorisation for fixtures & furniture. The official opening date will be 13th January but we will be accepting bookings before that date.

1399 HIGHWAYS

The Clerk reported on the blocked gully in Bakersfield: - Somerset Highways have removed the blockage but have identified a defect that will need repairing. The Highway Authority, are under no obligation to repair this pipe, even though, in accordance with Section 100 of the Highways Act, they have right to use the pipe as an outfall for road drainage.

It is down to the riparian owners to repair the defect and for this reason the Highway Authority do not intend to spend any more time and scarce resources in resolving this matter.

The Parish Council has decided to write to South Somerset Homes & Mr Earl as this defect is on the boundary fence between 17/18 Bakersfield.

The Axe Bridge parapet on the east side up river has been badly damaged. The damage has been reported to Dorset Highways but so far no repair has been carried out. The Chairman pointed out that the drains in the road up to Laymoore are still blocked and the edges of the road are worn away. The Clerk is to write to Dorset Highways about these issues.

1400 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Clean Neighbourhood Act 2005 SSDC 15th November
- b) Cropping & Ploughing Public Rights of Way
- c) County Council (Meeting With Parishes) Feedback.
- d) Hackney Carriage Byelaws
- e) Promoting Risky Play 29th November Ilminster
- f) Letter from Bob Gillis (SSDC Democratic Services Manager).
- g) SALC News Letter.
- h) Somerset Direct & Highway Related Issues
- i) Compact Somerset
- j) Police Letter

- k) SSDC Statement of Community Involvement
- l) State of the District Meeting 23rd November 6-15pm Yeovil
- m) SALC Meetings
- n) Youth Project Questionnaire
- o) PFA News Letter

This list of correspondence was circulated prior to the meeting & made available to all members who attended the meeting.

1401 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) It was agreed that the Clerk should ask Councillor Mr Peter Harper if he would present the Christmas reading.
- b) The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with Hastoe before 6th December.
- c) It was agreed to place a commemorative plaque on a kissing gate or style in commemoration of Mr Dennis Shaw. The Clerk to write to Mrs Jeanette Shaw to get her agreement.
- d) It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Mrs Pam Buller and thank her for planting out and maintaining the floral arrangement at the water trough, on behalf of the Parish Council.

1402 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- a) The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on 6th December for 7-30 pm. in the Winsham School.

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