

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 4th July 2007
At the The Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

Draft Issue 1

1510 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Those present: -	Mr Roger Beer	Chairman
	Mrs Hazel Duke	Vice Chairman
	Mr Peter Harper	
	Miss Trish Baxter	
	Mrs Stella Abbey	
	Mrs Mary Haggard	
	Mr Andrew Partridge	
District Councillor	Mr Robin Munday.	
County Councillor	Mr Tony Shire	
Parish Clerk:	Mr.Frank Vaughan.	
Public	Mr Garry Frecknall	
Apologies:	Mrs Maxine Douglass, Mr Bert Froud.	

1511 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Garry Frecknall read in the Parish Magazine about the Parish Council's aspirations for traffic management through the village. Garry works for the County Council within the Highways Department. He has offered to help in both formulating a plan for traffic management and presenting a bid for funding through the appropriate channels, whether that is the "Area Boards" or via the "Local Transport Plan".

1512 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

District Councillor Mr Robin Munday reported: I am now involved with the Chard & Ilminster Community Justice Panel. For further information about "Community Justice" please contact Val Keitch, the Panel Co-ordinator, Val.Keitch@southsomerset.gov.uk or 01460 260341.

The "Chard Community Forum" will now happen. Winsham will be in the "Chard Area". The "Community Planning Group" will now have £30,000 available at each forum. The bid process, for this money, will involve individual organisations, including Parish Councils, in consultation with Officers, putting forward schemes. The criteria will require the schemes to be community based.

County Councillor Mr Tony Shire reported: To correct a misunderstanding, written in the last minutes, initially there will be five "Area Boards", reflecting the present District Council boundaries. Eventually the "Area Boards" may extend to nineteen. The Knapp Bridge weight restriction is now in the system. We have requested further information from James Goddard and taken on the concerns of the Parish Council. Via the revised LTP (Local Transport Plan) the County Council will be looking at traffic management.

The "Somerset Waste Board" has now been formed and will go forward independently of District & County reorganisation.

1513 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Andrew Partridge declared an interest in agenda item 6a.

1514 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6th June 2007

The Chairman signed the minutes, issue 3, as a true record.

1515 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN/TO BE TAKEN

- a) It was decided to accept the quote of £260 from Mr Andrew Partridge for cutting the hedge by the cemetery. Proposed by Councillor Stella Abbey & seconded by Councillor Trish Baxter.
- b) The PC can still put forward three long term aspirational schemes to the new County Council Area Board. These are additional or complementary to the three schemes already submitted for the 30th July deadline. It was proposed by Councillor Stella Abbey & agreed by all to arrange a 'Walkabout' for our next meeting on 1st August where possible schemes could be considered.
- c) The next meeting of the South Somerset Working Panel will be held on 12th September for 7pm in North Cadbury. The PC will consider sending a representative.

1516 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Application 07/02557/TCA Cobblestones Back St, fell 3xLeylandii & 1 Norway Spruce. The Parish Council recommend approval.
- b) Application 07/01894/FUL Annexe Bridge Cottage Granted by SSDC.

1517 AMENITIES

Councillor Mr Peter Harper reported:-

- a) The problems as reported at the last meeting remain.
- b) It was agreed to remove the bench near the bus shelter because the cast iron frame is broken and there is no money in the budget to replace it.
- c) The other seat needs new wooden slats.

1518 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques were signed for Clerk's salary, grass cutting on paths, Lower Recreation Ground & Cemetery, plus testimonial to Mr Colin Slade, retired Chairman.

1519 CEMETERY

Councillor Andrew Partridge reported: The kids, or someone, is playing a game with the pots. They move them, I put them back, and then they are moved again. Everyone needs to remain vigilant.

1520 RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE/ SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

Councillor Mary Haggard reported: -

- a) Building work, on the changing rooms, is temporarily held up waiting materials.
- b) Dog fouling remains a problem.
- c) The Beacon used for the VE & VJ celebrations needs a home or it will get lost. Roger Beer agreed to store it at his garage.
- d) Our protracted insurance claim looks like coming to an end.

1521 JUBILEE HALL

The Chairman reported: - nothing to add at this time.

1522 HIGHWAYS

Councillor Bert Froud has given his apologies, No report
Roger Beer reported that, in his opinion, the finish to the recent road works at Leigh Lane was of poor quantity. This was noted by Tony Shire.

1523 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) One Council (Unitary) & Parish Interactions.
- b) Community Council Correspondence
- c) Sustainable Community Strategy

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

1524 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Storage of Millennium Book & Bridport Estate Auction Schedule. Both these valuable documents can and will be stored in the PC's metal cabinet in the Jubilee Hall. It was agreed that the Bridport Estate Auction Schedule was too fragile to allow public access at this time. It was agreed that it should be first taken to the County Archive Department where they can advise on how best to present it to the public. The PC's preferred option would be to have it copied onto the internet.
- b) Yew Trees in Church Yard. The PC has received a letter from the PCC advising them that one of the yew trees looks unsafe. It was decided to seek estimates for making the tree safe. The PC are conscious that the tree is in a conservation area

- c) Traffic Sign Pooles Lane. It was decided to take no action as traffic in Pooles Lane is light.
- d) David Laws will be in Winsham 2nd August 9 am
- e) Parish Emergency Planning, a DVD was passed to the Chairman.
- f) The Clerk was asked to contact Martin Short @ Hastoe regarding the weeding of the banks around the 'Affordable Homes'.
- g) The condition of the wall between the Church Yard & Pooles Lane needs consideration at the next meeting.

1525 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of The Parish Council will held on Wednesday 1st August for 7-00 pm meet in the Jubilee Hall & walkabout, weather permitting.

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