

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 7th November 2007
At the The Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

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1569 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Those present: - Mr Roger Beer Chairman
Mrs Hazel Duke Vice Chairman
Mr Bert Froud
Miss Trish Baxter
Mrs Stella Abbey
Mrs Mary Haggard
Mr Andrew Partridge
County Councillor: Mr Tony Shire
District Councillor Mr Robin Munday
Parish Clerk: Mr. Frank Vaughan.
Public None
Apologies: Mrs Maxine Douglass, Mr Peter Harper.

1570 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

County Councillor Mr Tony Shire reported: - I will be collecting an award from Parliament for the work that the County Council has done in producing a satellite navigation system "Sat Nav" for heavy goods vehicles. The "Sat Nav" software will be available to HGV drivers entering the country at ferry terminals. Hopefully it will keep HGV's off narrow lanes.

District Councillor Mr Robin Monday reported: - The Chard and District Community Forum will meet on 27th February in the Guild Hall. The main purpose of the meeting will be to decide on who will receive funding through the next financial period. Local organisations should be applying now through Zoe Harris "Community Regeneration Officer" at SSDC. Organisation who register an interest & apply for funding will be entitled to vote, at the meeting, on the distribution of monies.

1571 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Andrew Partridge declared an interest in agenda item 9a

1572 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3rd OCTOBER 2007

The Chairman signed the minutes, as a true record.

1573 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN/TO BE TAKEN

- a) Access to Composting Site. A letter received from Robert Shearer was read out to the meeting. The letter outlined the philosophy of the scheme and asked for a grant from the PC towards the purchase of boards to retain the compost.
- b) Is there a need for a Parish Plan? Correspondence from the Community Council on Parish Plans was made available to all Members present. A decision to participate or not will be made at a further meeting. There are budget implications.
- c) Define a 'Shopping List' for projects, indicating anticipated spend. Deferred until next meeting, with budget implications.

1574 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Application 07/04691/FUL Solar Collectors @ 2 Court Farm Close. The PC approve this application.
- b) Application 07/03650/FUL Sun Room Old Granary Granted by SSDC
- c) Application 07/03777/FUL Clay Pot Refused by SSDC

1575 AMENITIES

The 3 monthly Playground Inspection Report from SSDC was presented to the Chairman with a comment from the Clerk that it identified no new areas of concern.

Peter Harper is looking for some help with playground inspections, living in Purtington he is not on the spot . Our Chairman would like Peter to stay with the job, thinks will improve.

Councillor Mrs Stella Abbey reported:- Progress was being made in reopening footpath CH8/1.

1576 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques were signed for Clerk's Salary, Grass Cutting & Cutting down some of the yew tree in the church yard.
- b) The Clerk presented an outline of the precept. A spread sheet was made available to all Members present. A decision on the level of precept will have to be made at the December meeting.

1577 CEMETERY

Councillor Andrew Partridge reported: - At least one pot top has gone missing.

1578 RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE/ SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

Councillor Mrs Stella Abbey reported:- The next meeting of committee will be on 19th November where we will discuss the issue of the Lime tree & report back. The Sports & Social Club is doing through a revival phase with more activity.

1579 JUBILEE HALL

Councillor Mrs Stella Abbey reported: - "Take Art" is scheduled for 29th November.

1580 HIGHWAYS

Councillor Bert Froud reported: -

- a) Roger, Frank & myself met Mr Mike Fear from Highways to initially discuss the state of the hedges in Colham Lane. Mr Hammett says he will cut his hedges in November. Mike Fear will write to John Taylor requesting that he cuts his hedges. Mike Fear states, hedges, banks are cut by Council contractors once a year on class 4 roads. Also there is no budget for cutting back the soil at the base of the hedges, although the lane is getting narrower, as a class 4 road it is still wide enough for a single track.
- b) We visited the gully on Court St, Here the verge will be cut back to direct water into the gully.

The Clerk informed Members of a meeting arranged for 8th November with Colin Fletcher

to discuss further highway improvements.

1581 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Consultation on Waste Management (Ash Village Hall Friday 16th November 7.30 pm)
- b) Police Chief Superintendents Report
- c) SSDC Stare of the District Meeting 22nd November 6-30 pm Brympton Way
- d) Playing Fields News Letter
- e) Tree Planting in South Somerset county Council
- f) Future Waste Planning response by 15th December

Most of this correspondence was circulated prior to the meeting & the rest was made available to all members who attended the meeting.

1582 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Lower Recreation Ground Surveillance Camera!
- b) Ownership of The Cross near The George? Deferred.
- c) Chapel Lane? Deferred

1583 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of The Parish Council will held on Wednesday 5th December for 7-30 pm meet in the Jubilee Hall.

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