

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 5th December 2007
At the The Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

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1584 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Those present: - Mr Roger Beer Chairman
 Mrs Hazel Duke Vice Chairman
 Miss Trish Baxter
 Mrs Stella Abbey
 Mrs Mary Haggard
 Mr Andrew Partridge
 Mrs Maxine Douglass
 Mr Peter Harper

Parish Clerk: Mr.Frank Vaughan.

Public None

Apologies: Mr Tony Shire, Mr Robin Munday, Mr Bert Froud

1585 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

District Councillor Mr Robin Monday left a reported with The Clerk: - SSDC are offering labour to tidy up through the village, have we a list of jobs. The following list was offered:-

1. Repair to Safety Surface near Multi Play Equipmet. We have the materials for this job, see Peter Harper.
2. Lower hedge near cemetery to allow visibility of cemetery from Balsom Close. Help prevent vandalism. (take cuttings away).
3. Cut back bind weed on footpath CH30/1 Balsom Close to Cemetery
4. Cut back banking near drain on Court St refer to Trish Baxter.
5. Clear brambles etc near access to sewerage works.
6. Clear overhangs on Fore St near Plumbtree Cottage
7. Tidy around the Band Hut.

A site meeting was arranged for Friday 7th December.

Parish Councillor Stella Abbey reported on a meeting in Chard:- SSDC's advertising protocol will be enforced. Local groups can advertise 4 weeks before their event but they need to remove the signs within 2 weeks of the end of the event. The Clerk has written to Thorncombe PC advising them of this rule.

1586 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Andrew Partridge declared an interest in agenda item 9a

1587 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON 7th November 2007

The Chairman signed the minutes, as a true record.

1588 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN/TO BE TAKEN

- a) Access to Composting Site. The Chairman has spoken to Robert Shearer regarding the PC's concerns over the compost site, damage to the grass & run off. Robert will monitor the site. Boarding has been found for the front so it was decided not to offer a donation of £50-00.
- b) Is there a need for a Parish Plan? Yes we must progress with a Parish Plan and make an allowance in the precept for 2008-2009. However it was agreed that for a Parish Plan to proceed there would have to be a separate committee formed with a separate Chairman.
- c) Define a 'Shopping List' for projects, indicating anticipated spend. Church Yard Wall, Cemetery Gates,

1589 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Application 07/04714/FUL Polytunnel @ Whatley Farm, the PC recommends approval of this application.
- b) Application 07/05113/FUL Extension @ Cheese Factory Cricket St Thomas, the PC has no objection to this application.

1590 AMENITIES

- a) *Councillor Mr Peter Harper:-* No additional problems to add to the ones we are already aware of. Our thanks should be extended to Mr L Dowell for repairing the seat.
- b) *Councillor Mrs Stella Abbey reported:-* Nothing further to report regarding footpath CH8/1.
- c) The surface of footpath CH30/1 has gone spongy again. This has been reported to Paul Attwell of SSDC.

1591 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques were signed for Clerk's Salary & Grass Cutting
- b) Members decided not to claim allowances for the financial year 2008-2009.
- c) The Clerk presented an outline of the precept. A spread sheet was made available to all Members present. It was decided to set the precept at £12,692-00. The highest anticipated spend over the next 12 month would be for repairs to the Church Yard Wall on the Pooles Lane side, followed by a cemetery gate fund and a Parish Plan contingency.

1592 CEMETERY

Councillor Andrew Partridge reported: - No major issues to report..

1593 RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE/ SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

Councillor Mrs Stella Abbey reported:- The tree reported at the last meeting will have to come down. At a cost of between £250 & £450.

1594 JUBILEE HALL

Councillor Mrs Stella Abbey reported: - "A Life in the Year" on the 29th went extremely well. Tickets are on sale for the New Years Eve party.

1595 HIGHWAYS

The meeting with Colin Fletcher was very productive, the following action was agreed and should be implemented by the end of this financial year:-

- 1) Two monitoring kits will be fitted, one on the Church site of Court St and the other on the up side of Bakersfield. These will give a record of traffic volume & speed, good for future reference.
- 2) The yellow hatched box outside the Jubilee Hall will be extended by two kerb lengths in a northerly direction to improve access for Manor Cottage No 4 Church St.
- 3) The white line at the junction of Church St & Fore St will be extended around onto Church St to improve visibility by advising no parking on the junction.
- 4) There will be a shadow footpath along Western Way by the wall of Post Office House to a point opposite the War Memorial steps.
- 5) County will move the 30 MPH signs, on the northern approach to the village, towards the open area near the allotments, improving their visibility.
- 6) There will be new 30 MPH signs on the Western approach (Western Way) and the Eastern approach (High St & Crewkerne Hill). These signs to have the words WINSHAM on them. There are at present no village name signs on the easterly & westerly approaches.
- 7) There will be 30 MPH markings on the carriageways, north, south, east & west, to help slow down traffic.
- 8) The school sign on Western Way near Bolsom Close will be tightened.
- 9) There will be improved signage at the bend near Whatley Cross.

1596 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Area West Committee (Information for Members on Speed Watch & Area West Development Plan)
- b) SALC (worth a read).
- c) Membership of South Somerset Association for Voluntary & Community Action Ltd. SSVCA (free).
- d) Future Waste Planning response by 15th December
- e) SSDC's Comprehensive Performance Assessment January 2008.
- f) Minutes of SSDC Standards Committee

- g) Letter from Age Concern
- h) Home Meals Delivery
- i) Somerset Strategic Partnership 7th Jan & 9th Jan

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

1597 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Ownership of The Cross near The George. A letter is to be written to the owner's agent pointing out that the cross is on the public highway.
- b) Chapel Lane, make it an officially named lane with its own post code. It was decided not to recommend this action.
- c) Mobile Phone Mast in Church Tower. Whilst not opposing the proposal in principle the PC has some concerns over the proximity of the mast to the school. The PC's preferred siting of a mast would be on the Upper Recreation Ground. They appreciate that the Church is looking for an income and suggest that the revenue from a mast on the Upper recreation Ground could be diverted to this church restoration project for an agreed period of time.
- d) Wording on Dennis Shaw's memorial plaque was agreed.
- e) The Clerk has written to Hastoe about weeds.

1598 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of The Parish Council will held on Wednesday 9th January 2008 for 7-30 pm meet in the Jubilee Hall.

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