

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

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1438 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Those present: -	Mr Colin Slade	Chairman
	Mr Peter Pye	Vice Chairman
	Mrs Hazel Duke	
	Mr Peter Harper	
	Mr Roger Beer	
	Miss Trish Baxter	
	Mr Bert Froud	
	Mrs Nicola Slade	
District Councillor	Mrs Stella Abbey.	
County Councillor	Mr Tony Shire	
Parish Clerk:	Mr.Frank Vaughan.	
Public	Mr Robin Munday	
Apologies:	None	

1439 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Robin Munday attended to observe, as a prospective candidate (Lib Dem) for the District Elections in May.

1440 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

District Councillor Mrs Stella Abbey reported: - The Unitary Authority submissions have been made by SSDC & SCC to Central Government. A response from Central Government is expected in late March. SSDC's council tax has been set with an increase of 3.96%. The precept set by each parish is now available; Winsham set a 0% increase i.e. no change. The boundary review has been shelved awaiting the local government reorganisation.

Improvements to footpath CH 30/1 are now in progress.

Chairman Mr Colin Slade thanked Tony Shire for a donation of £750-00 from his community fund towards access improvements to the Lower recreation Ground.

County Councillor Mr Tony Shire The County Council is setting up District Boards along District Boundaries which will come into being regardless of the government's decision on local government reorganisation. A letter has been sent to all parishes outlining the structure of the new 'Community Boards'. The next meeting of the South Somerset Area Panel will be in The Victoria Hall Crewkerne on 24th April commencing 6-45 pm. The County Council has set a precept with an increase of 3.9%, the lowest in the country.

The weight restriction on Knapp Bridge is still outstanding awaiting a reply from Mr Goddard.

Regardless of Mr Goddard's response the PC strongly believe that the weight restriction should be higher than the 3 Tons set at present.

1441 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No interests were declared.

1442 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7th February 2007

The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

1443 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN/TO BE TAKEN

- a) Regarding foot path CH 8/1 @ Cricket St Thomas. The PC has received a response from the CC naming Tim Newman, their Rights of way Enforcement Officer, as our point of contact. The Clerk will be writing to Tim for a progress report. The PC is also in contact with the Ramblers Association. Mr Tony Shire asked to be copied in on correspondence with County.

1444 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Application 07/00813/FUL Change of Use of Land @ Stonefield House, approved by the PC.

1445 AMENITIES

Bits of the bus shelter are missing. Councillor Mr Peter Pye reported no safety hazards on the Lower Recreation Ground.

1446 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques were signed for Clerk's salary, Conservation Resources & Playground Inspection Training.
- b) Grant of £750-00 has been received from Councillor Tony Shire, Re: Recreation Ground Access.

1447 CEMETERY

- a) No Report

1448 RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE/ SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

Stella Abbey reported: - The Football Clubs request for a grant of £7800-00 will go before SSDC's Area West Committee in April; they are very likely to get it. Matches have been cancelled recently due to wet weather.

1449 JUBILEE HALL

- a) No Report

1450 HIGHWAYS

- a) The road towards the Squirrel has not been repaired by Dorset. Clerk to chase again
- b) The drains at Chalkway are blocked, noted by Tony Shire.

1451 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Review of Quality Parish Council Scheme
- b) Audit Commission
- c) PCSO's What You Need to Know
- d) Consultation on Code of Conduct
- e) Enjoy England (St George's Day)
- f) Promotion of Local Elections
- g) East Somerset Unitary Submission
- h) ViSTA Voluntary Sector Training

This list of correspondence was circulated prior to the meeting & made available to all members who attended the meeting. Some Members did not receive the correspondence in advance of the meeting. The Clerk will start to circulate correspondence 9 days before each meeting.

1452 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) **Nominations for the Parish Council elections in May ; papers were made available to all Members. The closing date for nominations is Noon on Wednesday 4th April. The election is now advertised on the board, in the shop & on the web site. The Clerk holds copies of nomination papers.**
- b) Neighbourhood Watch, It was agreed again to advertise the post of Co-ordinator.
- c) The PC now has sole use of the large committee room on the 1st Wednesday.

1453 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of The Parish Council will held on Wednesday 4th April for 7-30 pm in The Jubilee Hall.

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