

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 1st August 2007

At the The Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

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1526 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	
	Mr Bert Froud	
District Councillor	Mr Robin Munday.	
County Councillor	Mr Tony Shire	
Parish Clerk:	Mr.Frank Vaughan.	
Public	Mr Garry Frecknall, Mr Nick George, Mr Richard Rose, Mr Frank Stuttard & Mr Ron Bailiff.	
Apologies:	Mrs Maxine Douglass.	

1527 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Frank Stuttard read from a prepared statement, objecting to planning application 07/03355/FUL, bungalow @ Post Office House.

Mr Richard Rose representing Winsham Shop Ltd stated that the shop would not be affected by the above development.

1528 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No interests were declared

1529 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4th July 2007

The Chairman signed the minutes, as a true record.

1530 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION

TAKEN/TO BE TAKEN

- a) Yew Tree in Church Yard, the estimate was accepted from Woodland & Garden Tree Services, £190-00 plus VAT for cutting out the dead wood.
- b) The condition of wall between the Church Yard & Pooles Lane was thought not to be serious.
- c) Publicity 'Affordable Homes'. It was decided to write to the Chard & Ilminster with photographs & a press release trying again to get positive publicity for Winsham.

1531 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Application 07/02903/FUL 24 Bedrooms @ Cricket Hotel. One Member queried the design of the Dining Hall, otherwise no comment.
- b) Application 07/01999/FUL Post Office House Withdrawn.
- c) Application 07/03355/FUL. Post Office House. The application was recommended for refusal for the following reasons:-
The parish council recommend refusal of this application on highway grounds, which are consistent with the comments made by Tan McWilliams (Planning Liaison Officer Somerset County Council) in his letter dated 22nd May 2007, in response to planning application 07/01999/FUL. Although the planned vehicle movements, in this new submission, have been reduced by half the underlying fact remains that there is concern regarding the vehicular access to the site given the restricted visibility that could be achieved due to the presence of the boundary wall that fronts the highway at this point. Additionally the parish council is concerned about the lack of parking for visitors.
The access granted under application 04/00770/FUL was meant to improve the safety for all road users by moving it away from the junction with Church St. The parish council question why this application has not yet been implemented.
- e) Application 07/03005/COU, Grazing Land to Mobile Clay Pigeon Shoot @ Cricket St Thomas, no objections.

1532 AMENITIES & RIGHTS OF WAY

Councillor Mr Peter Harper reported:-

- a) The Spring Chicken is still missing a nut.

Councillor Mrs Stella Abbey reported:-

- a) The section of highway at Broadenham Lane has still not been designated as a footpath. Can Councillor Mr Tony Shire chase this matter?
- b) We have cleared a double stile on Mr Hammett's land.

1533 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques were signed for Clerk's salary & Playing Fields Association.
- b) If we spend all the monies allocated in this financial year we will have

£43-84p left in our account, however some monies will not need to be spent. We have to be careful with our budget. This matter is to be discussed at our September meeting.

1534 WALK ABOUT

The following points were raised during the walk about:-

- a) The cemetery gate is broken & needs replacing sooner rather than later. In the recent past it has been proposed that a wrought iron gate be fitted, however no progress has been made. We need an appropriate design and then probably independent funding. A professionally made gate could cost between £2000 & £2500. At this time the PC can not fund this amount.
- b) The equipment on the Lower Recreation Ground is in need of painting, are there any volunteers who can help?
- c) Improvements to the junction near the War Memorial are our upper most priority. We have place a contract with KDJ Slade to open a new access from the Lower Recreation Ground on to the War Memorial Steps which is designed to encourage pedestrians away from the main road. We now need the County Council to provide a pavement on the opposite side of Western Way.

1535 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Small Grants Somerset Community Foundation
- b) Youth Development Fund
- c) Letter from Mr Andrew Whitehouse Re: Red Gate. It was decided to write to the County Council to see if they could ask Mr Whitehouse to change the gate.
- d) SSDC's Performance Plan
- e) Dorset CC Core Strategy Issues & Options
- f) Playing Fields News Letter
- g) Letter from SALC re: Planning White Paper. This correspondence was passed to Councillor Mrs Stella Abbey & copied to Councillor Bert Froud.

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

1536 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

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