

# WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2007

At the The Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

## Draft Issue 1

### **1537 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	
	Mrs Maxine Douglass	
District Councillor	Mr Robin Munday.	
Parish Clerk:	Mr.Frank Vaughan.	
Police	PC Charlotte Rogers	
Public	Mrs Marjorie Fowler	
Apologies:	Mr Bert Froud, Mr Tony Shire.	

### **1538 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

*Mrs Marjorie Fowler* requests that the PC write to Magna Housing regarding the hedge between No 13 & 14 Bakersfield. The hedge is on No 13's side and is taking light from No 14. The Clerk will write to Magna.

### **1539 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

*District Councillor Mr Robin Munday reported:* The advertising protocol will be discussed at the Area West meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> September. Roger Wotton the Senior Enforcement Planner will give an oral presentation on the content of the protocol. In a recent 'Streetscene' report Winsham came out as follows: - 39% Good, 61% fair, note that 50% good is the target, so there is room for improvement. Robin goes out regularly with the 'Streetscene' inspectors & will attend the next Winsham inspection. Feedback on the Community Forum held on 21<sup>st</sup> February indicates that all funding went to Chard. It is now proposed to create new Sub-committees to oversee future Community Forum events, Robin will be on all three Sub-committees. Area West will be allocated £75,000. Winsham should make a bid now for future funding. The approach to 'Development Control' is undergoing rapid change, what can be

classed as permitted development is to be extended way beyond what is currently allowed. Where will the PC's role be under the new rules? Robin suggested that in the near future we invite Dave Norris Area West Team Leader to explain the new approach.

#### **1540 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Andrew Partridge declared an interest in agenda item 9a & 10b. Councillors Mrs Stella Abbey & Mrs Mary Haggard declared an interest in item 9b.

#### **1541 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2007**

The Chairman signed the minutes, as a true record.

#### **1542 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN/TO BE TAKEN**

- a) The next meeting of the South Somerset Working Panel will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> September for 7pm in North Cadbury. The Clerk will attend.

#### **1543 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- a) Application 07/0377/FUL Divide Dwelling @ Clay Pot. The Parish Council approves this application. This property was previously two dwellings. Access is fine and there is a good regular bus service passing the property. The property is close too & forms part of the hamlet of Whatley and is not isolated in the countryside.
- b) Statement of Community Involvement & The Local Development Framework (Visit by Jo Wilkins Policy Planner in November). Noted by Members.
- c) Application 07/03650/FUL sun room Old Granary Ammerham, revised plans. Approval recommended to SSDC
- d) Application 07/02903/FUL Cricket Hotel complex, permitted by SSDC.
- e) TCA application 07/03868/TCA yew tree in Winsham church yard, noted.
- f) Application 07/03355/FUL, bungalow @ Post Office House has been withdrawn.

## **1544 AMENITIES**

*Councillor Mr Peter Harper reported:* - The missing nut on the spring chicken has been replaced. I will do further repairs to the spring chicken over the winter. I have applied chain lube to the shackles. The rot on the multi unit is minor. The older slide needs painting.

*Councillor Mrs Stella Abbey reported* on the Broadenham Lane fiasco, how can it take years to declassify a highway to a footpath? Because the highway has been improved i.e. the drain installed it was decided not to continue pushing for declassification.

## **1545 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) Cheques were signed for Clerk's Salary, Grass Cutting, and Audit & Neighbourhood Watch.
- b) As discussed at our last meeting, we have to be careful with our budget, however it was decided that £250-00 could again be allocated to the Upper Recreation Ground Committee for grass cutting. A cheque was signed for this amount.

## **1546 CEMETERY**

*Councillor Andrew Partridge reported:-* Pots are still being moved & I put them back.

## **1547 RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE/ SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB**

*Councillor Mary Haggard reported:* - Later this month on a Saturday morning we will be having the official opening ceremony for the new changing rooms.

## **1548 JUBILEE HALL**

*Councillor Mrs Stella Abbey reported:* - The Jubilee Hall Committee is to organise a New Years Eve Party, all welcome.

## **1549 HIGHWAYS**

*Councillor Peter Harper reported:-* There has been extensive flooding in Purtington. Anthony Warren has been consulted.

## **1550 CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) One Council (Unitary) Not approved by Secretary of State.
- b) Gypsies Sites (Public Consultation)
- c) Dorset CC Core Strategy Document
- d) Police & Neighbourhood Watch News Letters
- e) Playing Field Association News Letter
- f) Tour of Britain Cycle Race in Somerset 11<sup>th</sup> September
- g) Joint strategy day, Mendip & SSDC 25<sup>th</sup> September The Bishop's Palace Wells.
- h) SSDC "Advertising Protocol" Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 5-30pm Crowshute House Chard. Councillor Stella Abbey to attend.
- i) Footpaths, invitation to a workshop Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October @ Norton Sub Hamdon Village Hall for 10am.
- j) Community Council AGM @ Edington Village Hall Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September for 7-30pm.
- k) SALC AGM plus workshop on "Local Government Provision" Barrington Village Hall Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September for 10-30am.
- l) New Councillor's training @ Glastonbury on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November & Badgworth on 25<sup>th</sup> October.
- m) Waterlinks bid for £50 million & The River Festival @ French Weir Park on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

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

## **1551 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) Street Lighting, Provision in Colham Lane & Removal in Court St. (Needs 100% Funding by Parish). We await costing of provision from County.
- b) Painting of Lower Recreation Ground Marjorie Fowler volunteered Norman.
- c) Paint to be provided by the PC.
- d) Bolts are loose on the gates, CH30/1. Clerk has tightened them.
- e) The Chairman suggested that the Horticultural Society be asked to take on a project to improve the appearance of the Lower Recreation Ground.

Councillor Ms Trish Baxter will put the proposition forward at their next meeting.

**1552 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of The Parish Council will held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October for 7-30 pm meet in the Jubilee Hall.

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