

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 3rd October 2007

At the The Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

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1553 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Those present: - Mr Roger Beer Chairman
Mr Bert Froud
Mr Peter Harper
Miss Trish Baxter
Mrs Stella Abbey
Mrs Mary Haggard
Mr Andrew Partridge
Mrs Maxine Douglass
County Councillor: Mr Tony Shire
Parish Clerk: Mr. Frank Vaughan.
Public Mr Peter Pye
Apologies: Mrs Hazel Duke, Mr Robin Munday

1554 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Peter Pye is concerned about the dangerous parking at the '5 Ways Junction' , particularly on the corner near the telephone box, what can be done about it?

Repairs to the road in Lime Kiln Lane are of mixed quality, some patching is good & some is poor and a chunk of tarmac is still displaced at the bottom of the hill near the stream. This was noted by Councillor Tony Shire.

Footpath CH 8/1 is a legal right of way but the land owner has not cleared the obstruction on the path. He was informed by the previous owner that the footpath was closed. It is an established fact that this is not the case. I am informed that the County Council has passed the case back to the District Council for 'Enforcement'. I ask, what progress has the District Council made on the enforcement?

1555 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

County Councillor Mr Tony Shire reported: It will be very expensive to reclassify Broadenham Lane from a highway to a footpath, however the way forward is to issue a 'Traffic Reduction Order' banning vehicular access making it pedestrian only. The District Council can then maintain this as a footpath. Please refer to Roger Tyson @ County Highways.

1556 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Andrew Partridge declared an interest in agenda item 9a

1557 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5th SEPTEMBER 2007

The Chairman signed the minutes, as a true record.

1558 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN/TO BE TAKEN

- a) Traffic Management through Winsham (How to move forward?). Our bid for funding through the South Somerset Working Panel did not succeed. For traffic management including parking issues to progress we are advised by Tony Shire, in the first instance, to contact Colin Fletcher (Area Highways Manager) at County Highways and arrange a site visit, where feasibility and costing can be discussed. County Councillor Tony Shire would like to attend this meeting. We are also advised to consider a 'Parish Plan' for which funding is available. All these points will tick boxes when seeking county funding for projects.
- b) Bids for Funding from the Chard Community Forum. Organisations, other than the Parish Council, can apply for funding from 'The Chard Community Forum'.
- c) Bids for other funding by the Parish Council via SSDC. The PC needs a shopping list, cemetery gates, church yard wall repair fund, playground repair fund, are a start. We should contact the District Council (Zoe in Andrew Gillespie's office)

1559 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Tree Preservation Order Woodland near Leigh Lodge. Members were made aware of the order.
- b) Application 07/04050/FUL Holiday Lodges & London Lodge.

Winsham Parish Council recommends refusal of this application for the following reasons:-

1. Adverse visual impact in an 'Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty'.
2. Danger for traffic leaving the site. Vehicles have to merge with traffic travelling at 50 mph along the A30. The proposed junction with the A30 is shaded in trees. Drivers on the A30 travelling west towards Chard have the evening sun in their face. Vehicles merging from London Lodge, in the

shade, can be difficult to see.

3. Adverse impact on immediate neighbours.
4. Intrusion of light into the countryside at night.
5. Over development.

1560 AMENITIES

Councillor Mr Peter Harper reported: - As a result of points brought to our attention from the 'Annual Playground Inspection' and the more recent vandalism, I am concerned about the condition of some of the play equipment and the seating. I am happy to continue to carry out regular inspections and minor repairs but it is not reasonable to ask or expect me to maintain all the equipment, what can be done?

It was decided to ask Mr L Dowell to carry out repairs to the vandalised equipment and to repair or remove the seat & picnic table. The Clerk has written to Mr Dowell.

Footpath Prioritisation (Ramblers' Association) fears that the District Council's plan to prioritise footpaths according to their use will result in little use paths becoming overgrown. The PC supports this concern.

1561 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques were signed for Clerk's Salary, Liberty Trail Grass Cut, G B Sports & SSDC for Playground Inspection.
- b) St Stephens Winsham has asked for a contribution from the PC towards the Church refurbishment. The PC can offer a grant under the 'Free Resources' although this is limited by statute. The amount available will be considered when the precept is set.

1562 CEMETERY

Councillor Andrew Partridge reported: - The next grass cut of the cemetery will be the last planned one.

1563 RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE/ SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

Councillor Mary Haggard reported: - The official opening of the new changing rooms will take place this Saturday 6th October. The Recreation Ground Committee now needs to consider the most appropriate use of space on the field particularly with a view to improving youth facilities. We will be looking to applying for grants from SSDC & others.

1564 JUBILEE HALL

Councillor Mrs Stella Abbey reported: - A couple of activities scheduled, Take Art November 29th & New Years Eve Party 31st December, all welcome. Please note that when the café area is needed for any other activity the café can be closed.

1565 HIGHWAYS

Councillor Bert Froud reported: -

- a) Street Lighting @ £431.16 per Light is outside the scope of the PC.
- b) Hedges on Colham Lane, a request for a site meeting will be made to County Highways.
- c) No Notification of Closure of Knapp Bridge, why? This seems to have been an error on the part of Highways, unless it was an emergency closure. It caused problems for James Goddard, when he needed to move sheep. Tony Shire will investigate,

1566 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) South Somerset Area Working Panel (Report)
- b) Waste (Public Consultation @ Yeovil Library 25th October 9-30am – 4-00pm
- c) Somerset Waste Partnership starts 15th October.
- d) HGV Pinch Point Consultation
- e) Tree Talk
- f) Withdrawal of Bring Bins by SSDC
- g) Availability of Local Plan
- h) Home Aid Partnership Scheme
- i) Community Council News Letter
- j) Mendip Housing (Annual Report)
- k) Defra Ways to Tackle Climate Change
- l) Heritage Road Show 13th October
- m) Standards Board News Letter

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

1567 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Neighbourhood Watch Signs. Many thanks to John Gapper for progressing this. The PC welcome his efforts

- b) Weeds in Bolsam Close. Martin Short of Hastoe has this in hand.
- c) The History of Winsham Parish Council is now available on the web site thanks to Nick George & John Sullivan.
- d) Composting by the school was & still is supported by the PC but there is concern about access & potential damage to the grass on the path. Robert Shearer has been asked to come along to the next meeting.

1568 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

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