

# WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on May 7th 2008

At the The Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

## **1672 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	
	Mr Peter Harper	
	Mrs Maxine Douglas	
Parish Clerk:	Mrs Elaine Willis	
Public	None	
Apologies:	Mr Robin Munday	
	Mr Tony Shire	

## **1673 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

None

## **1674 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

Councillor Roger Beer reported that County Councillor Tony Shire advises the school to continue with trying to federate with Ashill, Thorncombe or Tatworth schools

## **1675 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Andrew Partridge declared an interest in Financial item d.

## **1676 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2008**

The Chairman signed the minutes, as a true record.

## **1677 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN/TO BE TAKEN**

a) The Parish Council decided to look into the costs and implication of taking over running the allotment from the district council.

*Action – Councillor Stella Abbey and Councillor John Gapper to source*

b) SSDC Playground Inspection Report.

*Action -Councillor Andrew Partridge will look into the report and assess the equipment and then liaise with Councillor Roger Beer*

c) Church Wall - There has only been one quote so far from Transept of £5471.89. The Church wall has now been sprayed.

*Acton – await further quotes.*

d) Bus shelter roof – Councillor Roger Beer has discussed the matter with Mr Colin Slade.

*Action – await a quote*

e) Arthur Davies has given the Parish old documents relating to Leigh House and the playground. The documents will be held in the Parish office. Any interested parties may look at them.

f) The Church council have requested that an area of the Church yard be left for wildflowers. Councillor Andrew Partridge has liaised with Richard Rose and agreed an area. A letter to the Church Council has been drafted and approved by the Parish Council

*Action – Clerk to forward letter to Church Council stating conditions.*

g) Phone Masts. Councillor Stella Abbey has sent letters to two phone companies about this matter. Councillor Stella Abbey reported that the Recreation Ground committee would not approve of a mast on the recreation ground and that the Church has not progressed further with their enquiries. There was a discussion about the use of the small piece of land by the band hut but the council are unsure about who owns this.

*Action – await reply from phone companies.*

### **1678 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE SCHOOL MEETING.**

*Action – Clerk to draft a letter to the Children's and Young Persons*

*Directorate*

### **1679 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Councillor Stella Abbey requested that when planning applications are written on the agenda they clearly state where they are located.

- a) Application 08/00567/FUL – conversion of coach house to holiday cttg – Granted by SSDC
- b) Application 08/00854/FUL – Teazle Cttg extension – Granted by SSDC
- c) Application 08/00500/FUL – Wings Court Street Extension – Granted by SSDC
- d) Application 08/0178/FUL Plum Tree cttg. erection of 2 semi-detached dwellings – a separate meeting is to be held on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

### **1680 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) Cheques signed for Clerks salary, Community Council for Somerset, repair of recreation ground seat, weed killer and hedge cutting.
- b) The annual accounts were agreed and signed.
- c) Forms for the external auditor were agreed and signed.

### **1681 CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) J Shaw – Thank you
- b) St Margaret's Hospice
- c) SCC School survey
- d) NALC
- e) T Shire £471
- f) Community engagement course
- g) THATCH
- h) Highways re: speed limit sign (Frecknall)
- i) S Somerset together AGM
- j) S Somerset Together Sustainable Community
- k) SSDC Standards Committee
- l) SSDC Local development framework
- m) Road closure, station rd, Tatworth & Forton

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

**1682 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) Councillor Andrew Partridge informed the council that the recreation ground seat will be back in situ next week.
- b) There is concern about the compost area at the school playing field. The compost is now spilling out onto the path.

*Action – Clerk to write to Robert Shearer*

- c) Aspirational Project – Councillor Trish Baxter suggested a seat be put opposite Court Street for people waiting for the bus. The council were unsure about the safety issue and whether this was an official bus stop.

Councillor Stella Abbey suggested a hard court for the recreation ground for the youth of the parish.

Councillor Maxine Douglas reported that Sarah Love was starting a youth Council. The Parish Council would welcome any input from the youth council and would welcome them to Public question time at the start of a meeting. Councillor Roger Beer also offered to attend one of their meetings.

*Action – Councillor Maxine Douglass to forward this information to Sarah Love.*

**1683 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary meeting of The Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 6th June 2008 for 7-30 pm meet in the Jubilee Hall.

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