

# WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on June 4th 2008

At the The Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

## **1684 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	
	Mrs Maxine Douglas	
	Mr John Gapper	
	Mr Robin Munday (district councillor)	
	Mr Tony Shire (county councillor)	
Parish Clerk:	Mrs Elaine Willis	
Public	Robert Shearer	
Apologies:	Mr Peter Harper	

## **1685 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Mr Robert Shearer reported on the compost site at the school playing fields. They have tidied up the area and plan to stop using the wood bay – a notice has been put up but unfortunately some members of the public are still using it. The compost site is working well, they will use the 3<sup>rd</sup> bay for compost once the wood is cleared. They require more panels for the front of the bays and hopefully a supply has been found. Councillor John Gapper suggested putting a notice in the parish magazine and the e – letter about the wood.

## **1686 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

Councillor Tony Shire – South Somerset Area Panel have changed their funding for this year. They will be allocated £5000 (as normal) and £15000 for local area agreement themes. More information on types of projects at the next meeting. All bids will have to be in by the 28<sup>th</sup> November.

The new park and ride on the east side of Taunton will start in the Autumn (A358).

Tony Shire is now responsible for cycling in Somerset.

Councillor Robin Munday – Area West have now purchased a traffic monitoring machine which could help confirm or otherwise problem areas. All 5 districts in Somerset meet on the 16<sup>th</sup> June to discuss the process of Partnership Working. Area West meet on 18<sup>th</sup> June when there will be reports on homelessness and Opportunity Chard events. Area West had a

financial overspend of £13000 mainly due to the loss of income from markets. Robin Munday is now the holder for finance which includes numerous roles.

### **1687 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Andrew Partridge declared an interest in items 9C & 9E

### **1688 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7th May 2008**

The Chairman signed the minutes, as a true record.

### **1689 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN/TO BE TAKEN**

- a) Allotments – Councillor Stella Abbey contacted Martock about their system but as the land has been given to the parish and they have 48 allotments it is not relevant to our situation. *Action – Councillor Stella Abbey to continue with lines of enquiries*
- b) Church Wall – Slades have given a quote of £1912.36 + VAT – this has been accepted and hopefully work will start soon
- c) Bus Shelter – Councillor Roger Beer is still trying to come up with a suitable solution and continues discussions with Colin Slade.
- d) Aspirational Project – Councillor Mary Haggard suggested a covered area in the recreation ground for football supporters and other users. *Action – wait for more information regarding funding from Councillor Tony Shire and recreation committee to investigate further.*
- e) Phone Masts – Councillor Stella Abbey has spoken to Orange, they are not keen on masts in churches as there is still a lot of cables etc on show, they are not likely to pursue this further but will send an engineer to their phone mast to see if they can improve the signal. New technology is underway to boost mobile phone signals via individual internet connections. *No further action required.*

### **1690 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- a) Application 08/01781/FUL Plum Tree Cttg Fore St, 2 semi detached dwellings – Recommend approval with conditions
- b) Application 07/05199/LBC – repairs to 19 Church Street – Granted by SSDC
- c) Application 08/01893/FUL Chalkway Mill, Limekiln Lane, single storey extension – Recommend approval
- d) Application 08/01901/FUL Chalkway Mill, Limekiln Lane, Barn Conversion – recommend approval
- e) Application 08/01913/FUL Alterations & demolition of conservatory and erection of 3 storey extension, Ammerham Mill – Recommend approval
- f) Application 08/01048/LBC – Removal of tiles etc Lullingstone, Fore Street – Granted by SSDC

### **1691 AMENITIES & RIGHTS OF WAY**

a) Councillor Andrew Partridge reported – The childrens swings are in need of a paint. There is slight rot on the chicken and climber but it is not urgent. The nails have been hammered back in the bench.

Councillor Stella Abbey reported that the path has been enclosed on liberty trail because too many dogs have been fouling in the farmers hay and this has had to be destroyed. There were

concerns that this may lead to a problem cutting the path.

Councillor John Gapper reported that the end kissing gate needs urgent repair. *Action Councillor Stella Abbey to liaise with the district council.*

b) Upgrading of restricted byways to open to all traffic on CH30/22 has now been refused. This means that motorised vehicles are no longer allowed on this path except if they have private vehicle rights. Councillor Roger Beer asked what criteria the council used to decide this – Councillor Tony Shire will forward this information.

### **1692 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) Cheques signed for Clerks salary, Jubilee Hall, Grass cutting, Liberty trail cut, neighbourhood watch.

A discussion followed on value for money of the Jubilee Hall rent. The council felt there was room for negotiation but will pay £500 this year. *Action – Clerk to write to Jubilee Hall and ask for a negotiated price.*

### **1693 CEMETRY**

Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that the concrete left from the Northcombe grave has still not been removed – *Action – Clerk to phone funeral directors again.*

Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that the last grave had sunk considerably below ground level. E Partridge has kindly filled this in.

- b) The memorial stone has been agreed – clerk to confirm

### **1694 UPPER RECREATION GROUND**

The committee are waiting for the second pitch to be marked so they can discuss future developments for youth facilities. Councillor Hazel Duke suggested getting the young people involved in the discussions.

### **1695 JUBILEE HALL**

Councillor Maxine Douglass reported that The Jubilee Hall has purchased new tables and chairs for the café and outside. They are now covering their costs with the bookings. Complaints have been made about the café signs in the window – these will now be removed.

### **1696 HIGHWAYS**

Traffic calming - The white lines and 30mph signs have been painted on the road. There has been no further developments with speed monitoring – *Action clerk to email Colin Fletcher and Tony Shire*

The drain issue seems to have been resolved in Bakersfield

### **1697 CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Affordable Housing
- b) SCSN
- c) SALC – Councillors John Gapper and Stella Abbey to attend the next meeting.
- d) Clerks & Councils Direct – request for more copies – clerk to phone
- e) Local Councils Update
- f) The Playing Field
- g) SSDC Area West Committee
- h) SSDC Standards Committee

- i) Planned works 19<sup>th</sup> May
- j) David Laws 30<sup>th</sup> July
- k) SALC courses

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

**1698 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) Councillor Tony Shire was asked about the format for the school meetings – he was unsure of the procedure but will try and keep the parish council informed.
- b) Councillor Mary Haggard reported that the number 99 Bus has been exceeding the speed limit. *Action – clerk to send information to Tony Shire who is responsible for public transport.*
- c) The road sweeper will be here on 26<sup>th</sup> June and cars will be asked to be moved.

**1683 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary meeting of The Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 2nd July 2008 for 7-30 pm meet in the Jubilee Hall.

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