

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on July 2nd 2008
At the The Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

1700 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Those present: -	Mr Roger Beer	Chairman
	Miss Trish Baxter	
	Mrs Stella Abbey	
	Mrs Mary Haggard	
	Mr Andrew Partridge	
	Mr John Gapper	
	Mr Peter Harper	
	Mr Robin Munday (district councillor)	
	Mr Tony Shire (county councillor)	
Parish Clerk:	Mrs Elaine Willis	
Public	None	
Apologies:	Mrs Maxine Douglas	
	Mrs Hazel Duke	Vice Chairman

1701 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None

1702 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Tony Shire – reported on the recommendation being put forward to the Executive Committee on the future of Winsham school – The recommendation is that the school continues to proceed towards a hard federation and that the school will now be reviewed along with all schools in Crewkerne, Chard and Ilminster to assess the structure of schools. The report is due in the summer of 2009. The board also states that due to the size of the school its viability will always be called into question. Councillor Roger Beer commented that the whole process so far has taken up a lot of time for teaching staff etc and requested that any further disruption be kept to a minimum. Tony Shire replied that as all the ground work has now been completed it will just be a case of updating information.

The planning for Greenways at Cricket St Thomas had come into County.

Councillor Robin Munday – reported that due to industrial action the Area West meetings on the 16th, 17th July are postponed until August. Strikes will not affect waste partnership.

Area west is still continuing with partnership working and there will be a report in 6 months time. For the next Opportunity Chard event the money will be allocated according to population size. Entry will be by ticket with 50% being given to the applicants and the remainder will be by request.

Councillor Robin Munday also wished to thank Winsham Street fair committee for a well organised event.

Clerk Elaine Willis was asked by the chair of governors of Winsham School to express thanks to Tony Shire and Robin Munday for their support

1703 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Andrew Partridge declared an interest in items 9b

1704 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4th June 2008

The Chairman signed the minutes, as a true record.

1705 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN/TO BE TAKEN

- a) Allotments – Councillor Stella Abbey reported that recent tenant problems have been resolved and that she now felt it was not necessary for the Parish Council to try and take over the management. They now have a good working relationship with the District Council. The committee was in agreement.
Action – Councillor Stella Abbey to continue with the post of allotment officer and report to the council as necessary.
- b) Church Wall – The project has been completed, *awaiting final bill.*
- c) Bus Shelter – Councillor Roger Beer has discussed the issue with Colin Slade and there are 2 options – 1/ solid wood ceiling, 2/ metal grid. The Parish Council decided on the wood ceiling dependent on cost.
Action – await estimate.
- d) Aspirational Project – Councillor Mary Haggard and Councillor Stella Abbey reported that the upper recreation ground committee are considering a hard court, small goal posts and a shelter. Councillor Roger Beer offered to attend one of their meetings. Councillor Robin Munday offered to speak to the sports development officer and ask for their input.
Action - to be pursued by the Recreation ground committee.
- e) Councillor John Gapper and Councillor Stella Abbey reported on the SALC meeting – There were discussion on “Power of Wellbeing”, Quality Councils, 2/3 of councillors have to be elected, can appoint specialist councillors for 1 year to aid with a certain project. More information on all topics to be sent out by SALC to the clerk.
- f) The Parish Council do not need separate copies of Clerks Council Direct as long as the issues are in the bag.
Action – Clerk to ensure this happens.
- g) Reply from the Jubilee Hall re: cost of Parish Office etc. Action to be discussed further in the August financial meeting with regards to cost, value for money, use to parish council and public.
Action – clerk to respond to the Jubilee Hal, look at alternatives & item to be put on the August agenda.

1706 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Application 08/0178/FUL – Plum Tree cttg – 2 dwellings – additional info on dormer & lintels
- b) Application 08/01893/FUL – Chalkway Mill, Limekiln Lane – single storey extension – Granted by SSDC
- c) Application 08/01901/FUL Conversion of Barn, Chalkway Mill – amendments (holiday let)

1707 AMENITIES & RIGHTS OF WAY

- a) Councillor Andrew Partridge reported –none
Councillor Stella Abbey reported Councillor John Gapper and herself had cut back some of the overgrown path behind Chapel House.
- b) The Parish Council decided to keep the subscription to Somerset Playing fields as it does contain information about legislation etc.
Action – Clerk to subscribe.

1708 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques signed for Clerks salary & expenses, Grass cutting.

1709 CEMETRY

Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that a member of public had seen a pair of pheasants pulling flowers out of vases. Teenagers had been spotted hanging about after dark. The concrete left from the Northcombe grave has still not been removed.

Action – Clerk to phone funeral directors again – (3rd time).

1710 UPPER RECREATION GROUND

Councillor Stella Abbey reported that the 2nd pitch had now been marked out.

1711 JUBILEE HALL

Councillor Roger Beer reported that the café staff are going through the process of obtaining CRB checks.

1712 HIGHWAYS

a) Councillor Peter Harper reported that the verges are very overgrown and that it has become a hazard and that speed signs had disappeared but have not been replaced.

Action - Peter Harper to report problem to area office.

b) The council felt that Highways had not completed everything that they promised to do at the end of last year.

Action – Clerk to find agreed list of works and contact Colin Fletcher again.

Councillor John Gapper reported that the police can loan speed watch cameras and train volunteers. There was a debate about having enough volunteers to man it.

1713 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Public Rights of Way Newsletter
- b) Developing the Somerset Cultural Strategy
- c) County Councillor Local Initiatives Budget – The Parish Council requested that this be kept in the folder.
- d) Community Council for Somerset – Annual Review
- e) Area West meeting 18th June
- f) Sports Arts & Leisure Leaflets
- g) Chard & Ilminster news
- h) Life Cycle UK
- i) Road Closure – Tatworth 10th July
- j) Building Design for West Dorset

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

1714 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Councillor Peter Harper requested that he be the first person to have the correspondence for each meeting as he normally gets very little time to digest the information.

Action - Councillor Peter Harper to collect the bag 2 weeks prior to the meeting and then forward it on.

b) Parish magazine – The Parish council felt that in order to keep continuity and distance the contributions to the Magazine should be done by the Clerk.

c) Councillor Roger Beer suggested that the October meeting should be cancelled due to Clerks leave.

1715 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of The Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 5th August 2008 for 7-30 pm meet in the Jubilee Hall. This will be a financial meeting.

The next Ordinary meeting of The Parish Council will be held on September 3rd September for 7-30pm meet in the Jubilee Hall.

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