

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on September 3rd 2008
At the The Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

1726 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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

1727 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None

1728 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Tony Shire – reported that he is donating £500 towards the cost of alterations to the bus shelter.

The County Council are trying to become more user friendly, the highways department have produced a series of leaflets to guide people through procedures. They are available to download from www.somerset.gov.uk/envservicestands.

Councillor Roger Beer asked about repair works outside the church, as some of the pavement had been repaired but there are other damaged areas which have not. Councillor Tony Shire replied that they have set intervention levels and depending on things such as risk management repairs are made at varying times, this ensures costs and risks are considered.

Councillor Roger Beer also commented that they still get big lorries having to turn as they are unable to get under the bridge and questioned whether improved signing may help. Councillor Tony Shire responded that some problems are due to Satellite navigation especially with international lorries. There are designated HGV routes in the county and unless there is a local delivery these should be routinely used. He also recommended taking note of companies and registration plates, also to liaise with Colin Fletcher. *Action: clerk to email highways re improved signs at Street Farm.*

Councillor Peter Harper reported that he was having difficulty getting hold of Anthony from highways. Councillor Tony Shire offered to help resolve this matter.

Councillor Robin Munday – reported that the district council have spent more than they have been allocated on footpath maintenance and that services in this area are likely to be streamlined, they would like to keep a liaison officer but more details once finalised will follow. The Parish Council could support their maintenance and allow for this in their precept.

The Institute of Public Finance are looking at grant procedures across the authorities. Portfolio holders are working with all partnerships to cut cost. South Somerset are looking at joining forces with other Somerset councils, if savings targets are not met they will be imposed by government. Grants have now been set for 3 years instead of being set annually.

1729 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

1730 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 30th July 2008

The Chairman signed the minutes, as a true record.

1731 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN/TO BE TAKEN

- a) Bus Shelter – Councillor Roger Beer reported that the timber is on order and as soon as it arrives work will commence. The Parish Council thanked Councillor Tony Shire for his donation.
- b) Jubilee Hall – Clerk Elaine Willis reported that the office in the Jubilee hall is rarely used by the public and that now there is a restricted internet service and no printer the time is not efficiently used. The council discussed buying a printer or paying the clerk costs of printing at home. The clerk replied that printing would cost 2pence a sheet. The council agreed to pay these costs instead of buying a separate council printer. The council also discussed the use of the office and agreed on a trial period of using the office one a month and the clerk working from home the remaining time. *Action: Clerk to relay this to the Jubilee Hall committee.*

1732 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Application 08/03013/FUL Erection of single storey extension (revised) Chalkway mill, Limekiln Lane. Recommend Approval
- b) Application 08/01913/FUL demolition of conservatory and erection of 3 storey extension, Ammerham Mill – appeal
- c) Application 08/02798/FUL 2 storey extension Leigh Lodge Forton, application withdrawn
- d) Application 08/02767/FUL single storey extension, 38 Davies Close,- granted by SSDC
- e) Application 08/02855/LBC Alterations & conversion of outbuilding & barn to 2 units of holiday accommodation & car port & lose box, East Whately Farm – Recommend approval
- f) Application 08/03515/TPO tree surgery – Oak – Higher Wynards, Court Street. Recommend approval of pruning whilst maintaining shape with guidance of arborist.

1733 AMENITIES & RIGHTS OF WAY

- a) Councillor Andrew Partridge reported – foxes have been making a bit of a mess in the playground. The grass is still growing, he will endeavour to spread the work out to minimise costs.
- b) Councillor Stella Abbey reported Councillor John Gapper has taken over the lead for footpaths.

1734 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques signed for Clerks salary & expenses, and external audit.

1735 CEMETRY

Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that the concrete from the Northcombe grave is still on someone else's. The clerk reported that she has contacted the funeral directors 3 times and they in turn have liaised with the stone masons who have promised to do this work.

Action – Clerk to phone funeral directors again – (4th time).

1736 UPPER RECREATION GROUND

Councillor Stella Abbey reported that the 2nd pitch has been a success and put to good use with a fun family day last weekend.

Councillor Mary Haggard reported that there was a youth meeting in the club with our PCSO. Subsequently a youth council has been formed. Sarah Love is chairperson and Sarah Derby is secretary, however it is expected to be largely run by the youth with guidance and support of some adults.

1737 JUBILEE HALL

Councillor Maxine Douglass has now resigned from the Jubilee hall and the Parish council and so Councillor Trish Baxter is now the council's representative. The Jubilee hall committee are looking to run some new computer courses and open these up to surrounding areas.

1738 HIGHWAYS

Councillor Peter Harper reported that the 30mph sign on Crewkerne Hill has not been replaced. Councillor Tony Shire reported that the roundels on the roads are now replacing signs especially if they were situated in hedges where they are often obstructed.

Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that there is a drain blocked between Davies Close and Bakersfield. *Action: Councillor Peter Harper to report to highways.*

1739 CORRESPONDENCE

- g) SALC, SALC Annual report & a/cs, AGM
- h) SSDC Standards committee
- i) SSDC Planning Enforcement
- j) SSDC Minutes Standard committee
- k) SSDC area west 20th August
- l) SSDC Minutes 6th August
- m) SSDC Complaints procedure
- n) Grassroots Grant
- o) SALC training
- p) Glasdon products
- q) SPFA annual report
- r) Local development framework AGM
- s) SSDC flood awareness workshop
- t) Clerks council Direct

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

1740 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Maxime Douglass has resigned from the Parish council. *Action: Clerk to advertise for a new councillor.*

1741 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary meeting of The Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 5th November 2008 for 7-30 pm meet in the Jubilee Hall.

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