

**WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on November 5th 2008**  
**At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham.**

**1742 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

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

**1743 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

None

**1744 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

Councillor Robin Munday – reported that the District Council are still working towards Area West joining with the other 4 areas; they are currently waiting for County to agree. A County officer will be represented on the committee; this will hopefully lead to a better understanding of the roles and divisions between District and County councils. One Parish Councillor will also be on the committee to represent all the local parishes. District Council are currently liaising with SALC on this issue.

The District Council has not lost any money in the recent financial events but has had to reinvest its money to safer and therefore less profitable institutions. There have been extra financial demands through the recent financial situation, including: decreased revenue from planning applications, home searches and local markets and an increase in expenditure following repossessions especially costs associated with emergency housing and Bed and Breakfast accommodation. The next financial quarter will need to balance out income and expenditure and inevitably this will mean savings will have to be made in some areas.

The Parish Council can apply for some of its councillors who are on different committees in the village to have dispensation – This would allow them the right to vote on these matters and as we are a small parish this maybe worth while. *Action – Clerk to contact Emily McGuinness for guidance.*

**1745 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Andrew Partridge declared an interest in items 9b

**1746 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

held on 3rd September 2008

The Chairman signed the minutes, as a true record.

### **1747 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 has arrived and we are now waiting for a carpenter to become available
- b) A new councillor has not yet come forward –*Action: Clerk to advertise again and Councillors to put forward suggestions.*

### **1748 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- a) Application 08/02850/FUL & 08/02851/FUL- Alterations to house and garage to form a study – East Whatley Farm - withdrawn
- b) Application 08/02852/FUL & 08/02855/LBC– conversion of outbuilding & barn to holiday accommodation – East Whatley Farm – withdrawn
- c) Application 08/03378/LBC – Alterations, renewal of roof, new windows, Dairy Cttg, Back Street. – recommend approval
- d) Application 08/01781/FUL Plum tree cttg, 2 semi detached dwellings – granted
- e) Application 08/04089/LBC – 2 storey extension, Leigh Lodge, Forton
- f) Application 08/03013/FUL – Single storey extension, Chalkway Mill, Limekiln Lane
- g) Application 08/03378/LBC – Amended plans, dairy cttg, Back street
- h) Application 08/03515/PTO – Oak tree surgery, Higher Wynards, Court street – granted
- i) Application 08/04330/FUL – Replace garage & store, change paddock to residential cartilage, greenhouse, polytunnel & pond, Wynards, Court Street. – recommend approval
- j) Application 08/04498/FUL – erection of agricultural building for livestock and storage, Western Way Land OS 9800 – Recommend refusal, building deemed disproportionate to land available.

### **1749 AMENITIES & RIGHTS OF WAY**

a) Councillor Andrew Partridge reported –The last of the grass cuts has now been made. Councillor John Gapper reported that he has recently walked all the paths close to Winsham (with a pair of clippers) and that all the gates and styles were accessible. He is yet to do the same to the paths around Whatley and Purtington but these are on his list.

Councillor Stella Abbey reported that the kissing gate at the end of Cemetery path needs replacing, or at least the post *Action Councillor John Gapper will liaise with County*

b) Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that he has looked at the annual risk assessment and made a start on some of the most pressing repairs. The wooden seat for the chicken will have to be replaced soon but would need a carpenter or enthusiast to take this job on.

The council agreed to order next years risk assessment.

Councillor Roger Beer commented that there were three areas on the risk assessment which need further consideration: 1/ the fencing to the road, 2/ the repairs to the safety surface and possible upgrade 3/ a safety surface for the slide. *Action – Clerk to contact highways for their input on the fencing and to cost repairs etc to the play surface.*

### **1750 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) Cheques signed for Clerks salary & expenses, grass cuttings, risk assessments, flower trough.
- b) The Precept was agreed in principle – *Action: clerk to finalise for signing at the next*

*meeting.*

### **1751 CEMETRY**

Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that the compost went quite well and he may do the same in the spring.

The rubble has now been removed from the Northcombe grave.

### **1752 UPPER RECREATION GROUND**

Councillor Stella Abbey reported that she has now resigned from the committee.

Councillor Mary Haggard reported that they have 2 more committee members. They have recently hosted a Halloween party for the village children and hope to do a Christmas party and a New Years Eve celebration. They hope to appoint a new chairperson in December.

### **1753 JUBILEE HALL**

Councillor Trish Baxter reported that the café is now closed. They hope to continue with the computer classes in the future.

### **1754 HIGHWAYS**

Councillor Roger Beer commented that the weight limit for the railway bridge at Bridge has never been increased since the reinforcements were made. – *Action: clerk to contact highways and Tony Shire.*

Councillor Roger Beer asked if we could request discretionary parking at the end of Court Street and into the affordable housing. *Action: Clerk to contact highways.*

### **1755 CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Local transport Plan
- b) BT phone boxes
- c) Area West – 17<sup>th</sup> Sept
- d) Community Led Plans
- e) Sports Awards 2008
- f) Devolution Survey
- g) Regional conference – Soc of Local Council Clerks
- h) Town & Parish Standard
- i) SS citizens Advice annual report
- j) Soc of Local Council Clerks bookshop
- k) SCSN
- l) SSDC – Parish Charter
- m) SALC – Freedom of information
- n) NALC – annual report
- o) SSDC – Area West
- p) Commanders Newsletter
- q) THATCH
- r) SSDC Standards Committee
- s) SALC - Agenda south area
- t) Codes of conduct
- u) The playing field

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

**1756 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) Councillor Hazel Duke asked whether Winsham would be getting the £25 rebate form Wessex Water following the recent disruption in supply. It was also commented that many houses did not get a warning and others were not informed when the water was safe to drink. *Action: Clerk to investigate.*
- b) Councillor Stella Abbey suggested that the councillor donates £10 for plants to the volunteer who tends the flower trough by the phone box. The Council agreed. *Action: Clerk to organise.*
- c) Councillor Andrew Partridge noted that people are still using the wood compost bay by the school playing fields despite it being closed and this is leading to it again spilling onto the path. *Action – clerk to contact R Shearer.*

**1757 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary meeting of The Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 3rd December 2008 for 7-30 pm meet in the Jubilee Hall.

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