

# WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2008

At the The Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

## Draft Issue 1

### **1618 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 Douglass	
	Mr Peter Harper	
District Councillor	Mr Robin Munday	
Parish Clerk:	Mr.Frank Vaughan.	
Public	Mr Peter & Mr Roy Frecknall	
Apologies:	Mr Tony Shire	

### **1619 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Mr Peter & Mr Roy Frecknall ask, under what powers can the District Council remove a section 106 agreement without consultation with the public? As a consequence of the removal of such an agreement, can the property Oakgates now be sold separately from the previously annexed Coach House, also what happens to other conditions applicable to 01/00429/FUL?

The P.C. is concerned about the principle whereby a section 106 agreement can be removed without consultation but feel that the individual circumstances surrounding Oakgates is a matter for the District Council.

### **1620 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

*District Councillor Mr Robin Monday reported:* - The Distinct Council is working through the budget process, cuts in services are expected. We are having problems with our computers as far as access to large planning documents over the Web. The server can not cope with a request to view large plans and crashes. This is being investigated.

### **1621 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Andrew Partridge declared an interest in agenda item 9b

### **1622 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>th</sup> January 2008**

The Chairman signed the minutes, as a true record.

## **1623 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN/TO BE TAKEN**

The Archdeacon of Taunton John Reed has given his blessing for repairs to the church yard wall; a “Faculty” is not required because total costs are below £5000-00. Church Architect Philip Hughes has, at the P.C. request, offered his opinion on the work & methods required to repair the wall, basically patch pointing with lime mortar and spraying to kill the ivy. It was agreed that Andrew Partridge should spray the ivy with a product SPK. Further quotes will be obtained for patch pointing but until funds are available no work will commence.

The P.C. has applied to Opportunity Chard for £2000-00 towards costs.

Councillor Mrs Stella Abbey attended the P.C.C meeting where ideas for phone masts were discussed. Stella is to discuss with Peter Saunders the possibility of a joint venture between the P.C. & the P.C.C. on the provision of phone masts.

## **1624 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- a) Application 07/05252/FUL Conservatory @ Acorn Cottage, P.C. recommends approval.
- b) Application 08/00024/LBC War Memorial Step; withdrawn by Parish Council.
- c) Application 01/00429/FUL Oakgates, Section 106 agreement extinguished by SSDC. The P.C. are concerned that at a section 106 agreement can be revoked by agreement between the planning department and the legal department of the District Council without consultation with a parish/town council, neighbours and other interested parties. It was agreed that two Members along with Mr Robin Munday, District Councillor, should seek a meeting with SSDC to express concern.
- d) Application 07/05370 FUL Idunno Back St, Single Storey Side Extension. Approved by SSDC
- e) Application 07/05363 FUL Idunno Back St, Single Storey Rear Extension. Approved by SSDC
- f) Application 07/05367 FUL Idunno Back St, Erection of Fence Adjoining Highway. Refused by SSDC on highway grounds, since resubmitted with amendments.
- g) Applications 08/00165&00489/LBC Whatley Farm, Staircase & Roof, the P.C. recommends approval.
- h) Application 8/00500/FUL Wings Court St, the P.C. recommends approval.

## **1625 AMENITIES & RIGHTS OF WAY**

- a) Footpath CH8/1, the County Council say that this path will be open from 30<sup>th</sup> January 2008. Councillor Mrs Stella Abbey will check this out on the ground.
- b) Councillor Peter Harper reported no new problems on the Lower Recreation Ground.
- c) The Chairman suggested that the safety surface patch should be done in early spring. The Clerk has the instructions and the kit is in Peter Harper’s garage.
- d) There has been a request from the school governors for a footpath between Bakersfield & Western Way. This was taken up by Robin Munday who will meet with Councillor Maxine Douglass.

## **1626 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) Cheques were signed for Clerk's Salary.
- b) Grass cutting quote accepted.

## **1627 CEMETERY**

*Councillor Andrew Partridge reported: -*

No major issues to report, work has started on cutting the hedge along the Jubilee Trail.

The Chairman is looking into the possibility of buying second hand gates for the cemetery but only when funds are available.

## **1628 RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE/ SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB**

*Councillor Mrs Stella Abbey reported: -* The tree on the Upper Recreation Ground will be felled, wood available on application. The Football Club is promoting the second pitch.

## **1629 JUBILEE HALL**

*Councillor Mrs Stella Abbey reported: -* I have resigned from the committee & Councillor Maxine Douglass has kindly offered to take over.

## **1630 HIGHWAYS**

- a) Councillor Trish Baxter agreed to take on the job of Highways Officer.
- b) Access has been made from the B3162 into the garden at Wynyards. Highways have been informed of this by the Clerk. Ref 166915.
- c) Trees through the cutting on the road to Whatley need cutting; again Highways have been informed of this by the Clerk. Ref 166917.

## **1631 CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Code of Conduct Training, Councillors Mrs Hazel Duke & Maxine Douglass will attend.
- b) Parish Flood Fair 21<sup>st</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> February
- c) Strategic Housing Market Assessment 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 6-30 pm Yeovil
- d) SSDC Play Policy
- e) Code of Conduct Consultation
- f) Thatch
- g) Tree talk

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

## **1632 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) Opportunity Chard, to the best of our knowledge four groups in Winsham have applied for aid, the Parish Council, The Play Group, The Football Club and The Jubilee Hall. We need a co-ordinated approach.
- b) The report of the possibility of school closure is speculation by the press. The school is to hold a public meeting to clarify the position.
- c) Elaine Willis has been appointed "Clerk". She will start work from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008.
- d) Councillor Albert Froud has regrettably resigned from the Parish Council; sorry to see you

go Bert.

e) The vacancy has been advertised and can be filled by co-option at the March meeting.

**1633 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of The Parish Council will held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2008 for 7-30 pm  
meet in the Jubilee Hall.

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