

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on April 2nd 2008

At the The Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

1650 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	
	Mr Peter Harper	
District Councillor	Mr Robin Munday	
County Councillor	Mr Tony Shire	
Parish Clerk:	Mrs Elaine Willis	
Public	None	
Apologies:	Mrs Maxine Douglas	

1651 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Letter from Mr P Frecknall concerning the position of the 30mph speed limit sign at the lower end of Church Street.

Tony Shire informed the council that current guidelines suggest that speed signs should be close to the residential areas otherwise vehicles have the tendency to speed up again before the start of the village. The guidelines also say that multiple signs are ineffective.

Action – Clerk forwarded letter to highways department.

Chairman & clerk to wrote back to P Bracknell

1652 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

County Councillor Mr Tony Shire reported:- In the next financial year Tony Shire will have £5000 for his community budget & £15000 for local agreement themes – more information to follow.

Anthony Warren our highways supervisor now has a smaller area to cover but will be dealing with more highway issues including identification & ordering of routine maintenance work.

District Councillor Mr Robin Monday reported:- The planning servers have been renewed and updated to accommodate large plans.

1653 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

1654 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6th February 2008

The Chairman signed the minutes, as a true record.

1655 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN/TO BE TAKEN

- a) Co-option of new Councillor. John Gapper was proposed by Councillor Trisha Baxter and was seconded by Councillor Mary Haggard.
Action – clerk to forward paper work to the democratic department.
- b) Bus shelter. Chairman Roger Beer has spoken with Colin Slade.
Action – await quotes
- c) Winsham School. Still working towards federation but there maybe problems from Ashill. County Councillor Tony Shire informed the pc that the consultation is due to end on 6th June and the report is due on the 9th July. The school has a public meeting on the 7th May, it was therefore decided to alter our meeting to a special meeting and hold the AGM after the school meeting.
Action – County Councillor Tony Shire offered to investigate the progress for federation.
- d) Opportunity Chard, - District Councillor Robin Munday informed the pc that there had been a workshop on the process and that a review was in progress. The main issues arising were 1/ the voting system, 2/ the timing, travelling in the evening, 3/ critia of the projects.
Chairman Roger Beer asked if each organisation could be allowed a set number of seats and given votes which had to be used. Reply – they have considered using voting sheets instead of stickers.
Councillor Peter Harper asked if the process had been legal as a lot of people were turned away and couldn't vote. Reply – they did eventually allow people in to vote and then leave, it was regrettable that some people couldn't vote but they had to consider the health and safety of the people in the hall. It was the largest venue available. They have considered doing two presentations one in the day and one in the evening.
- e) Phone Masts. No further progress
Action – Clerk liaised with Frank Vaughan about contact with phone companies. Frank will contact companies and inform the pc of the outcome.

1656 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Application 08/01048/LBC remove & replace Clay Tiles – pc recommend approval
- b) Application 07/05199/LBC Repairs to 19 Church Street – pc recommends approval
- c) Application 07/03005/COU Use of grazing land for clay shooting – application permitted with conditions
- d) Application 08/00854/FUL single story extension Teazle Cttg – pc recommends approval.
- e) Application 07/05252/FUL conservatory Acorn Cttg – granted by SSDC
- f) Application 08/00630/FUL 1 Dunno Back Street boundary fence – Granted by SSDC
- g) Application 0800489/LBC Whately farm Tiles – granted by SSDC

- h) Application 08/00165/LBC Whately farm Reposition staircase – granted by SSDC

1657 AMENITIES & RIGHTS OF WAY

- a) Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that due to a combination of the weather and children playing football there was a large area of mud by the bucket swings.
- b) Footpath Bakersfield to Western Way – the pc could not identify a need for a new footpath.

1658 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques were signed for Clerk’s Salary, Insurance, clerks leaving gift, SALC, SSDC - cemetery.

1659 CEMETERY

Councillor Andrew Partridge reported: - grave number 13/14 (Northcombe) concrete that has been removed has been put on another grave.

Action – clerk to liaise with funeral directors.

Chairman Roger Beer reported that there is ivy, at the front of the church yard, coming over the wall from the adjoining house and is now rooting.

Action – Councillor Trisha Baxter & Councillor Stella Abbey volunteered to cut this down.

Councillor Stella Abbey asked Jackie Duncan if she would mind the council cutting her hedge, she agreed.

Action – Andrew partridge to complete the work & the council will cover the costs.

Councillor Stella Abbey reported that there is compost material straying onto the path from the compost site on the school grounds.

1660 RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE/ SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

Councillor Mrs Stella Abbey reported: - The tree on the Upper Recreation Ground has been felled. They may need to consider how to make the recreational ground more welcoming to children.

1661 JUBILEE HALL

Nothing to report

1662 HIGHWAYS

- a) 3 large potholes in Bakersfiels, 1 pothole between Whatley & Whatley Mill, drain overflowing at the top of Court Street.

Action clerk reported ref: Def33423

- b) Road closed 1 day Perry Street Tatworth

1663 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Standards committee memo
- b) Planning core strategy workshop
- c) Changes in refuse collection

- d) Papers from sir George Davies – pc very interested – clerk emailed their interest
- e) SSDC standards committee file

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

1664 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Allotments – Councillor Stella Abbey expressed an interest in the pc taking over control of the village allotments as there is currently long delays when reporting problems to the DC or changing tenants.

Action – Clerk emailed Peter Lacey & DC to find information on costing, legal obligations and work load. Councillor Stella Abbey to also investigate further.

1665 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of The Parish Council will be the AGM held on Wednesday 7th May 2008 for 7-30 pm meet in the Jubilee Hall. To be followed by an extraordinary meeting.

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