

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on May 6th 2009
At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

1834 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Those present: -	Mr Roger Beer	Chairman
	Mr John Gapper	Vice Chairman
	Mrs Hazel Duke	
	Miss Trish Baxter	
	Mrs Mary Haggard	
	Mr Andrew Partridge	
	Mrs Stella Abbey	
	Mr Peter Saunders	
	Mr Peter Harper	
	Mr Robin Munday (district councillor)	
	Mr Tony Shire (county councillor)	
	Mrs Kim Turner (chair Area West)	
Parish Clerk:	Mrs Elaine Willis	
Public	Mr Martin Rawstone	
Apologies:	PCSO Andy Searle	

1835 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None

1836 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Tony Shire asked whether there were any questions from the Parish council. Councillor Trish Baxter asked were to send the information on the poor bus service. Councillor Tony Shire recommended forwarding it to him.

Councillor Roger Beer asked whether the speed monitoring had been completed as two black boxes had appeared but no cables over the road. He also asked that if the readings were taken in the school holidays would the data be adjusted to reflect this. Councillor Tony Shire reported that they may have been laser boxes and that data would be adjusted.

Councillor Robin Munday asked about the 20mph speed limit policy from central government. Councillor Tony Shire responded that County had not yet received any information from central government on this issue. He went on to report that Highways have now looked at speed limits for accident hot spots and are currently looking at areas with occasional accidents.

Councillor Robin Munday reported that there are a few matters on hold pending the County elections on June 4th. Through the Joint Area committees District are learning about some of County's operations, e.g. Highways Maintenance. The next presentation is from Social Services on the 20th June.

Councillor Kim Turner commented that Joint Area committees are making contacts between District and county easier. They would like Parish councillors to attend. Kim then asked if there were any questions.

Councillor Stella Abbey asked why there were so few planning applications going to committee. Councillor Kim Turner responded that there were fewer applications going through probably due to the economic climate and also due to the process management and performer.

1837 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Mary Andrew Partridge declared an interest in item 10g.

1838 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on 1st April 2009

The Chairman signed the minutes, as a true record.

1839 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN/TO BE TAK

- a) War Memorial insurance claim – The clerk reported that the insurance company had agreed to pay for the repairs. Unfortunately a Highways Maintenance vehicle has damaged the other side. Councillor Roger Beer has liaised with Highways and Slades about repairs.

1840 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Application 09/01211/DPO, modify section 52 1/9/78 to allow part of Windwhistle Farm to be disposed of separately, Windwhistle Cottage – recommend approval
- b) Application 09/00607/FUL 2 Storey Extension, Woodcott, Back Street – Granted
- c) Application 09/00097/lbc, alteration to dwelling house and garage – Granted
- d) Application 09/00680/ful, 2 Storey Extension, Cobblestones, Back Street – Granted
- e) Application 09/01261/ful, erection of dwelling, land adjacent 26 Western Way – recommend approval
- f) Application 09/01633/FUL, Agricultural Building, Land OS 9800, Western Way – recommend refusal due to size and site of building
- g) Application 08/04695/COL, use of Bungalow without compliance with agricultural occupancy condition, Windwhistle cttg, Purtington – Refusal of application for certificate of lawful use or development - SSDC

1841 AMENITIES

a) Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that the fence adjoining number 1 Western way is hanging down. The Parish council were unsure as to whose responsibility it was. Councillor Mary Haggard commented that the fence takes a lot of bashing from people playing football. *Action Councillor Roger Beer to liaise with the Occupants of 1 Western Way about ownership and repair.*

Councillor Roger Beer reported a hole in the middle of the Lower Recreation Ground. *Action councillor Andrew Partridge to repair.*

Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that there was another incident of dog fouling in the Lower Recreation Ground. The Clerk reported that the incident had been reported to the dog warden by a member of the Parish that witnessed the incident. They also informed the dog owner who cleared the mess. Councillor Roger Beer asked everyone to be vigilant about this issue and report any problems.

b) The Clerk reported that the Fun Day is expected to be on 23rd May and that Sarah Love would appreciate as much support as possible. Councillors Roger Beer, Robin Munday and Hazel Duke gave their apologies for the day

1842 RIGHTS OF WAY

Councillor John Gapper reported that repairs are going on and please continue to report any problems. Councillor Stella Abbey requested that sign post at Colham Lane needs repairing. *Action: Councillor John Gapper to report.* Councillor John Gapper also commented to the District Council that the website is difficult to use.

1843 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques signed for Clerks salary & expenses, Came & Co insurance, grass cutting.
- b) The Annual Return was agreed and signed.

1844 CEMETRY

- a) Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that everything was okay with the cemetery
- b) The Parish Council agreed to an approximate 10% increase in fees to be reviewed every 2 years along with the tender for the grass cutting. *Action: clerk to adjust and forward to the funeral services.*

1845 UPPER RECREATION GROUND

Councillor Mary Haggard reported that the Fun Day is due on the 23rd May and that they hope to merge plans with the lower recreation ground

1846 JUBILEE HALL

Councillor Trish Baxter reported that the Greek night was a successful fundraiser.

1847 HIGHWAYS

- a) Councillor Peter Harper reported that no new matters had come to his attention.
 - b) see 1828
- Councillor Tony Shire reported that Bakersfield will be resurfaced this financial year.

1848 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) SCC – temporary road closure A30 windwhistle – resurfacing
- b) SCC – June Elections
- c) Community Council
- d) Highways – Surface Dressing programme
- e) SCC – temporary road closure Westport Lodge Road, Winsham
- f) Legs Explore
- g) Joint Area West Committee
- h) THATCH
- i) SSDC-Business Rates
- j) South Somerset Together AGM
- k) Public sector equality duties
- l) Life Education Wessex
- m) South Somerset News
- n) SALC
- o) Rural Youth
- p) HMS Revenue & Customs
- q) SCSN
- r) The Playing Field
- s) Standards Committee

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

1849 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Roger Beer asked why Leigh lane was resurfaced again recently as it was only done 2 years ago. Councillor Tony Sire responded that it was probably not up to standard as normally they would expect resurfacing to last 10 years.

Councillor Stella Abbey commented that it was good to see 2 neighbouring properties working together with planning applications

Councillor Hazel Duke asked the Council to be mindful about any comments they write down that are passed around for consideration between meetings.

1850 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary meeting of The Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 3rd June 2009 for 7-30 pm meet in the Jubilee Hall.

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