

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on October 7th 2009
At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

1904 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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

1905 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

1906 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Robin Munday reported that County has pulled out of the Joint Area Committee and are having similar discussions with Pioneer Somerset.

Garden waste collection will be up and running in about a week, unfortunately kerbside cardboard and plastic recycling now looks doubtful due to costs. District is looking into the costs of landfill versus recycling schemes.

In the recent Governance report South Somerset District Council were in the top 6 of the audit. There is a £1.2 million shortfall, savings will have to be made in non statutory areas – this amounts to a 7% saving needing to be made across the board. The formula grant will probably be cut and income from interest rates has been reduced, therefore council tax will need to rise.

Councillor Kim Turner reported that the officers were unaware that County Hall had pulled out of the Joint Area Committee.

Thank you to Councillor Trish Baxter for her work in monitoring the bus service and new time table. Meetings and correspondence have continued. The company have identified several areas of weakness: Unreliability of the new vehicles, new staff, and insufficient time for a reliable service. The solutions being put forward are: Hands free mobiles in all vehicles, review pinch points, peak journeys to be stepped back, testing the journey times. This should result in a revised timetable by November 2nd.

1907 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Andrew Partridge declared an interest in item 10b.

1908 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on 2nd September 2009

After the County and District reports were swapped around the Chairman signed the minutes, as a

true record.

1909 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN

1919 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Application 09/0163/FUL – agricultural building Western Way – Councillor Robin Munday reported that they have agreed to reduce the height by 75 cm. Any objections the Parish Council has about this application must be on the basis of planning issues. This advice was echoed by Councillor Kim Turner. Councillor Roger Beer commented that the building is more suited to a farm yard instead of a field. Councillor Robin Munday advised that this was not a planning issue. Councillor John Gapper enquired about the longevity of the project and asked if that particular farming plan did not continue or reach its goal would the building have to be removed. Councillor Robin Munday advised that this was also not a planning concern. Councillor John Gapper also commented that it was difficult for the Parish Council to make informed discussions as the information the Parish Council receive is sometimes too scant.
- b) Application 09/02789/FUL & 09/02791/LBC – alteration of barn to holiday accommodation, East Whately Farm – Granted by SSDC

1920 AMENITIES

a) Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that the cable ties on the temporary fence keep going missing. Councillor John Gapper reported that the police were trying to get the perpetrator of some of the graffiti to remove it, they have signed a contract with the police. Councillor Roger Beer commented that as the bus shelter is natural materials and unless it is all cleaned it may look worse with patches. Councillor Kim Turned asked why they had not used the Community Justice Panel, the perpetrator would then have had to pay for the damage. *Action: Councillor John Gapper will liaise with the police.*

1921 RIGHTS OF WAY

Councillor John Gapper reported that the application to upgrade the footpath from the end of the woodland to Broadham farm is to allow horses, bicycles and horse drawn carriages. He also pointed out that from Broadham farm there are private roads so access maybe an issue. He was also concerned that it may make the path difficult for walkers as it tends to churn up the footpath making it muddier. After looking into this matter he reported that this would not be an official reason to refuse an application. The clerk pointed out that the Parish Council had not been informed of this application. Councillor Robin Munday informed the council that the department are not obligated to do so.

1922 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques signed for Clerks salary & expenses, grass cutting, Stephen Moores.

1923 CEMETRY

a) Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that he hoped to finish the hedges this week, he has had to do an extra grass cut so far, the rest is weather dependant.

1924 UPPER RECREATION GROUND

Councillor Mary Haggard nil to report.

1925 JUBILEE HALL

Councillor Trish Baxter reported that they were investigating storage solutions, there is a Moroccan meal planned for the 31st October to raise funds, these are proving very popular.

1926 HIGHWAYS

a) Councillor Roger Beer commented on the poor finish of the road resurfacing in Bakersfield. Councillor Kim Turned advised that as the lines had not been painted it would not have been inspected yet.

1927 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Joint area Committee-west
- b) Clerks & Councils Direct
- c) AED
- d) Standards Committee
- e) SALC
- f) BT – PAYPHONE – Councillor Kim turner suggested contacting Charlotte Jones in area North if we wanted to keep the phone box. *Action: clerk to investigate whether closer was definite*

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

1928 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Mary haggard reported that two members of the pubic had complained about the amount of dog mess in the village.

Action: clerk to report to the dog warden.

1929 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary meeting of The Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 4th November 2009 for 7-30 pm meet in the Jubilee Hall.

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