

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on December 2nd 2009
At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

1947 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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

1948 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None

1949 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Robin Munday reported that the Area west meeting on 16th December was cancelled as the County Council had pulled out of the Joint Area Committee concept.

There had been no disission on the planning matter in Western Way.

South Somerset has given notice of withdrawal from Pioneer Somerset. The South West existing partnership will continue. There is a possibility of a partnership with another District Council in a wider area. This will be discussed on 10th December.

Sort it Plus (collection of plastic and cardboard) probably will not happen due to funding.

There are no planned changes for concessionary bus fares.

Financially there is still an overspend, savings of £1 million need to be found. There will be cuts in the County budget they pledged not to raise Council Tax.

Capital Strategy for Somerset could not continue as it would have run out by 2014, it will be reviewed every year. All existing Capital Projects will be revisited.

The distribution of grants may stop.

1950 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

1951 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH MEETING held on 4th November 2009

The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

1952 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION

TAKEN

a) The War memorial – The clerk reported that unfortunately Highways did not attend the planned meeting to discuss the War Memorial. *Action: clerk to rearrange a meeting with highways.*

b) Councillor Stella Abbey reported that she had a reply from the owners of the land adjacent to Balsom Close and that at this time they could not offer the land for allotments as they hoped to get planning permission in the future. Councillor Robin Munday offered to get a layout plan of what is owned by the District Council in the Parish.

1953 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Application 09/04006/ful, erection of a stable building, land rear of Claypot Hazelwood Hill Whately - recommend approval
- b) Application 09/01633/ful, erection of agricultural building, Western Way - Granted by SSDC

1954 AMENITIES

a) Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that he was still waiting for some dry weather before he could tidy it up.

1955 RIGHTS OF WAY

Councillor John Gapper reported that the sign at Colham Lane had been repaired. The sign at Hollowells had been removed again. Councillor Stella Abbey offered to discuss the matter with the local farmer.

The clerk reported that Mr Taylor had kindly checked his ditches in the field adjoining Colham lane and that they were clear and not causing the flooding on the road, he felt that this was probably a highways matter.

1956 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques signed for Clerks salary & expenses
- b) The precept was agreed and signed.

1957 CEMETRY

a) Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that he would put in a new gate post when the weather improved.

b) The clerk reported that someone had asked if the Parish would buy back a cemetery plot they bought in 1947. The clerk reported that it took a lot of time to sift through the old records and that the pre purchase of graves led to difficulties with maintenance and that the risk of errors was unacceptable. The clerk reported that the previous clerk had advised that graves should not be pre purchased. The clerk asked that the Parish council confirm that this was the Parish Policy. The motion was proposed by Councillor Roger Beer and seconded by Councillor Mary Haggard. All were in agreement.

1958 UPPER RECREATION GROUND

Councillor Mary Haggard reported the tree planting was cancelled due to bad weather.

Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that he had only been paid for 8 out of the 15 grass cuts done at the upper recreation ground due to financial problems with the Social Club, he is owed £378. The Recreation Ground has not been billed for 18months. Councillor Roger Beer commented that in the past the Parish council had contributed to the maintenance. Councillors Hazel Duke and Stella Abbey confirmed that they used to pay £250. It was agreed that the Recreation Ground should make a formal application if needed.

1959 JUBILEE HALL

Councillor Trish Baxter reported that carpets are to be put down in the disabled toilets.

1960 HIGHWAYS

a) Councillor Trish Baxter reported that water was not draining at Crewkerne Hill, causing continual flooding on the road from Winsham to A30 *Action: clerk to report*

1961 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Clerks Council Direct
- b) Road closure Tatworth
- c) Standards committee
- d) Joint Area West
- e) South Somerset News
- f) SCSN
- g) Parish Priorities

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

1962 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Councillor Stella Abbey commented that the leaves blocking the lanes were the main problem and that they could employ someone to keep them clear. Councillor Roger Beer commented that there was no money allocated in the precept. Councillor John Gapper agreed that as there were so many small lanes there just wasn't the money.

b) Councillor John Gapper reported that a parishioner had requested to pre purchase a grave. The clerk responded that the current policy was not to allow pre purchasing due to maintenance and administration difficulties. The clerk had been asked before about pre purchasing grave and had always refused due to the reasons stated and that there were sufficient plots available.

1963 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

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