

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on November 4th 2009
At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

1930 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Those present: - Mr Roger Beer Chairman
 Mr John Gapper Vice Chairman
 Miss Trish Baxter
 Mrs Mary Haggard
 Mrs Hazel Duke
 Mr Peter Harper
 Mrs Stella Abbey
 Mr Andrew Partridge
Parish clerk: Mrs Elaine Willis
Public Mrs M Long, Mrs C Salter, Mrs J Bone, Mr F Stuttard
Apologies: Mr Peter Saunders
 Mr Robin Munday (district councillor)
 Mrs Kim Turner (county councillor)

1931 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of the public attended to discuss planning permission for 29 Western Way

1932 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

None

1933 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Andrew Partridge declared an interest in item 10a.

1934 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on 7th October 2009

The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

1935 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN

a) The clerk reported dog fouling to the dog warden, he has visited and renewed some signs. He recommended asking witnesses of dog fouling to report the incident; they have to be prepared to go to court if it is contested. Councillor Stella Abbey responded that this was a reason some people do not report incidents. The clerk also reported an increase of dog fouling in the playground, two children ended up with dog mess on their clothes, shoes and hands. Councillor Mary Haggard recommended blocking off the lower steps so that dog walkers cannot take short cuts through the playground, this idea was agreed. *Action: Councillor Roger Beer to arrange, clerk to make a temporary sign to explain the reason.*

b) BT have offered the Parish to buy the phone box for £1, they would then remove the phone, the phone use does not pay for its maintenance. There are no immediate plans for the phones remove. Councillor Stella Abbey suggested keeping things as they are until BT want to remove the phone and then decide how to proceed. The Parish council agreed. *No action at present required.*

1936 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Application 09/03365/ful, New vehicular access and hard standing, 29 Western Way – amended plans – recommend refusal due to public opinion, physical space not agreeing with the plans, gates, highways.
- b) Application 09/01633/ful, Agricultural building, Western way – amended plans – recommend approval, reluctantly as unable to oppose but state that a change of use would not be looked favourably upon and that the parish council still felt it was at a price to the landscape.

1937 AMENITIES

- a) Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that the fence around the small tree had been ripped down, he suggested not replacing it. When its dry councillor Andrew Partridge offered to run over the grass in the lower recreation ground to pick up the leaves, this will be free of charge. Councillor John Gapper reported that the graffiti had been removed.
- b) No further news from the playground committee. Councillor Roger Beer and Andrew Partridge are still waiting to try fencing panels
- c) No change on the risk assessment.

1938 RIGHTS OF WAY

Councillor John Gapper - nil to report

Councillor Stella Abbey reported that the style in Colham lane needs repairs. *Action: Councillor John Gapper to report.*

Councillor Stella Abbey commented that there is a lot of surface water in Colham Lane and last year this led to accidents. She felt the main problem was the volume of water coming from the Cricket St Thomas fields, this might be due to blocked ditches. *Action: clerk to contact Cricket St Thomas and ask for their help in this matter.*

1939 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques signed for Clerks salary & expenses, grass cutting,
- b) The draft precept was agreed, with some minor changes. *Action: clerk to prepare final costing for December meeting*

1940 CEMETRY

a) Councillor Andrew Partridge nil to report.

Councillor Stella Abbey suggested repairing the cemetery gates. The Parish Council agreed not to purchase new gates but to repair the existing ones. *Action: Andrew Partridge will be contracted for the work.*

1941 UPPER RECREATION GROUND

Councillor Mary Haggard reported that the Halloween party and activities funded by the youth project was well attended and a great success. The gate leading onto Davies Close needs repairing.

Councillor Stella Abbey asked about the proposed tree planting – where were they going to go? Councillor Mary Haggard was unsure of the plans. *Action: Councillor Mary Haggard to investigate.*

1942 JUBILEE HALL

Councillor Trish Baxter reported that the Moroccan evening was successful and raised funds for the Jubilee Hall.

1943 HIGHWAYS

a) Councillor Peter Harper reported that he is still reporting issues but gets little response in return.

1944 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.

1945 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Councillor Hazel Duke commented on the war memorial being hit again. The clerk informed the council that the person responsible had contacted the council and they are awaiting contact from the insurance company.

Councillor Stella Abbey suggested putting a pavement around the base and removing some of the girth. Councillor Andrew Partridge suggested putting a post in front of it. *Action: clerk to contact highways about possible options.*

b) Councillor Trish Baxter asked about the Christmas tree. Councillor Roger Beer responded that a tree had been donated and it has been agreed that it can go in its usual spot.

c) Councillor Stella Abbey reminded everyone that it was Remembrance Sunday and that it is good if members of the Parish Council attend.

d) Councillor Stella Abbey raised the question of allotments and whether it would be possible to rent an area of ground by Bolsam close as this is now wasted land. Councillor Mary Haggard commented that when she phoned the council there were 11 people on the waiting list. *Action: Councillor Stella Abbey to investigate further.*

1946 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary meeting of The Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 2nd December 2009 for 7-30 pm meet in the Jubilee Hall.

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