

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 7th April 2010
At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

1998 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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

1999 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None

2000 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Kim Turner reported that Marks & Spencers are donating over £1million pounds to the “sort it plus scheme”. The reporting of pole holes rose 530% during January and February, 7000 potholes have been filled to date.

The Tour of Britain will again be coming through the area on the 14th & 15th September. On the 5th September there will be a public cycle along the same route, or part of, in aid of Prostate Cancer.

Councillor Peter Harper asked if there were any plans to continue the road resurfacing between Windwhistle and Cricket. Councillor Kim Turner will investigate.

Councillor Roger Beer thanked Councillor Kim Turner for the money given towards grit bins and the playground project.

The meeting arranged by Area West for Parish Councils has been cancelled due to a poor response rate.

2001 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

2002 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH MEETING held on 3rd March 2010. After the amendment that the tender for the grass cutting from Andrew Partridge had been accepted by the Parish Council (this item had not been recorded in the minutes but had been agreed under amenities) the Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

2003 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN

- a) The War memorial – Slades have completed the repairs to the War Memorial steps.
- b) Allotments – Councillor Stella Abbey had received a letter from the District Council asking

that unless the Parish Council take over the running of the allotments they must not advertise them. The letter also said that Councillor Abbeys own allotment could be taken away from her if she involved herself with the running of the allotments. Councillor Stella Abbey has written a complaint back to the District Council but has not had a reply yet. Councillor Stella Abbey commented that her intention of advertising the possibility of new allotments was to help anyone interested contact local people who would have access to the machinery needed to clear the land. Councillor Kim Turner was aware a complaint had been received and it was awaiting review.

2004 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Application 10/00626/FUL, 5 Bakersfield, Replacement Garage – recommend approval
- b) Application 10/00662/FUL, Oakgates, Court Street, Garage and single storey extension – recommend approval
- c) Application 10/0035/CPO, Colham Lane, O.S 2000 (pt) change of land use for processing of inert construction and demolition waste – noise report – recommend approval
- d) Application 10/00331/FUL 2 Storey extension, Old Yard House, Back Street – refused by SSDC
- e) Application 10/00450/COU, temporary caravan, Whately Cross Holding – Refused by SSDC

2005 AMENITIES

- a) Councillor Andrew Partridge has removed the bolts from under the seat and put new cable ties along the fence.
- b) The sub committee are waiting for the plans to be drawn up. Councillor Kim Turner informed the Parish Council that Claire Littlejohn is interested in attending the next meeting along with herself. She also reported that a few years ago Winsham had been allocated some money for play but this had not materialised. The clerk thanked Councillor Kim Turner for all her help so far.

2006 RIGHTS OF WAY

Councillor John Gapper reported that the lanes remain very muddy and he was not aware of any problems.

The clerk informed the Parish Council that the maintenance of the footpaths was passing back to the County Council. Councillor Kim Turner commented that the decision was due to allocation of funds.

2007 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques signed for Clerks salary & expenses, SALC, vice chair training, Community Council, Cemetery rates.
- b) The clerk was still waiting for the final bank statement before the audit could be completed.
- c) The clerk was not asking for a pay increment this year but requested that she be paid the level 2 increment agreed last April – this would be SALC level 2 pay for the year 2009/2010 - Agreed
- d) Councillor Trish Baxter has agreed to become a new signatory on the councils accounts. *Action: clerk to arrange.*

2008 CEMETRY

- a) Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that a fence post had broken off, he has cleared it up.
- b) The clerk reported that she had spoken to a local funeral director about ownership of graves and the no pre-purchase policy. The funeral director had commented that the policy not to pre-purchase graves was a good one with sound reasons. The ownership of a grave is with whoever purchased it and not with next of kin.

2009 UPPER RECREATION GROUND

Councillor Mary Haggard – reported that there was a little bit of maintenance to be done. The social club may need the Parish Council to help with grass cutting costs as revenue has dropped this past year. They will write a letter to the Council. Councillor Roger Beer asked how much the

grass cutting was – Approximately £840.

2010 JUBILEE HALL

Councillor Trish Baxter reported that they were planning on repairing and moving the storage hut. There had been a leak under the floor from a radiator; the repairs should be covered by insurance.

2011 HIGHWAYS

a) Councillor Peter Harper reported that he had received a telephone call from planning to say the entrance made at Cricket had needed planning permission. Councillor Kim Turner reported that since then Cricket had shown the planning department there was a track there in the past and therefore planning was not needed. Councillor Roger Beer reported that the access was to one of the lakes and they were doing some work to prevent flooding. Councillor Peter Harper commented that some very large trees had been cut down so the track could not have been used for a considerable time and that the land may be an Area of Scientific Interest. *Action: Councillor Peter Harper will look at the map of Cricket and discuss the track with a local farmer.*

Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that the drain above Davies Close remains blocked, this is an ongoing problem and he wonders if they have problems removing the cover. *Action: clerk to report.*

Councillor Roger Beer reported a larger pothole at the bottom of Church Street: *Action: clerk to report.*

Councillor Stella Abbey reported a missing cover to an old water supply in Fore Street. *Action: clerk to report.*

2012 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Clerks & Councils Direct
- b) South Somerset News
- c) Phil Dolan
- d) YDH
- e) Standards Committee
- f) THATCH

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

2013 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Councillor Roger Beer informed the Council that Hazel Duke had resigned. The clerk has advertised the post and that they will co-opt at the next meeting if necessary.

1997 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary meeting of The Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 5th May 2010 for 7-30 pm meet in the Jubilee Hall. The AGM will be held on Wednesday 5th May at 7pm. The Annual parish Meeting will be held at 7:30pm Wednesday 12th at 7:30pm

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

