

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 2nd June 2010
At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

2039 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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| Those present: - | Mr Roger Beer | Chairman |
| | Mr John Gapper | Vice Chairman |
| | Miss Trish Baxter | |
| | Mr Peter Harper | |
| | Mrs Stella Abbey | |
| | Mr Robin Munday (district councillor) | |
| | Mr Andrew Partridge | |
| Parish clerk: | Mrs Elaine Willis | |
| Public | Mrs Janet Hendon | |
| Apologies: | Mrs Kim Turner (county councillor) | |
| | Mr Peter Saunders | |
| | Mrs Mary Haggard | |

2040 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None

2041 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Robin Munday reported that finance was still very much in the forefront; general income streams are being cut back or stopped. Next year Council Tax will probably be frozen. There is likely to be a pay freeze. The Council are hoping that the formula grant won't be touched.

There is already an alternative budget assuming cuts of 5%, beyond 5% other cuts will need to be made. Last year there was an under spend of £600,000 but income was down £400,000.

The joint venture with East Devon is ongoing and by September they will know the main management structure.

Added to Councillor Robin Munday's portfolio are benefits, Council Tax collection etc.

Councillor Stella Abbey asked whether the new government proposal to scrap the housing targets and leave it up to the local government is going ahead. Councillor Robin Munday responded that the quantities have been relaxed but also the grants and funding have reduced. There is a concern about finding funding for affordable housing.

2042 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Andrew Partridge declared an interest in items 10c and 9b

2043 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH MEETING held on 5th May 2010. The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

2044 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN

a) Janet Hendon was proposed by Councillor Roger Beer and seconded by Councillor Stella Abbey, all in agreement. Janet Hendon was duly co-opted as a Parish councillor. *Action: clerk to submit relevant paper work.*

b) Councillor John Gapper offered the following suggestions. 1/ accept Standing Orders as they are. 2/ amend Standing Orders so they fit better within the Parish practice, cutting out a lot of non mandatory items.

Councillor Robin Munday offered to look through any amendments. Councillor John Gapper and the clerk offered to amend them for the next meeting. *Action: Councillor John Gapper and the clerk to amend Standing Orders.*

2045 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Application 10/01522/TPO Tree surgery to 2 Oak trees in woodland area shown as W1 in the SSDC tree preservation order 2007 (GR 335325/1060699. Land opposite Queen Hill Forton
- b) Application 10/00704/LBC & 10/00703/FUL, barn conversion, Purtington House, Limekiln Lane – Granted by SSDC
- c) Application 10/00335/CPO Change of land use for storage of inert construction and demolition waste, OS 2000pt, Colham Lane – Granted by SCC
- d) Application 10/00626/FUL – replacement garage 5 Bakersfield – Granted by SSDC
- e) Application 09/03365/FUL new vehicular access, 29 western Way – Granted by SSDC
- f) Application 10/00662/FUL erection of garage and single storey extension – Oakgates Court Street - Withdrawn
- g) Application 10/00450/COU temporary caravan for agricultural worker accommodation – refused by SSDC
- h) Application 10/00331/FUL, 2 storey extension, Old Yard House, Back street, - Appeal
- i) Application 10/01567/ FUL garage and single storey extension, Oakgates, Court Street – concern was raised about the roof height. Councillor Trish Baxter asked whether the difference in land height had been considered. *Action: Councillor Robin Munday to investigate.*

2046 AMENITIES

- a) Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that there was nothing to report.
- b) Councillor Roger Beer asked Councillor Robin Munday for ideas about informing the public of any final plans and whether a vote needs to be cast. Councillor Robin Munday responded that it was a Council decision but a public meeting would be a good idea once the plans have been agreed. He also suggested showing the plan to Adrian Moore at SSDC. The subcommittee are due to meet this month to look at the amended plans. The plans were shown to the council. There was a favourable response. *Action: clerk to forward plans to Adrian Moore.*

Councillor Stella Abbey commented that it is nice to see the youth using the practice goals at the upper recreation ground.

Councillor Roger Beer asked whether the Spring chicken could be removed before the Street Fair. The council unanimously decided to decline. Councillor Roger Beer did not vote as he is on the Street Fair committee.

2047 RIGHTS OF WAY

Councillor John Gapper reported that there was no change.

Councillor Stella Abbey reported that the path between M Pikes and T Holts field was very overgrown with nettles and needed volunteer cutting.

- b) The clerk reported that the County Council would only pay £290 for Liberty trail, or they would cut it 3 times a year. The options were to allow the County Council to cut it or to pay an extra £100 to Andrew Partridge to maintain it throughout the year. The District Council used to pay for Andrew Partridge to do this. Councillor Janet Hendon responded that it was a highly used footpath into the village and therefore needs good maintenance. Councillor Stella Abbey commented that it was a popular route. Councillor Roger Beer and John Gapper abstained, Councillor Andrew Partridge did not vote, all other Councillors voted to pay an extra £100 and keep the contract with Andrew Partridge. To be reviewed yearly. *Action: clerk to liaise with the county council.*

2048 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques signed for Clerks salary & expenses, photocopying, grass cutting, Swan Paul. As currently only Councillor Roger Beer and Mary Haggard can sign cheques it was agreed that Councillor Mary Haggard could sign the agreed amounts after the meeting. *Action: clerk to arrange.*

2049 CEMETRY

a) Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that a flock of sheep were in the cemetery today, the farmer had been informed.

b) The amended cemetery regulations were agreed. *Action: clerk to forward them to John Sullivan and funeral directors.*

2050 UPPER RECREATION GROUND

a) No report given.

b) The clerk asked that as the mugga is unlikely to happen in the foreseeable future would it be

possible for the Parish Council to donate some money to the Sports and Social club so that they could put on some events for the youth. This would encourage the use of the facility and help the social club at a time when they are short of funds. Councillor Roger Beer responded that they may ask for help with grass cutting costs and therefore it would not be an option at the moment. There is a fun day at the end of August arranged by Sarah Love.

2051 JUBILEE HALL

Councillor Trish Baxter – reported that the radiator leak had been fixed and they are waiting for quotes from the shed. They have given their old video camera to the school.

2052 HIGHWAYS

- a) Councillor Peter Harper reported that there were no new problems; the smaller potholes are now getting larger.

Councillor Stella Abbey asked who had repaired the path between the 2 cattle grids at Cricket St Thomas. Councillor robin Munday reported that Councillor Kim Turner had a meeting there with Highways but was unsure about the outcome.

2053 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Clerks council Direct
- b) Standards Committee
- c) SALC
- d) Somerset Fields
- e) Area West
- f) SALC – cemetery course
- g) Police Plan

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

2054 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Councillor Stella Abbey asked whether she could view the correspondence at the Parish Council Office and requested that the last person to have it deliver it to the Office on the day of the meeting or to Roger on the day before and Councillor Trish Baxter could collect it. Councillor Peter Harper also commented that he rarely gets to see the correspondence and that if someone phones him he will come and collect it.

2055 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary meeting of The Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 7th July 2010 for 7-30 pm meet in the Jubilee Hall.

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