

**WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2010**  
**at the Jubilee Hall, Winsham.**

**2124 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

Those present: -	Mr Roger Beer	Chairman
	Mr John Gapper	Vice Chairman
	Miss Trish Baxter	
	Mrs Mary Haggard	
	Mrs Stella Abbey	
	Mr Andrew Partridge	
Parish clerk:	Mrs Elaine Willis	
District Councillor:		
County Councillor:	Mrs Kim Turner	
Public:	Mr Nigel Mermagan	
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	Mrs Janet Hendon	
	Mr Robin Munday	
	Mr Peter Harper	

**2125 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Mr Nigel Mermagan attended concerning the empty salt bins. The clerk reported that the salt had been ordered but had not been delivered.

**2126 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

Councillor Kim Turner reported that there would not be an Opportunity Chard this year and that they were going to get a report about the best way to spend the money in light of the cuts planned. They may be able to help some of these areas. The amount of money is approximately £50,000. They have agreed that the money does not need to be spent by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011.

The East Devon partnership is still ongoing and awaiting East Devon's management restructuring. They will look again in June / July 2011.

There are planned closures of 4 recycling centres, Crewkerne being one of them. At a meeting last night (parish councils were invited but not the public) it was suggested that instead of closing 4 they reduced the hours of all of them, they have promised to look at the proposal.

There are no details of the planned library closures yet.

Youth services are to be cut by 75%. There have been meetings with management organisation to try and combine services. There will be a reduction of youth workers to 4 in South Somerset but this may change.

There will be a reduction in public transport but details are yet to be confirmed. Councillor Trish Baxter reported that she had contacted the bus company and that they had not planned any changes to our service at present.

There is due to be another budget on December 22nd and more cuts are expected.

Community safety budget is cut and there will probably be a reduction in PCSOs from 10 to 1.

**2127 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Andrew Partridge declared an interest in item 10b.

**2128 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH MEETING** held on 3<sup>rd</sup>

November 2010. Councillor John Gapper asked for the word had could be inserted in minutes 2122b. Councillor Stella Abbey asked that the name Arts Council was not correct and that it should say Arts department.(2109) The amendments were made and The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

## **2129 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN**

Councillor John Gapper reported that he had met with the clerk about the accounts. Council John Gapper then questioned the transparency of the accounts as apart from the final audit it is unclear about the amassed funds for the playground as these are not shown in the calculations for the precept. A discussion followed about the way the accounts were presented. The clerk responded that the accounts were audited both internally and externally and a justification for the amounts held was included in the notes for the auditor. She added that the precept calculations were a working document only and not intended for routine publication. *Action: clerk to review the format for the quarterly accounts so that amassed funds were clearly shown. Councillor John Gapper to review.*

## **2130 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- a) Application 10/04359/FUL Extension and garage, demolish stables, Innisfree Down Lane, Purtington – recommend approval
- b) Application 10/04570/CPO Section 73 to vary condition 5 (hedgerow root protection) permission to construct an earth bund O.S 2000pt Colham Lane, Cricket St Thomas – recommend approval
- c) Application 10/04665/R3c conversion of part of a covered play area to storage, Winsham School – recommend approval
- d) Application 10/04590/Ful extension to garage to form a games room, Colham House, Colham Lane – recommend approval

## **2131 AMENITIES**

- a) Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that he continues to replace the cable ties from the fencing. The spring chicken is in need of repair. Councillor Kim Turner asked how often checks were made. Councillor Andrew Partridge responded that they were every 2 weeks.
- b) Councillor Roger Beer reported: The subcommittee have started to put out for tender the repairs and new equipment. They will also be applying for grants. Councillor Kim Turner reported that she has been working behind the scenes to help us with the funding application and that it has now been agreed that we can apply for funding up to £12500, this normally has to be matched by the Parish Councils.

Councillor Andrew Partridge asked about the plans for the large swings. Councillor Roger Beer responded that we now have the parts and are just waiting for the weather to improve before doing the maintenance. It is hoped that a local contractor would repaint them.

## **2132 RIGHTS OF WAY**

Councillor John Gapper reported that there was nothing to report

## **2133 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) Cheques signed for Clerks salary & expense, grass cutting
- b) The precept was agreed and signed. *Clerk to submit*

## **2134 CEMETRY**

Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that there was nothing to report.

The monument for D Corr was approved.

## **2135 UPPER RECREATION GROUND**

Councillor Mary Haggard reported that there were new events planned for the festive season. Councillor Stella Abbey commented that the increased advertising for the Sports and Social Club had been evident in the village and was very welcome and very impressive. .

## **2136 JUBILEE HALL**

Councillor Trish Baxter – reported that the oil tank was in. The themed evening has been postponed until better weather.

## **2137 HIGHWAYS**

Councillor Stella Abbey reported that the water in Colham Lane was still a problem and accident risk. We had been promised grit but it had not materialised. Councillor Kim Turner offered to liaise with highways.

## **2138 CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) War memorial trust bulletin
- b) Road Closure Tatworth
- c) Clerks Council Direct
- d) NHS Transport
- e) Precept
- f) Journal of local planning (email)
- g) Sheila Wheeler (email)
- h) Winter maintenance update (email)

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

## **2139 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) Councillor John Gapper asked whether we were responsible for the upkeep of the war memorial. Councillor Stella Abbey responded that the Parish Council had considered applying for listed status. The Council were unaware if this had been done. The clerk responded that it was before her employment and was unsure. Councillor Stella Abbey proposed that the Parish Council purchased a guide book for £4-99. All agreed and that cheque was signed. A discussion followed about the war memorial and it was agreed that it would be a nice project to protect the names. Councillor John Gapper offered to investigate the best approach and possible funding.
- b) Councillor Trish Baxter reported that at a recent shop meeting it was proposed to do a guide for new residents. Councillor Stella Abbey wondered if the neighbourhood watch team would be able to support this and let the administrators know of any new residents in their areas. Councillor John Gapper replied that he thought it was possible but would obviously need to speak with the team.

## **2140 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary meeting of The Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 2nd February 2011 for 7-30 pm meet in the Jubilee Hall.

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