

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 3rd November 2010
At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

2107 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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

2108 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

2109 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Robin Munday reported that finance was still the priority at the moment. The projections and preparations they have made have stood them in good stead following the recent government review. Highways will have a very tight budget and there is no resurfacing planned at all. The community safety budget is cut and it will mean that 10 or 12 PSCOs will go. Art council has gone and youth clubs have been reduced by 50% and will be only statutory. The county Councils are having a difficult time cutting spending. Councillor Trish Baxter commented that in the long run it maybe beneficial to have this review of spending and staffing.

Councillor Robin Munday continued – The East Devon partnership is still going forward however the staffing structure is to be looked at again as East Devon have more management posts and therefore will need to do some lean thinking before there can be a joint management.

Councillor Peter Harper commented that highways are facing big cuts yet they have just resurfaced the A30 by Cricket and have put in an excessive amount of new gulleys. Councillor Trish Baxter asked whether the Parish Council could write to someone to support our current PCSO.

2110 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

2111 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH MEETING held on 6th October 2010. The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

2112 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN

2113 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Application 10/02986/FUL Cricket St Thomas, Holiday lodges, amended plans – granted by SSDC
- b) Application 10/04149/LBC Alterations to covered play area into a store – Winsham Primary School – recommend approval

2114 AMENITIES

- a)
- b) Councillor Roger Beer reported: The subcommittee have decided on the equipment that they would like, the next step is to find out if there is any money from Area West. We may ask Swan Paul to revise the plans and then put it out to tender, depending on costs they may project manage it. We have about £5000 in our funds so far but will need considerably more. We would like to go ahead and order the parts to repair the large swings. Approx £210 in parts plus painting. All in agreement. *Action; clerk to order parts and contact Kim Turner re: Area West, also to contact swan Paul about costs.*

2115 RIGHTS OF WAY

Councillor John Gapper reported that he had received an email from County saying a ranger has been allocated to remove a fallen tree on a bridle way in Purtington. Otherwise all was quiet.

2116 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques signed for Clerks salary & expense, SSDC play inspection
- b) The draft precept was debated, the main area of expense is the grass cutting, a discussion was then held on the value of keeping the church yard neat or whether we could accept a lower service, problems may then arise that each cut is then more difficult and that this then maybe a less economical way to cut the grass. Some villages do depend on volunteers but it was felt that this was not a suitable solution. The draft precept was agreed. *Action: clerk to finalise the precept and Councillor John Gapper will inspect the accounts with the clerk to ensure transparency.*
- c) The Council agreed to the SSDC doing the playground inspection next year. *Action: Clerk to submit form.*
- d) There has been a rebate from the Council for the cemetery rates as we are classed as a small business. The clerk is unsure whether this will happen next year.

2117 CEMETRY

2118 UPPER RECREATION GROUND

Councillor Mary Haggard reported that there was nothing new to report.

2119 JUBILEE HALL

Councillor Trish Baxter – reported that the AGM was coming up.

2120 HIGHWAYS

Councillor Peter Harper reported that he had driven around most of the minor roads and that they are in reasonable condition. He has picked up the salt bin for Purtington but is still waiting for County to deliver the salt. County will not drop off salts bags as previously thought; you can however collect them from Yeovil.

2121 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) SSVA (emailed)
- b) Area west (emailed)
- c) Rural insight (emailed)
- d) SLCC
- e) South Somerset Local development framework
- f) Avon & Somerset Police
- g) SLCC
- h) Citizens advice
- i) 2011 census: councillors handbook
- j) SALC

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

2122 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Councillor Roger Beer presented a letter from John Sullivan concerning the Diamond Jubilee

in 2012, asking whether the Parish Council would be able to organise activities from the village. The Parish Council felt that at the present time they were unable to take on this role as they need to prioritise the playground project.

- b) Councillor John Gapper reported that a parishioner was concerned about the low flying helicopters over the village and asked whether the Parish Council would write a letter of complaint. The Council felt that a letter from the Parish Council would be inappropriate at the moment but if other Parishioners thought it was an issue or incidents were becoming more of a problem they would look at the issue again.

2123 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary meeting of The Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 1st December 2010 for 7-30 pm meet in the Jubilee Hall.

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