

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 6th October 2010
At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

2090 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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

2091 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

2092 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Robin Munday reported that finance was still top of the agenda with the spending review due on the 20th October. They have cut the deficit to just under £1 million. The District Councillors have been asked to indicate their preference for cuts in discretionary services. There has to be discretionary cuts and some services will go. The administration for the free bus passes has gone to County Council but they will still bill the District for their contribution. Community safety is likely to be cut. The Dog Warden service will be looked at on the 7th October with recommendation to go to full council. The problem is that the Council are unable to police it. One option is to hold workshops for organisations like the Sports and Social club so they can operate the orders.

The partnership with East Devon is still going forwards and they now have a draft management structure. There will be redundancies; voluntary redundancies are being looked at.

The Single Person Council Tax Relief is being looked into in terms of fraud.

The collection of plastic and cardboard is due to start on 25th October; however it will be on a rolling programme with some areas not getting the service until March 2011.

The District are looking into the possibility of buying on call services to deal with problems with snow and its effect on car parks, the funding will have to come out of the reserves.

Councillor Trish Baxter reported that she had attended a meeting about the proposed cuts to public libraries, the smallest one will be under threat, they are hoping to get volunteers to run them but Councillor Baxter thought this may not be a viable option.

Councillor Robin Munday responded that both Kim Turner and himself were unhappy with the consultation as it was by invitation only and not open to the general public.

Councillor Stella Abbey asked when Winsham would get the Sort It Plus scheme. Councillor Robin Munday replied that he was unsure of the dates.

The clerk asked Councillor Robin Munday about the glossy pamphlet County had produced about its spending and commented that in light of the cuts this was a waste of public money as a cheaper solution could be sought. Councillor Robin Munday will forward the comments to Councillor Kim Turner.

2093 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Andrew Partridge declared an interest in items 10b. The grass cutting was not invoiced this month as indicated on the agenda.

2094 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH MEETING held on 1st September 2010. The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

2095 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN

- a) The Parish Council are still unsure about the ownership of the boundary fence but agreed to cut back any hedging when it was needed. *Action: Councillor Andrew Partridge to monitor. Clerk to investigate boundaries for the future.*

2096 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Application 10/02976/Ful, 2 semi detached dwellings, land adjacent Plum Tree cottage, Fore Street – revised application – granted by SSDC
- b) Application 10/02596/FUL alterations and erection of a side extension to dwelling, dairy cottage, 2 Hollowells - amended plans – recommend approval

2097 AMENITIES

- a) Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that part of the fence had come down; this was kindly repaired by Mr R Haggard.
- b) The subcommittee need to hold another meeting as it is apparent that in light of the financial cuts it will be harder to come by funds. A priority list needs to be set. *Action: clerk to arrange a meeting.* Councillor Roger Beer asked whether local contractors could be used. Councillor Robin Munday responded that they could as long as the final result was within safety standards.

2098 RIGHTS OF WAY

Councillor John Gapper reported that he had cleared the double stile and that he had now been contacted about the proposed bridleway in Broadenham lane. The proposed route leads through to Wayford Woods, permission will almost certainly be granted if they can show an historic route. If it is impassable then the County Council or the land owner are responsible for clearing it. Councillor Stella Abbey thanked John for clearing the stile. The Council also thanked whoever clears the M Pike path – they were unsure who cuts it or whether it is voluntary or paid work.

2099 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques signed for Clerks salary & expense, Glasdons, liberty trail, hedge cutting, jubilee hall £260
- b) PWLB by DD

Councillor John Gapper reported that a member of public had enquired about salt bins for Fore Street. The clerk responded that one was due to be positioned by the phone box. If anyone wants to store some salt bags in their garage they can get a delivery from highways.

2100 CEMETRY

- a) Councillor Andrew Partridge reported there was nothing new to report.

2101 UPPER RECREATION GROUND

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

2102 JUBILEE HALL

Councillor Trish Baxter – reported that they were planning another themed meal. Councillor Stella Abbey commented that the last Take Art event made a loss and that the committee should consider why that was and is it still viable. Councillor Robin Munday replied that if he was aware of these events he would happily support them.

2103 HIGHWAYS

Councillor Trish Baxter asked PC Andy Searle about the water on Colham lane and he suggested asking highways for road signs to make people aware of the risks. Councillor Robin Munday reported that Councillor Kim Turner had been speaking with highways and that as it is probably due to a natural spring they would be unable to fix the problem but could provide sand bags near the area. Councillor Trish Baxter reported that when they were resurfacing Hazelwood Hill there were 44 loose grit signs and commented that this was a waste of public money.

2104 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Community Council for Somerset

- b) Community policing awards
- c) SCC annual report
- d) YDH

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

2105 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Councillor Stella Abbey commented that there was an option of registering land as a village green if you can prove it was used for 20yrs, this maybe an option for the land behind Balsom Close. Somebody would need to investigate this.

2106 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary meeting of The Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 3rd November 2010 for 7-30 pm meet in the Jubilee Hall.

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