

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

1964 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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

1965 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs J Bone and Mr Hill re: planning issues

1966 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Robin Munday on the proposed partnership with East Devon. East Devon is comparable in terms of size, the proposals would mean 1 chief executive over both authorities with a gradual change of directors. The plans would mean a way of saving without cutting costs. P Sort it Plus (cardboard and plastic) may happen because the district has reduced the cost if all of the Somerset District Councils agree to purchase the scheme. The start date would probably be midway through the next financial year.

The budget has been balanced. Band D Council tax is £150 with a 2% increase.

Councillor Robin Munday had looked at the land by the band hut and it is Council property. There may be enough space for 2 or 3 allotments but the land has to be strimmed first to assess it properly.

Councillor Kim Turner reported that the cabinet had met to discuss budgets, it has achieved a 0% increase in Council Tax as promised but this will inevitably lead to cuts in services. There will not be a community budget, they have reduced Highways budget by £5million.

Planning Issue 10/00335/CPO is applied to the County council and not the District. Councillor robin Munday commented that there would be 5 delivery vehicles per day but as it is already used by contractors this may not be an issue. It would deal with 8000 tonnes pa. *Action: The Parish Council will hols a separate planning meeting.*

Councillor Kim Turner reported on a meeting she had attended regarding Somerset schools. She thought that the school needed to pursue Hard Federation. Councillor Mary Haggard commented that the school had approached a number of different school but had been unsuccessful so far.

1967 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

1968 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH MEETING held on 2nd December 2009

The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

1969 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN

a) The War memorial – The clerk reported that there is a meeting on Wednesday 10th at 10am with Highways. Still awaiting repairs

1970 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) Application 09/04006/FUL Stable Building, Claypot, Hazelwood Hill – granted by SSDC

b) Application 09/03365/FUL, amended plans, 29 Western Way, removal of gates.

c) Application 10/00030/DPO, Cricket St Thomas, modify section 106 to allow leasing of land to facilitate holiday lodge development. Councillor Robin Munday reported that the freehold would stay with the estate, the amendment is to release the land to build holiday lodges and run them. Councillor John Gaper commented that the application requested a 999yr lease. The Parish Council recommend approval if the lease is 99yrs.

1971 AMENITIES

a) Councillor Andrew Partridge had nothing new to report. Councillor Roger Beer requested that the Parish Council orders the repairs for the multiplay. The Parish Council stated that it was financially viable. Motion Carried. *Action: Clerk to order.*

b) The Clerk reported to the District and County Councillors that they could not progress further without professional help but they could not get through to the Play team despite repeated efforts. Councillor Kim Turner offered to follow this up and help arrange a new meeting. She also suggested contacting Simon Preston in the Rural Youth Scheme for advice.

Councillor Roger Beer asked Councillor Kim Turner if she would support the project financially. *Action: Clerk to apply for funding for the project and grit bins for the village.*

1972 RIGHTS OF WAY

Councillor John Gapper - nil to report

1973 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Cheques signed for Clerks salary & expenses , cemetery gate repairs £58

1974 CEMETRY

a) Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that the repairs to the gate had been completed. He asked the council if they wanted the hedge to be maintained. Motion Carried

1975 UPPER RECREATION GROUND

Councillor Mary Haggard – nil to report

1976 JUBILEE HALL

Councillor Trish Baxter – nil to report

1977 HIGHWAYS

a) Councillor John Gapper reported that there was a pothole at the junction of Court Street and Church Street – *Action; Clerk to report*

1978 CORRESPONDENCE

a) Street scene

b) SSDC – Partnership with East Devon DC

c) Youth in Your Community

d) THATCH

e) SALC

f) SSDC

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

1979 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Councillor Roger Beer reported to the County and District Councillors that recently a housing association house in Balsom Close had been let without the Parish Councils Input. It was understood when the affordable housing was planned that they would be for local people who could not afford to stay in the village. The Parish council would like the opportunity to advertise the properties if they become vacant. Councillor Kim Turner suggested raising the issue with Rick Palister in SSDC.

b)Councillor John Gapper reported that there had been some minor vandalism in Forestreet and Back Street (stone throwing etc). Please report any suspicious cold callers as there maybe a link to break ins.

1980 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

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