

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 6th July 2011
At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

2226 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Those present: -	Mr John Chance	Chairman
	Mr John Gapper	Vice Chairman
	Miss Trish Baxter	
	Mr John Sullivan	
	Mrs Mary Haggard	
	Mr Andrew Partridge	
	Mr Peter Saunders	
	Mr Peter Harper	
Parish clerk:	Mrs Elaine Willis	
District Councillor:	Mrs Sue Osborne	
County Councillor:	Mrs Kim Turner	
Public:		
Apologies:	Mrs Janet Hendon	

2227 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None

2228 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Sue Osborne reported that she had attended a meeting for Chard Show Ground, they are waiting for studies to be completed. Councillor John Chance enquired whether access had been mentioned. Councillor Sue Osborne reported that the applicants considered it to be an improvement on their previous site. Councillor Peter Harper reported that there was some adverse feeling in Purtington about the plans. They were happy with Chard Show being 2 days a year but the increase in events may lead to more disruption in term of noise from the loud speakers.

Councillor Kim Turner advised that in cases such as this it is normally the applicant that arranges meetings for local residents. *Action: clerk to inform the council when an application is received.*

Councillor Sue Osborne continued, thank you to John Sullivan for the e-letter, it is a very useful way of finding out about events.

Winsham and Wayford are on the list for Street Scene (street cleaning). Would anyone from the PC like to come to the meeting? Councillor John Chance volunteered.

There may be money (up to £750) for Parishes who wish to start a Parish Plan. www.parishplanning.co.uk Councillor John Sullivan reported that the subcommittee is yet to meet and discuss how large they want the project to be and its direction.

Councillor Kim Turner reported that Andy Singleton is now the Chair of Area West. Councillor Kim Turner announced that she had a new job at County; The Shadow portfolio holder for Children and Young People. There are grants available for groups that want to set up their own groups (up to £5000) more information can be found on www.somerset-youth.gov.uk

Councillor Kim Turner was unable to find out who the boundary between 1 Western Way and the lower recreation ground belonged to because it was private property.

2229 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Andrew Partridge declared an interest in item 10b.

2230 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH MEETING held on 1st June 2011. The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

2231 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN

a) Councillor John Gapper reported that a meeting was due to take place in 1 week's time

between ourselves, Colin Fletcher and Gregg Venn. He is still waiting for the 3rd quote for the repairs / cleaning. Councillor Andrew Partridge responded that one of the main problems is cars parking on the opposite side, making the turning being too tight. *Action: Councillor John Gapper to continue with quotes and meetings.*

- b) The clerk reported that to make an area a dog exclusion zone, it is a very long process, officially there is only 1 in Somerset, and the rest cannot be enforced. The first step is to put a notice in the newspaper at a cost of approximately £300. Councillor Trish Baxter suggested a dog parking area in the Lower Recreation Ground. The Parish council agreed to look into signs saying no dogs to discourage them in the Lower Recreation Ground, this was a majority vote, with one member against the signs. *Action; clerk to cost.*

2232 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Application 11/01370/FUL extension, alterations, garage, Queen Hill Forton – granted by SSDC
- b) Application 10/01567/FUL amendment - alter window sizes, Oatgates – granted SSDC
- c) Application 11/02494/s73 London lodge farm, Cricket St Thomas, vary condition no.23 (removal of earth bund) of application 10/02986/FUL – recommend approval
- d) Guidelines on carports, the clerk reported on guidelines for outbuildings. Councillor John Chance reported that he had investigated the carport at Wings and was satisfied that everything was done through the correct channels and within regulations.

2233 AMENITIES

- a) Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that he was putting on the Jubilee clips. It was a long process. He also reported that the gates weren't closing properly. *Action: clerk to contact contractors*
- b) Councillor Mary Haggard reported that there was just a little bit of turf to lay. Thank you to Roger Beer for all his hard work. The committee were really pleased with the wall and local stone was used for the main body, this was collected from gardens and Hollowells. Fossils were donated, the largest from Stella Abbey. We have yet to order a time capsule but a space has been left for this. The existing swings were not repaired as expected (i.e. metal work completely rubbed down) and the council were unhappy with the results. The clerk had reported this to the contractors who had assured her that the job was completed to the best of their abilities and the swings had been rubbed down to the bare metal and the uneven result was because of pitting of the metal.

Adrian Moore had been out to inspect the finished results, he is happy with the safety aspects concerning the rocks. Rocks are being put in across the District Council play areas. Overall he complimented the Council on an excellent job.

Winsham School children had put their hand prints in the concrete under the top seat.

Action: clerk to send invoices to SSDC and National Lottery, clerk to send in VAT return now and again at the end of the year.

2234 RIGHTS OF WAY

Councillor John Gapper reported that the sign for Ammerham had been repaired. Councillor John Chance asked if there were any guidelines on barbed wire and footpaths. Councillor John Gapper responded that he understood the barbs should be on the outside.

2235 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques signed for Clerks salary & expenses, grass cutting, Play UK, Eaton, Beal UK, Somerset Playing Fields, Moore Stephens, Haggard, Came and Co, Harveys, R Beer, S Morgan.

2236 CEMETERY

Councillor Peter Saunders reported that there had been 1 burial and 1 interment of ashes.

2237 UPPER RECREATION GROUND

Councillor Mary Haggard reported that alterations to the bar area were still ongoing.

2238 JUBILEE HALL

Councillor John Sullivan reported that the outside paint work had been completed and that repairs

were needed to the large window.

2239 HIGHWAYS

Councillor Peter Harper reported that the large lorries going down the Chalkway had resulted in damaged verges. Councillor Kim Turned advised that there was probably little Highways could do about this.

2240 PARISH OFFICE

Councillor Trish Baxter reported that she had had 2 visitors, one complaining about the parking outside of the Church, making it difficult for people with mobility aids to use the pavement. Councillor Kim Turner suggested putting slips under the windscreen, she had some we could use / adapt.

One parishioner had concerns about dogs in the lower recreation ground.

2241 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Changes to library services – email
- b) Road closure Tatworth
- c) Clerks council direct
- d) Local strategic Partnership
- e) D Laws visits

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

2242 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor John Gapper reported that at the Yarlinton village inspection the state of the band hut had been mentioned. The clerk informed the council that one of the perpetrators had admitted to vandalising it but hadn't as yet offered to repair it. The matter had been reported to the police unofficially at present. Councillor Kim Turner advised that the band committee were probably liable for its upkeep and repairs.

Councillor John Chance asked whether a different system could be used for planning applications and suggested a comments form. *Action: Councillor John Chance to design a form.*

2243 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

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