

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 1st June 2011
At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

2209 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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

2210 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None

2211 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor John Chance congratulated Councillor Sue Osborne on her election.

Councillor Sue Osborne reported that she was undergoing a lot of training and was on a very steep learning curve. The first meeting of the full Council was concerned with electing people onto various committees. Councillor Kim Turner has stepped down as Chair of Area West. Due to the changes in planning the Council are looking at training for Parish Councillors.

Councillor Trish Baxter asked if there was any news on the Show Ground. Councillor Sue Osborne responded that the planning application would not be in for 2-3 months. There have been issues with crime on the site with a burnt out JCB following a theft.

2212 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Andrew Partridge declared an interest in item 10c.

2213 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH MEETING held on 4th May 2011. The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

2214 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN

- a) Councillor John Gapper reported that he was still waiting for 2 other quotes for the War Memorial and still waiting for a meeting between Greg Venn and Colin Fletcher. Unfortunately Colin Fletcher had to cancel a scheduled meeting and is yet to rearrange.
Action: Councillor John Gapper to continue with quotes and meetings.

2215 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Application 11/01788/FUL, Wind turbine, Highlands Dairy Farm, Hewish. No comment
b) Application 11/01993/FUL, Land adjacent Plum Tree Cottage, Fore Street, 2 semi detached dwellings – revised application – recommend approval
c) Councillor Trish Baxter reported that one member of the public had expressed concerns about the car port at Wings, Court Street. They were concerned that the structure should have had planning permission as it looked more like a garage than a car port. *Action: Councillor John Chance to investigate*

2216 AMENITIES

- a) Councillor Andrew Partridge asked whether the jubilee clips had been ordered. *Action: clerk to order.*
- b) The clerk reported that Councillor Kim Turner had been in contact and was still investigating the boundary between the Lower Recreation Ground and 1 Western Way. The work on the Lower Recreation Ground is due to start on 6/6/11, just one week behind schedule.

2217 RIGHTS OF WAY

Councillor John Gapper reported that the County's strimmer scheme had now been offered at a price of £65 a person. (Half original quote)

Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that the footpath sign for Ammerham had broken off. *Action: Councillor John Gapper to report.*

2218 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques signed for Clerks salary & expense., grass cutting, liberty trail, GB Sport
- b) The clerk informed the council that SALC had informed her that new financial regulations would be out in the summer.

2219 CEMETERY

Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that everything was okay.

After reviewing the cemetery fees and local comparisons the Council unanimously agreed to keep the fees as they were for another year.

2220 UPPER RECREATION GROUND

Councillor Mary Haggard reported that alterations to the bar area were due to start shortly, they have building control, planning permission was not required. An architect had been employed.

Councillor John Chance asked whether the new regulations from County meant that all dogs needed to be kept on a lead. Councillor Andrew Partridge has also seen dogs being let of the lead in the cemetery and suggested clarification of the rules from District.

Action: Clerk to clarify the situation with the District Council.

2221 JUBILEE HALL

Councillor Janet Hendon reported that they had held a successful Caribbean evening raising about £500. Councillor Mary Haggard thanked the Jubilee Hall for inviting the school samba band to play at the Caribbean evening, they raised £30 towards school funds. The external paint work is to be renewed soon and the fence around the garden has been finished.

The AGM is on June 27th. Councillor John Sullivan explained that each organisation puts forward a member for the committee.

2222 HIGHWAYS

Councillor Mary Haggard reported that the sign post at Whately looks like it's been turned around. Councillor Trish Baxter reported that the sign opposite the shop had still not been mended. It has been like that for about 18 months. *Action: clerk to report*

2223 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Clerks & Councils Direct
- b) Electoral review
- c) Community Council
- d) Playing Field
- e) Dog notice SSDC

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

2224 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Trish Baxter reported that she had had 2 visitors to the Parish Office this week, one was a visitor to the village who was researching their family tree.

Councillor John Sullivan asked whether the Parish Council would help start the ball rolling on the celebrations for the Diamond Jubilee next Year. Hopefully if there was enough interest then a committee of volunteers would be formed to take the project further. Council in agreement. *Action:*

Councillor John Sullivan to organise.

Councillor John Sullivan also suggested a parish survey to give the Council some direction. Councillor John Chance suggested a subcommittee. Councillors Janet Hendon, Trish Baxter, and John Sullivan agreed to stand. Full council agreement.

2225 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary meeting of The Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 6th July for 7-30 pm meet in the Jubilee Hall.

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