

**WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 2nd March 2011**  
**at the Jubilee Hall, Winsham.**

**2158 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

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

**2159 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**2160 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

Councillor Kim Turner reported that South Somerset had agreed the budget and were now looking at the next financial year. There are going to be cuts in the bus services especially Sunday services. Councillor Kim Turner expressed her concern that County had not consulted children when they planned their cuts to services, the United Nations Article 12 children, which was adopted by the Council, states that they must be consulted, also there are concerns about the lack of quality and diversity considerations. Area West are planning to write to County about these concerns.

A discussion followed about consulting children in matters such as transport and libraries and whether their views should be taken into account. Varying views were expressed.

There have been 26,000 signatures against the closure of libraries. Consultation papers are out now. The mobile buses have been cut from 6 to 2; the impact on Winsham is as yet unclear.

Two small schools are set to close, Winsham remains safe.

There has been fencing and cabins placed in the Chard Show ground, it is unclear if they have planning consent. This matter was brought to the attention of Councillor Kim Turner by a member of the public and therefore she will investigate matters.

Councillor John Gapper asked whether reports from County are given non-politically or whether councillors own political views are represented. Councillor Kim Turner reassured the Council that reports are given in a non political manner.

**2161 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Andrew Partridge declared an interest in item 10b.

**2162 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH MEETING** held on 2nd February 2011. The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

**2163 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN**

- a) The clerk informed the Council that the application forms for the Parish Council elections had now arrived.
- b) Councillor Stella Abbey asked whether volunteers could clean the war memorial

inscriptions. The clerk responded that insurance did cover volunteers. *Action: Councillor Stella Abbey to organise volunteers.* Councillor Stella Abbey continued to inform the Parish Council that St Marys in Chard had quotes from £650 - £1350 to renew their inscriptions. Councillor John Gapper has also asked Thorncombe about their tenders for their Memorial. Their project is being run by the British Legion rather than the Parish Council. He added that the information he had received implied that there was no great urgency to clean the memorial and that warnings were given about doing more harm than good.

## **2164 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- a) Application 11/00425/LBC, Oak Barn, Whately farm, rear door in boundary wall. – recommend approval
- b) Application 11/00536/FUL, Woodlands, Fore Street, first floor extension. – recommend approval

## **2165 AMENITIES**

- a) Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that all the cable ties are being pulled off again, this is a constant battle. The temporary fence by the bus shelter had also been damaged again.
- b) Councillor Roger Beer reported that the grant applications were in. Councillor Kim Turner reported that they were not on the Area West agenda. *Action: Councillor Kim Turner to investigate.*

## **2166 RIGHTS OF WAY**

Councillor Stella Abbey reported that the footbridge at Chalkway had now been repaired. Councillor Andrew Partridge enquired as to the tender for Liberty Trail and whether there was a contact for County. *Action: clerk to investigate.*

## **2167 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) Cheques signed for Clerks salary & expense,
- b) The grass tender from A Partridge was proposed by Councillor Mary Haggard and seconded by Councillor Stella Abbey. The council was in full agreement.

## **2168 CEMETRY**

Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that he had met with Councillor Peter Saunders and the clerk to discuss the layout of the cemetery and the marking of graves. The original map was given to Councillor Peter Saunders.

- b) The clerk reported that one of the benches in the cemetery needed repairing. *Action: Councillor Andrew Partridge to investigate and repair in the spring.*  
The clerk recommended that the Parish Council investigate the safety of the grave stones via a topple test. *Action: Councillor Andrew Partridge and the clerk to enquire about the previous test.*
- C) Inscription for R Loaring agreed.

## **2169 UPPER RECREATION GROUND**

Councillor Mary Haggard reported that things were going well at the Sports and Social Club and they were looking forward to brighter weather and more activities.

## **2170 JUBILEE HALL**

Councillor Trish Baxter – reported that there would be a meeting later this month.

## **2171 HIGHWAYS**

Councillor Roger Beer reported that there had been a number of large lorries travelling along Chalkway full of soil, approximately 3 or 4 in the last week. *Action: Councillor Kim Turner to investigate.*

## **2172 CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) SALC
- b) Playground management
- c) The playing field
- d) SALC
- e) SSVCA
- f) Somerset playing field association

g) Community council for Somerset

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

**2173 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Trish Baxter to investigate whether the Jubilee Hall require the subscription to the Community Council for Somerset

**2174 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary meeting of The Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2011 for 7-30 pm meet in the Jubilee Hall.

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