

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 4th May 2011
At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

2192 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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

2193 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs Sue Osbourne, Mr John Chance, Mr John Sullivan came to observe the meeting.

2194 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Robin Munday reported that the elections were forefront in everyone's minds and are due tomorrow, 3 people are standing for this District. Work has been continuing on finance and planning matters.

2195 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

2196 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH MEETING held on 6th April 2011. The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

2197 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN

- a) The clerk informed the Council that the dates for the AGM on the 11th May fell within the official time span. Each Councillor will have to fill in a declaration of interest form and acceptance form.
- b) The clerk informed the council that Councillor John Gapper had met with Mr Greg Venn and he had advised not to reduce the plinth size. Councillor Robin Munday reported that a meeting is due to take place between Highways and Greg Venn about ways to protect the memorial from traffic.
- c) Councillor Robin Munday reported that the development at Chard Show Ground requires planning consent before more work can be done.

2198 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Application 11/00536/FUL, Woodlands, Fore Street, first floor extension – granted SSDC
- b) Application 11/01370/FUL, Queen Hill, Forton, extension, balcony, garage, external alterations.
– recommend approval

2199 AMENITIES

- a) Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that a different solution is needed other than cable ties

for the wire fence because as soon as they are put on they get broken off. Councillor Roger Beer suggested trying Jubilee clips.

- b) Councillor Roger Beer reported that the revamp to the playground should cover all of the areas mentioned in the inspection report apart from the uneven surface under the roundabout, measurements taken are within safe guidelines.
- c) Councillor Roger Beer reported that the playground project is due to start on the 31st May. He proceeded to explain some of the plans. Contractors include; Play UK, Slades, S Morgan. Councillor Roger Beer asked for suggestions about the boundary fence between No1 Western way. *Action: Councillor Kim Turner to investigate boundaries.*

2200 RIGHTS OF WAY

No report given

2201 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques signed for Clerks salary & expense.
- b) The Council agreed to give the clerk an increment according to SALC recommendations
- c) The Audit was agreed and signed.
- d) The clerk informed the Council that they are now registered with HMRC as an employer and will have to fill in annual returns. Even though tax will not be paid a return is needed otherwise they do issue fines.

2202 CEMETERY

Councillor Peter Saunders reported that there was an internment on 6th May.

2203 UPPER RECREATION GROUND

Councillor Mary Haggard reported that they had had a good month, a good Royal Wedding day and that the first team football had been promoted to the premier division.

2204 JUBILEE HALL

Councillor Trish Baxter – reported that there was a meeting next week.

2205 HIGHWAYS

Councillor Peter Harper reported the area seemed to have been very lucky compared with other areas with the amount of damage caused by the harsh winter.

2206 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) District Council Elections
- b) SALC

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

2207 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Trish Baxter asked whether she could have a regular slot for reporting back from the Parish Office. Councillor Roger Beer questioned the office sustainability as it gets very few visitors. Councillor Trish Baxter thought it was useful but generated little interest. *Action: Councillor Trish Baxter to advertise and promote the monthly office.*

2208 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary meeting of The Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 1st June for 7-30 pm meet in the Jubilee Hall. AGM Wednesday 11th May 7pm, APM 7:30pm 11th May.

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