

## **WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 2nd November 2011  
At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham.**

### **2282 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

Those present: -	Mr John Chance	Chairman
	Mr John Gapper	Vice Chairman
	Miss Trish Baxter	
	Mrs Janet Hendon	
	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:		
Public:		
Apologies:	Mr Peter Saunders	
	Mr Peter Harper	
	Mrs Kim Turner	

### **2283 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

None

### **2284 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

Councillor Sue Osborne reported that they were still waiting for the Purtington Show ground application to be put forward. The fees for which are still waiting to be agreed. There was a Chard regeneration meeting in the Town Hall; there is still time to put forward any views.

No- one has made a formal application for the band hut lease, two organisations have asked about the lease. Councillor John Chance asked if the band has dissolved how could they repair the building. Councillor Andrew Partridge commented that he thought they only rented the land and that the band had built the hut themselves. Councillor Trish Baxter asked whether the District Council could sign the land over to the Parish Council and they would take over the management. Councillor John Chance replied that they would have to look into potential costs. Councillor Mary Haggard reported that the Sports and Social Club would take over the band hut themselves and repair it. Councillor Sue Osborne offered to take the comments back to the District Council.

Councillor John Gapper asked whether Winsham could not be joined with Chard or Crewkerne instead of Ilminster for the electoral review. Councillor Trish Baxter responded that you couldn't even get to Ilminster on public transport but that it probably didn't matter which town we are attached to. Councillor John Chance commented that we do not have a connection with Ilminster and asked whether the Council wanted to submit their concerns. After a split vote it was agreed to respond individually with any concerns.

### **2285 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Andrew Partridge declared an interest in item 10c and d.

**2286 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH MEETING** held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2011. The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

### **2287 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN**

- a) The clerk reported that she had asked a company to clean the memorial and is waiting their reply.

## **2288 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- a) Application 11/03791/FUL, replace extant permission 08/03013/FUL, Single storey extension, Chalkway Mill, Limekiln lane. – recommend approval
- b) Application 11/03799/FUL, alterations & side extension , Dairy Cottages, 2 Hollowells, Cricket St Thomas – recommend approval
- c) Application 11/03134/COU, change of use of land to garden and parking, Fore Street, Winsham, OS 6341 – granted by SSDC
- d) Application 11/04152/S73 – vary condition 27, planning permission 10/02986/FUL, minor design changes to site layout. London lodge farm Cricket St Thomas – recommend approval
- e) Application 11/04133/FUL, replacement vehicular access, Purtington House, Lime Kiln lane – recommend approval

## **2289 AMENITIES**

- a) Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that there was nothing new to report.
- b) Inspection report – Councillor John Chance reported that there are a few matters outstanding: the cradle seats, one flat seat. *Action: Councillor John Chance and Andrew Partridge to liaise with Roger Beer.*
- c) The clerk informed the council that the District Council were no longer going to be providing free quarterly inspections; we already pay for the annual inspection. Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that he carries out a fortnightly check and writes down any issues. The District Council will provide quarterly inspections at a cost from April. Councillor John Chance reported that we need to check if we are legally covered by doing an annual inspection and a fortnightly inspection. *Action: clerk to contact insurers and the District Council.*

## **2290 RIGHTS OF WAY**

Councillor John Gapper reported that there was nothing new to report. Councillor Trish Baxter had been unable to contact the landowner about the stile but will do so as soon as possible.

## **2291 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) Cheques signed for Clerks salary & expenses, hedge and grass cutting, SSDC playground inspection.
- b) Precept. The clerk had drafted a precept for the next financial year and managed to keep a 0% increase, the Council agreed this in principle.

## **2292 CEMETERY**

The Council agreed the memorial for Grabham and Monkton.

Councillor John Chance commented that the cemetery gate was in need of replacing and that the kissing gate did not work. Councillors Mary Haggard and Janet Hendon replied that they would prefer the kissing gate to remain and be repaired if possible. Councillor John Chance asked that each councillor had a look at the gates and came back with ideas for the next meeting. Councillor Trish Baxter thought it may be a nice idea to have a Jubilee gate.

## **2293 UPPER RECREATION GROUND**

Councillor Mary Haggard reported that everything was going well, they had had several successful events and more had been booked.

## **2294 JUBILEE HALL**

Councillor Janet Hendon reported that they would be holding a themed evening in January and planned to get a side gate put in, possibly with a Jubilee theme. Councillor Trish Baxter asked whether a heat sensitive light could be put in to light the way around the back as it was dangerous especially in winter.

## **2295 HIGHWAYS**

The clerk reported that Councillor Peter Harper was in contact with Highways about delivery of salt to Purtington.

## **2296 PARISH SURVEY**

Councillor John Sullivan reported that they had had a good response from the parish – 23%. The majority had used the word friendly. The shop and post office were used by virtually everyone that

responded. The most interesting parts were the comments. The subcommittee proposed that the main themes should be discussed over several meeting – starting with traffic control next month.

The winners of the shop vouchers were Mrs Y Hunt, Mr B Lovelock and Mr and Mrs H Macey

### **2297 CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Somerset Electoral review
- b) Greenacres
- c) Temporary road closure – Tatworth
- d) Clerks council direct
- e) SALC

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

### **2298 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) Councillor Mary Haggard, on behalf of the Street Fair committee, asked the Parish Council if the Squirrel pub could have a licensed bar outside the cemetery during the Street Fair and evening celebration as the selling of alcohol was not allowed on the school field. The Council decided that this was not a suitable place for a bar and refused the request. Councillor Mary Haggard declared an interest in this item.

### **2299 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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

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