

**WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2012**  
**At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham.**

**2465 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

Those present: - Mr John Gapper Vice Chairman  
Mrs Mary Haggard  
Miss Trish Baxter  
Mr John Sullivan  
Mr Michael Dunkin  
Mr Nathan Mode  
Mr Andrew Partridge  
Miss Gabrielle Chambers  
Parish clerk: Mrs Elaine Willis  
District Councillor: Mrs Sue Osborne  
County Councillor:  
Public: Mrs Stella Abbey  
PCSO's John Martin and Karen Pack  
Apologies: Mrs Kim Turner  
Mr John Chance Chairman

**2466 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Mrs S Abbey attended to inform the council that although the permissive footpaths through Cricket St Thomas were now closed if you write to Stephen Taylor he may issue you with a pass to use the paths. Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times.

PCSO John Martin informed the Parish Council that they would like to set up a monthly beat surgery and welcomed any suggestions as to possible locations. Councillor John Sullivan suggested the monthly cafe in the Jubilee Hall. PCSO Karen Puck welcomed the suggestion. *Action: Councillor JS to include Karen Puck on the e-letter circulation list which will give dates of the cafe.*

**2467 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

Councillor S Osborne reported that she had looked into help from the District Council to tidy up the area around the band hut, the only help would be for any fly tipping, the asset being transferred freehold as is.

The District Council had been looking at Council Tax reduction, the consultation had over 1000 replies. The Local Plan 2013-2028 is going back to Full Council in December. The Economic development strategy is going to Full Council in November, one of the areas they are considering is pooling business rates.

Transport – route 202 has been cut, other cuts are likely, however the 99 route is very busy.

Councillor Michael Dunkin asked if there were any further developments with the Show Ground application. Councillor Sue Osborne responded that as far as she was aware it had not progressed since her last report. Councillor Nathan Mode asked whether concerned local residents needed to put a case forward against “change of use” as the show ground hadn’t so far managed to fill the permitted 28 days use.

**2468 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Andrew Partridge declared an interest in item 10c.

**2469 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH MEETING** held on 3rd October 2012. The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

**2470 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN**

- a) Band hut and allotments -The clerk reported that the solicitors had asked for a cheque of £1384 to be placed in a holding account.

- b) Councillor John Sullivan expressed concerns that he was unclear about what to declare as an interest and was therefore unhappy about signing the new Register of Interests form. It was the understanding of the Parish Council that a Register of Interest form would be devised by the District Council that reflected our Code of conduct, the form that has been issued from the District Council was a generic form and did not accurately reflect the Parishes Code of Conduct. Councillor John Gapper suggested amending the form to agree with the Code of Conduct. Councillor John Sullivan expressed further concerns that it appeared that he may have to leave a meeting if a Jubilee Hall matter was discussed, he had printed a dispensation form which the clerk can sign.

Councillor Mary haggard expressed concerns that if it was just appointed officers that had to leave the room when matters about that committee were discuss it did not reflect the fact that these are committees and all members have a vote not just an appointed officer. Councillor Nathan Mode commented that point 15 made it clear that the Council could agree to include a member in the discussion.

The clerk reported that as far as she had been aware dispensations had to be agreed by the District Council unless the Parish Council had agreed that the clerk could take on the role. The Parish Council had received an email about this today form SALC as all home owners would have to declare an interest and fill out a dispensation form to vote on the next precept. This had only been brought to the clerks attention today so would need further investigation. On the matter of dispensation the clerk reported that it was her understanding that dispensations were granted for a particular matter and not for wide topics such as the Jubilee Hall. The clerk also commented that Councillors have 28days after they have agreed their Code of Conduct to return their Register of Interest form or they will be in breach of their Code of Conduct.

c/ The clerk confirmed that Councillor Nathan Mode and John Chance would attend a Neighbourhood Planning meeting along with the clerk. (27<sup>th</sup> November)

## **2471 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- a) Application: 12/013156/ful, demolish conservatory and erect a single storey extension, replace barge boards and replace window to door in the garage. 8 Court farm Close – granted SSDC

## **2472 AMENITIES**

Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that he will cut the padlock off the swing soon. Councillor Trish Baxter commented that in the report the new swing seats were said to be worn but these were new last year.

## **2473 RIGHTS OF WAY**

Councillor John Gapper reported that he had received 2 complaints: one about the hedge at the start of the Liberty Trail and that it may not leave the path a meter wide. Councillor Andrew Partridge confirmed that this stretch of hedge was the land owner's responsibility, he did trim it in the summer for free because otherwise it would be too overgrown but the land owner normally cuts it about now. The area in question is a hazel tree and his hedge trimmer won't cut it. The clerk asked Councillor Andrew Partridge to confirm which hedges they were invoiced for. Councillor Andrew Partridge confirmed that the hedges invoice was for the cemetery hedges. *Action: JG to report to CC*

Councillor Gabrielle Chambers asked whether anything could be done to improve the drainage on the Broadenham Farm footpath, areas of concern are the gateway and the dip at the bottom of the path. *Action: JG to report to CC*

## **2474 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) Cheques signed for Clerk's salary & expenses, £1384 Beviss & Beckingsale. Grass cutting £502, liberty trail £130, footpaths £40, hedges £135, SSDC £90.72 – playground inspection
- b) The draft precept was agreed in principle – the final decision is to be made at the next meeting.

## **2475 CEMETERY**

Councillor Andrew reported that some soil had been moved from an area he had made flat, this had left a hole. He had cut off the lower branches of the crab apple tree.

**2476 UPPER RECREATION GROUND**

Councillor Mary Haggard reported that there was nothing to report.

**2477 JUBILEE HALL**

Councillor John Sullivan reported that there was a Red Carpet theme night on 10<sup>th</sup> November. They were looking into replacing the front windows; this would have to be funded by grants.

**2478 HIGHWAYS**

Councillor Michael Dunkin reported that he had reported all complaints: the drains at the bottom of Broadenham Lane would be assessed. Unfortunately they would not consider reducing the speed limit in Purtington or putting up caution signs, highways would look at the HGV sign in Purtington. Councillor Trish Baxter asked if we would get a flood warning sign. The clerk responded that she thought they already had one at Victory garage. One had been used at the last flood, although a lot of people still drove down to see if they could get through only to have to turn around again.

**2479 CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Clerk's council direct.
- a. Citizens advice
- b. HMRC – Councillor John Gapper asked whether this was in hand, the clerk confirmed that it was, the council already put in an annual tax form even though they didn't pay any but as from April next year they will have to submit one every payday.
- c. CAB

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

**2480 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**2481 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary meeting of The Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 5th December for 7-30 pm meet in the Jubilee Hall.

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