

**WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 4th April 2012**  
**At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham.**

**2354 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

Those present: -           Mr John Chance                           Chairman  
                                  Mr John Gapper                           Vice Chairman  
                                  Miss Trish Baxter  
                                  Mrs Mary Haggard  
                                  Mr John Sullivan  
                                  Mr Peter Harper  
                                  Mr Michael Dunkin  
Parish clerk:               Mrs Elaine Willis  
District Councillor:      Mrs Sue Osborne  
County Councillor:  
Public:                     Nathan Mode, J Gregory, M Fowler, S Maslin, B Johnson, S Johnson, V  
Warren, B Warren, N Wells, K Reynolds, J Reynolds, C Reynolds, N Cooke, J Churchill, S Hiscox, D  
Forward, R Tadema, J Glasier A Whitehouse, M Frost, L Duke, P Duke, R Newman, S Hawk  
Apologies:                Mrs Kim Turner  
                                  Mr Andrew Partridge

**2355 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

The majority of the public attending were present to raise concerns or to support the planning application 12/00407/FUL Change of use of land to Equestrian Show Ground, 332 stables, judges boxes, pavilion, fencing, landscaping and parking. Higher Purtington.

M Fowler attended regarding the War memorial, the band hut and cars parked in the field behind Victory Garage.

**2356 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

Councillor Sue Osborne reported that the Districts Core Strategy was going to Full Council. The car parking strategy had gone to consultation; it showed support for stopping weekend car parking charges. Councillor John Chance asked whether there was any definitive news on the buses. Councillor Sue Osborne responded that negotiations were still ongoing. Councillor Trish Baxter commented that in the SCC newsletter the rerouting had been mentioned but it wasn't confirmed in the timetable.

**2357 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

The clerk declared an interest in item 11b.

**2358 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH MEETING** held on 7th March 2012. The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

**2359 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN**

- a) There had been some minor vandalism to the war memorial steps. This had been reported to the police. The clerk reported that she was aware who the culprits were and had spoken to them. They have apologised.
- b) Councillor John Gapper reported that the new posts to prevent vehicle damage to the War Memorial were now in situ. Councillor John Chance asked whether the road sign at Street Farm which warns of the low railway bridge could be made more prominent as it was high-sided vehicles inadvertently passing this point and then having to turn around adjacent to the memorial that were causing the damage. *Action: clerk to make a request to highways.*
- c) Councillor Trish Baxter reported that the band hut had been broken into again. Councillor Mary Haggard responded that it had been reported to the police. Councillor John Chance

asked whether the Parish Council was still committed to taking over the band hut and allotments, for which the Council would have to pay all legal costs. The clerk confirmed the estimated costs could be met. A majority vote agreed to proceed. *Action: subcommittee to liaise with the DC.*

- d) Councillors Peter Saunders and Peter Harper tendered their resignation at the end of the meeting. Councillor John Chance thanked them both for their hard work. *Action: clerk to advertise both posts.*
- e) Councillor John Sullivan reported that a risk assessment needed to be completed and sent to the insurers 2 weeks before the beacon lighting event. *Action: Councillor Michael Dunkin to complete.*

Councillor John Sullivan reported the time capsule had been ordered; there will be a couple of additional expenses such as archive paper.

### **2360 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- a) Application: 12/00662/FUL, erection of an agricultural building for livestock, Greencombe farm, Crewkerne Hill – recommend approval
- b) Application 11/01894/FUL, change of land use – eco friendly campsite – Puthill Wood – recommend refusal
- c) Application 12/00407/FUL Change of use of land to equestrian Show Ground, 332 stables, judges boxes, pavilion, fencing, landscaping and parking. Higher Purtington. – recommend refusal
- d) Application 11/03402/FUL Conversion of barn to holiday let/annexe, Chalkway Mill, Limekiln Lane – granted by SSDC
- e) Application 11/02070/FUL – erection of dwelling place, land rear of 8 Fore Street – appeal dismissed

### **2361 PARISH SURVEY**

Councillor John Sullivan reported all of the main topics had now been discussed; he would have another look through the data to double check nothing had been missed.

### **2362 AMENITIES**

- a) Councillor John Chance reported that Councillor Michael Dunkin had agreed to assist Councillor Andrew Partridge with the quarterly inspection reports..

### **2363 RIGHTS OF WAY**

Councillor John Gapper reported that the County Council had agreed to replace the stile at the back of Plum Tree. They would provide the new gate and invoice W.P.C. for the cost of installation.

### **2364 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) Cheques signed for Clerks salary & expenses, SALC £179.92.
- b) The clerk's increment was agreed.

### **2365 CEMETERY**

The memorial for Loveluck was agreed. The clerk asked whether in the case of a standard inscription the clerk could respond favourably before the meeting. All agreed.

### **2366 UPPER RECREATION GROUND**

Councillor Mary Haggard reported that everything was going well and that they were planning a beacon party for the Jubilee.

### **2367 JUBILEE HALL**

Councillor John Sullivan reported that it was business as usual.

### **2368 HIGHWAYS**

Councillor Peter Harper asked whether the drains had been cleared. *Action: Councillor Peter Harper to Investigate.*

### **2369 CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) SSDC – Council Plan

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

**2370 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) Councillor John Sullivan reported that he was hoping to form a steering group to assist with the Web Museum and Parish Website. The websites generate some income which he would like used by the Parish Council for expenses that are out of the ordinary rather than put into the Council budget.

**2371 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary meeting of The Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 2nd May for 7-30 pm meet in the Jubilee Hall.

- a) Parish Council Ordinary Meeting 2nd May 2012 @ 7-30 pm
- b) Annual Parish Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> May 2012 @ 7:30pm

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