

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 6th June 2012
At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

2397 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Those present: -	Mr John Chance	Chairman
	Mr John Gapper	Vice Chairman
	Miss Trish Baxter	
	Mrs Mary Haggard	
	Mr John Sullivan	
	Mr Michael Dunkin	
	Mr Andrew Partridge	
	Mr Nathan Mode	
Parish clerk:	Mrs Elaine Willis	
District Councillor:	Mrs Sue Osborne	
County Councillor:		
Public:		
Apologies:	Mrs Kim Turner	
	Miss Abby Chambers	

2398 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

2399 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Sue Osborne reported that unfortunately she was unable to attend the Jubilee celebrations in Winsham and hoped they went well.

Councillor Sue Osborne reported that she is now on the SSDC Scrutiny Committee, and will be involved with Executive agendas and some reports, for example, the car parking strategy.

She mentioned that there is still time to apply for Community Grants; the deadline is the 21st September. There are also smaller grants of up to £750 for local organisations; to apply for these organisations need to go through the local portfolio holder Phil Philpott. .

2400 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Andrew Partridge declared an interest in item 10h. Councillor Mary Haggard declared an interest in item 10f. Councillor John Gapper declared an interest in item 10b.

2401 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH MEETING held on 2nd May 2012. Councillor Sue Osborne requested that in her report that the term planning inspector replaced strategic planner and that it was herself rather than the council that was unsure how the plans would fit in with the national plan. After the amendments the Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

2402 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN

- a) Councillor John Chance reported that the War Memorial plinth had now been repaired. Councillor John Gapper asked whether the gaps in the mortar had also been repaired as he had been trying to negotiate this with the company that cleaned the memorial and were supposed to carry out this work. The clerk responded that S Morgan and his team had not only rebbed the two plinth stones, they had also replaced some of the missing mortar free of charge.
- b) Councillor John Chance noted that the land for the band hut and allotments had been valued at £20,000. Councillor Sue Osborne informed the Council that for values up to £10,000 the portfolio holder can transfer assets, for amounts over £10,000 it has to go to the District Executive for consideration. It has been suggested that the land be offered to Winsham PC on a 175 year lease rather than as freehold and we need to contact Diane Layzell with reasons

why a freehold would be preferable to us.

Councillor John Sullivan asked whether we could challenge the valuation. Councillor John Chance responded that he saw no point because we had expressed our interest on the basis of a free transfer of the freehold. The intention of the Parish Council is to keep the allotments as allotments for the Parish, there may be a need in the future to develop the band hut and a freehold would be preferable for any grant applications. A freehold would also prevent other parties from attempting to develop the allotments. The clerk informed the Council that the next Executive meeting was in early July. *Action: Councillor John Chance to arrange a meeting with Diane Layzell, Mary Haggard and the clerk.*

- c) The clerk informed the Council that Miss A Chambers had expressed an interest in the vacancy but was unable to attend tonight. She hopes to make the next meeting.
- d) Councillor John Chance reported that he had not yet looked at the Council's insurance policy in detail. *Action: Defer to the next meeting.*

2403 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Application: 11/04894/FUL Change of land use to eco friendly campsite etc, Puthill wood, Cricket St Thomas – amended application – Councillor John Chance commented that the revised application did not appear to address the concerns which had previously been expressed regarding traffic using Colham Lane and Limekiln Lane rather than accessing the site directly from the A30. Councillor Nathan Mode said that he had looked at the new proposals in detail and had sent his comments to the clerk and the planners. Councillor John Chance asked whether Warner's supported the venture. Councillor Nathan Mode responded that a letter from Warner's about the application had been posted on the SSDC planning website, this implied that it did not support the application and would not allow access through Warner property. - recommend refusal
- b) Application 12/01611/COU Change of use to garden and parking, Land OS 6341, Haytor, Fore Street – recommend approval.

Councillor Sue Osborne reported that she had met Andrew Whitehouse and Andrew Gunn about the Purtington Showground application, and that there will probably be an amended application submitted. Councillor John Chance asked about the water supply in Purtington. Councillor Nathan Mode commented that after several properties had received letters from Andrew Whitehouse stating the occupants could only access their water supply with 14 days notice, the home owners reviewed their deeds which state that for routine inspections they need to give 14 days notice but for emergencies they can access the land at any time. The home owners are replying individually to Mr Whitehouse. The new bore hole on the ground has 'collapsed' and they are attempting to build a new one. Councillor Sue Osborne commented that there were 150 responses about the application on the website.

2404 AMENITIES

- a) Councillor Andrew Partridge reported there were no current problems.

2405 RIGHTS OF WAY

Councillor John Gapper reported that he had still not heard about the progress with the gate behind Plum Tree. He has now emailed 2 people in the relevant council department.

2406 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques signed for Clerks salary & expenses, Time capsule expenses, grass cutting, S Morgan, Sports and Social Club, A Plumbing Services
- b) Councillor John Gapper asked the Council if they would consider supporting a first aid course run by the Red Cross on 21st June, the Jubilee Hall costs would be approximately £10 and a donation to the Red Cross. Councillor John Chance suggested that the Parish Council financially supports the venture for the benefit of the village and there was unanimous agreement. The council agreed to pay for the hall and a donation of £30 to the Red Cross.
- c) Income from the cemetery and income from Fowler Welch towards the War Memorial repairs and future funds was noted.

2407 CEMETERY

The clerk reported that there had been an enquiry about the possibility of placing a memorial bench in

the cemetery; the Council indicated that they would give such an application favourable consideration.

2408 UPPER RECREATION GROUND

Councillor Mary Haggard reported that the beacon lighting was a great success. A big thank you was owed to Roger Beer for all his hard work. Thank you also to Sean Morgan for sealing in the time capsule.

2409 JUBILEE HALL

Councillor John Sullivan reported that the new gate had been well received and the opening event very successful.

2410 HIGHWAYS

Councillor Michael Dunkin reported that the blocked gulleys had been reported by the clerk. He asked if anyone knew who was responsible for cutting the grass on the path at the back of Davis Close. The clerk responded that it had never, in her knowledge, been a Parish Council responsibility.

2411 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Clerks council Direct
- b) Audit commission

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

2412 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Councillor Mary Haggard reported that the school's compost bins were overflowing again. One has been closed but another is still open. Councillor Andrew Partridge commented that a lot of the waste is non compostable and that he is always tidying up and the only way to stop people fly-tipping was to empty them and put the railings back in place. Councillor Mary Haggard suggested writing another letter to the school. *Action: clerk to write a letter*
- b) Councillor Mary Haggard asked the Parish Council whether the football club could put dug-outs on the recreation ground, for which they believed they did not require planning consent It was agreed to request them to put a proposal to the Parish Council in writing, stating the design and showing how they would comply with planning regulations.

2413 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary meeting of The Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 4th July for 7-30 pm meet in the Jubilee Hall.

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