

**WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 7th March 2012**  
**At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham.**

**2336 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

Those present: -           Mr John Chance                           Chairman  
                                  Mr John Gapper                           Vice Chairman  
                                  Miss Trish Baxter  
                                  Mrs Mary Haggard  
                                  Mr Andrew Partridge  
                                  Mr John Sullivan  
                                  Mr Peter Saunders  
                                  Mr Peter Harper  
Parish clerk:               Mrs Elaine Willis  
District Councillor:       Mrs Sue Osborne  
County Councillor:  
Public:                     Gill Spence, Sarah Gleadell, Ben Wray, Stephen Taylor, Jeremy Taylor,  
Matthew Taylor, Nathan Mode, Rita Miller, Scott Morrison, Michael Dunkin, Bryan Spence,  
Elisabeth Button  
Apologies:                 Mrs Kim Turner

**2337 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Mr Nathan Mode and Mr Michael Dunkin attended regarding Councillor vacancies. The remaining public attended the meeting concerning planning application: 11/04894/FUL, Eco pods at Cricket. A public meeting was asked for. *Action: Clerk to arrange.*

Councillor John Gapper asked the applicants whether an alternative access could be arranged through Cricket. Mr S Taylor informed the Council that this would be through the Warner access and they were not agreeable.

**2338 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

Councillor Sue Osborne reported that the District Council were completing their draft core strategy / local plan.

Some 99 buses will be rerouted through Winsham and Clapton. Councillor John Chance commented that a reduced service is often not used as much and asked why all of the 99 buses could not be rerouted. *Action: Councillor S Osborne to pass on these comments.*

**2339 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Andrew Partridge declared an interest in item 11c and the clerk declared an interest in item 8a.

**2340 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH MEETING** held on 1st February 2012. The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

**2341 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN**

- a) Councillor John Chance asked whether the Parish Council needed a press officer. Councillor Trish Baxter commented that it would be useful to have someone to funnel enquiries through. Councillor John Sullivan commented that due to the website and e-letter enquiries often came his way, these were normally factual information and it would be a shame if he could not answer simple questions. The clerk commented that it was a matter of conduct and whether a councillor was stating their own opinion or an agreed minute. Councillor John Chance recommended that Councillor John Sullivan be allowed to continue to answer queries that come in through the e-letter but that Councillors are advised to make “no comment” on any issues that maybe contentious, where all enquires should be directed through the clerk.

Agreed

- b) Councillor John Gapper reported that highways had tried to put in 2 posts by the War Memorial but had hit a clay pipe; they are in the process of ordering shorter posts. The clerk reported that she is still waiting for quotes to repair the stones on the plinth.
- c) The clerk reported that the phone box has been mended. Councillor John Chance suggested that now this had been achieved we did not need to take any further action unless BT try to remove it. Full Council agreement.
- d) Councillor John Chance reported that the District Council had given a quote of between £800 and £1800 for the legal fees to transfer the band hut and allotments to the Parish Council. the Parish Councils own legal fees would be in addition to this. Councillor John Chance suggested that a subcommittee should be formed to see the transfer through. The Parish Council was in full agreement. Subcommittee: Councillors John Chance, Mary Haggard and Trish Baxter.
- e) Councillor John Chance informed the Council that Janet Hendon had resigned due to other commitments, the vacancy has been advertised, an expression of interest had been shown by Mr Michael Dunkin. His application was proposed by Councillor John Chance and seconded by Councillor John Gapper. *Action: clerk to arrange cooption at the next meeting.*
- f) Councillor Peter Harper commented that he would soon be thinking of retirement and one parishioner from Purtington had expressed an interest form Purtington. Councillor John Chance explained that there was a formal process to be completed when a situation becomes vacant.
- g) The clerk informed the Council that they were now on the list to be considered for reducing the street lighting during the hours of 12 – 5am.

### **2342 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- a) Application: 11/04922/FUL erection of 50KW Photovoltaic Panel Array London Lodge Windwhistle – granted SSDC
- b) Application 11/04894/FUL, change of use of land to eco friendly campsite, erection of wooden decking, shower/w.c/kitchen facilities – Puthill Wood, Cricket St Thomas – *public meeting and an extension to be arranged by the clerk.*
- c) Application 12/00573/TPO, fell cherry tree (T1) (WINS 1) 1999, Long Thatches, Fore Street – recommend approval

### **2343 PARISH SURVEY**

Councillor John Sullivan reported that lack of youth facilities had been shown to be a concern with some of the parishioners responding to the survey. Mrs Elaine Willis asked the Parish Council for financial help in setting up a monthly youth cafe, she had already arranged CRBs and a volunteer list. The Council agreed to grant £300 to the project.

### **2344 AMENITIES**

- a) Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that Councillor John Chance and he had met to discuss Council inspections of the play area and equipment. They had agreed that the clerk should accept and store the 2 weekly reports on a monthly basis. They also agreed that they would make a quarterly inspection together and these reports would also be lodged with the clerk. *Action: Councillor John Chance and Councillor Andrew Partridge to organise.*
- b) Councillor John Sullivan reported that there was very little scope to alter the wording on the time capsule plaque due to its size. He suggested that a subcommittee should be established to see the matter through.. All in agreement. Subcommittee: Councillor John Sullivan, Mary Haggard and the clerk. *Action: clerk to order the time capsule and plaque.*

### **2345 RIGHTS OF WAY**

Councillor John Gapper reported that the cost of replacing a stile with a gate on the path behind Plum Tree would be about £100 plus VAT. A majority voted to accepted the costs. *Action: Councillor John Gapper to arrange.*

### **2346 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) Cheques signed for Clerks salary & expenses, PWLB £955.14.
- b) The tender for grass cutting was agreed.

**2347 CEMETERY**

The clerk asked for clarification on the amount of ashes allowed in a plot originally designed for a full burial. Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that historically it was limited by space. The Council agreed to 5 spaces, space permitting.

**2348 UPPER RECREATION GROUND**

Councillor Mary Haggard reported that everything was going well and that they hoped to join in with the Jubilee celebrations

**2349 JUBILEE HALL**

Councillor John Sullivan reported that there was nothing new to report.

**2350 HIGHWAYS**

Councillor Peter Harper commented that there seemed to be a lot of surface water around. Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that many drains appeared blocked but there appeared to be markings indicating possible action. *Action; Councillor Peter Harper to report.*

**2351 CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) SALC
- b) The playing field
- c) Boundary Commission
- d) Clerks council Direct

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

**2352 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) Councillor John Gapper reported that if the Council wanted to send in comments regarding the divisional Boundaries review they need to reply soon. There were pros and cons to staying with the designated boundary of Ilminster or asking to be joined to Crewkerne. The council agreed not to send in any comments on the boundary commission.
- b) Councillor John Sullivan suggested clarifying the Parish rules on fly posting. He suggested only allowing Parish posters, 10 days before an event and to be removed 3 days afterward. Full council agreement.
- c) Councillor John Sullivan reported on the proposed village events for the Jubilee. The Parish Council would have to oversee the lighting of the beacon. *Action: Councillor Mary Haggard. Councillor John Sullivan to help coordinate events through the website diary.*

**2353 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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

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