

**WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012**  
**At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham.**

**2448 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

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

**2449 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Mrs M Tett attended to ask if was possible to put a direction sign for the United Reform Church at the bottom of Fore Street as visitors are finding it hard to locate. The Parish Council agreed to ask County. *Action: Clerk to contact Colin Fletcher for advice.*

Mr & Mrs R Tadeema, Mrs a Cooke, Mrs R Millar, Mr S Morrison attended to listen to the Parish Councils view of the revised planning application for the proposed Eco Pods at Puthill

**2450 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

Councillor S Osborne reported that she had not heard of any developments with the Purtington Show Ground application. The officers may issue a deadline for any revisions, if a revision is not issued then they would look at the last submission.

Councillor Sue Osborne recommended that the Parish Council attend a Neighbourhood Planning workshop. Councillor Trish Baxter commented that the Parish Council had debated completing a Parish Plan in the past but had decided against it. Councillor S Osborne responded that it may not be necessary to do a full plan but a policy may protect the area in the future from unwanted development. Councillor Trish Baxter asked whether the fact that areas of Winsham were in a Conservation area would protect it from development. Councillor John Chance replied that a Conservation area did not mean complete protection from development it just meant there were extra regulations.

Councillor S Osborne continued – The local plan is due to be submitted, there is some plan for rural development. Councillor John Chance commented that the only areas previously noted for possible development were the gardens behind Church Street and the land behind Victory garage.

The Council Tax Benefit consultation ends on 9<sup>th</sup> October. Central government plans to decrease the amount of support for the District by 10%, vulnerable groups and pensioners are protected but as the area has a high population of pensioners then the 10% cut has to be spread over less people. Councillor John Chance asked if this would mean more local cuts in services. Councillor S Osborne was unaware of any plans to make up the losses. Communities have the “right to challenge” taking on more responsibility for services such as grass cutting. Councillor Michael Dunkin commented that in an area such as Winsham it would be very difficult with the Declaration of Pecuniary Interests to contract many services from the Parish Council.

Councillor John Sullivan commented that with such a pressure on Authority budgets there still seemed to be a lot of waste on paper exercises including the new code of conduct.

**2451 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Nathan Mode declared an interest in item 7c

**2452 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH MEETING** held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2012. The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

**2453 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN**

- a) Councillor John Chance reported that they had asked the solicitor to conduct local searches for an additional £150, this was on advice from the solicitor and a council officer. He had signed the papers and Councillor Mary Haggard will be the second signatory. The Parish Council need to think about what the plans are for the band hut and allotments once the freehold is transferred, there may be a possible grant from Yarlinton for £500. Councillor Mary Haggard commented that for it to be useable by the football club there would need to be running water.

It may be possible to subdivide the allotments as some are very large, the hedges may need cutting and there are a lot of weeds. As the current landlords the District council may agree to do this now. *Action: Councillor S Osborne to ask District.*

It may be advisable to have a meeting with the District Council before the transfer, to discuss our plans. *Action: Councillor Mary Haggard to sign forms at the solicitors.*

- b) Councillor John Chance reported that he had drafted a new Code of Conduct and every Councillor had had the opportunity to read and revise it. The Council were in agreement to accept the new Code of Conduct. The District Council will then help devise a Register of Interest form. *Action: clerk to send Code of Conduct to Roger Quantock..*

**2454 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 – recommend approval
- b) Application: 12/0751/LBC & 12/0750/FUL, Restoration and conversion of attached and detached outbuildings to playroom, accommodation, library, annexe, stores, Purlington House, Limekiln Lane – granted by SSDC
- c) Application – amended Eco pods, Puthill Wood, Cricket St Thomas – Councillor John Chance read out a detailed reply (see District council website) all previous concerns still stand, there was added concern about the lack of consultation and also the tone of the revised plan (see District Council website) – recommend refusal
- d) Application 12/02837/ful erection of 50kw photovoltaic panel array (revised application) London Lodge, Cricket St Thomas – granted by SSDC with conditions

Councillor Nathan Mode asked if plans could start with him and he will pass them on swiftly.

**2455 AMENITIES**

The clerk commented that Andrew Partridge had done the 2 extra grass cuts, he hoped that it would not need another but it is weather dependant.

**2456 RIGHTS OF WAY**

Councillor John Chance reported that the gate was being made for the footpath behind Plum Tree Cottage.

**2457 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Cheques signed for Clerk's salary & expenses, Jubilee hall, £150 for local searches.

**2458 CEMETERY**

The clerk reported that there had been a public complaint about youths using the cemetery path for quad bikes. *Action: John Gapper to consider options and discuss with local PCSO.*

Councillor Mary Haggard thanked Andrew Partridge for the work on the cemetery hedges and paths.

**2459 UPPER RECREATION GROUND**

Councillor Mary Haggard reported that everything was running smoothly.

**2460 JUBILEE HALL**

Councillor John Sullivan reported that there was a Red Carpet theme night on 10<sup>th</sup> November.

**2461 HIGHWAYS**

Councillor Michael Dunkin reported that he had reported the chemical waste in Limekiln Lane and it had been cleared promptly, some had been chloroform and some used in cheese making process, he was unsure if County had followed up on any batch numbers or identification.

Councillor Trish Baxter asked if the drain at Broadenham Lane was going to be cleared, in the winter the excess water freezes and it becomes very dangerous. *Action: Councillor Michael Dunkin to report to Colin Fletcher.*

Councillor Nathan Mode asked if a slow sign (children, horses etc) could be put on Down lane in Purtington. The Not suitable for HGV sign has been damaged and needs repairing. He asked whether it is possible to reduce the speed limit in the village to 20mph. He commented that on the A30 it is 50mph limit and then when you get onto the rural road it jumps to a national speed limit. *Action: Councillor Michael Dunkin to liaise with Colin Fletcher.*

**2462 CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Clerk's council direct.

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

**2463 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) Councillor John Chance reported that he had written to Dorset highways about the junction at horn Ash and the road markings between Racedown and Halscombe Bridge. They had responded that although they agree the road is too narrow for a central white line removing it would damage the road surface. They did not address the junction at Horn Ash. *Councillor John Chance to contact them again.*

**2464 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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

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