

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 5th September 2012
At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

2431 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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

2432 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of public attended the meeting.

2433 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

No reports given.

2434 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Andrew Partridge declared an interest in item 10b

2435 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH MEETING held on 4th July 2012. The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

2436 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN

- a) Councillor John Chance reported that a solicitor had been appointed to deal with the freehold transfer of the band hut and allotments. The estimated time scale is 3 months and the estimated cost £700. Councillor John Chance asked the Council whether they thought it was necessary to pay for additional searches. *Action: Councillor John Chance to ask advice from the District Council and solicitors whether these searches are recommended. An extraordinary meeting will be called if important information needs to be discussed between general meetings. The subcommittee will continue to be responsible for the proceedings.*
- b) Councillor vacancy - Miss Gabrielle Chambers was introduced by the clerk. She was proposed by Councillor John Gapper and seconded by Councillor Michael Dunkin. Miss Chambers was co-opted onto the Parish Council.
- c) Councillor John Sullivan reported that his research had found that the major communications companies were not interested in improving the signal for mobile phones in the area. He asked the Parish Council if there was a need to map coverage by doing a small survey. Councillor Michael Dunkin commented that there is coverage information by providers available in local stores. Councillor Trish Baxter commented that it may be more of a problem for visitors and tradesmen rather than residents. Councillor Nathan Mode commented that communication companies were changing the way signals are sent and received (4th generation phones) and that this would mean the current problem of poor reception would be resolved in a couple of years.
- d) Councillor John Chance reported that he had attended a Code of Conduct course run by

SALC where it had been recommended that we use the NALC Code of Conduct version adapted to our own circumstances. Councillor John Chance summarised the main points and stated that once a new code of conduct is adopted, Register of Interest forms need to be submitted within 28 days. He expressed concerns about what information would be published by the Supervising Officer, for example he had searched the internet and found councillor signatures on forms which had been uploaded in other counties. There is an expectation that the new code would be adopted by councils by the end of September. *Action: Councillor John Chance to contact SSDC re: the publication of Register of Interest forms. Councillor John Chance to organise a first draft of the Code of Conduct to meet the Parish Council's needs.*

- e) The clerk informed the council that she had received some laminated posters from the environmental officer re: dog fouling. *Action: The clerk, Councillor John Chance and Councillor John Gapper to put up some posters as appropriate.*

2437 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Application: 12/01611/COU, Change of land use to garden and alterations to form parking, Haytor, Fore street – granted by SSDC
- b) Application:12/02751/LBC, Restoration & conversion of attached and detached outbuildings to playroom, library, annexe, store rooms. Convert cow sheds to stables. Purtington House, Limekiln Lane – recommend approval
- c) Application:12/02493/FUL, Replace wooden windows with PVC, 8 Court farm Close – recommend approval
- d) Application: 12/02837/ful, erection of 50kw photovoltaic panel array – revised application – London lodge, Windwhistle – majority recommend approval

2438 AMENITIES

Councillor Andrew Partridge had nothing to report. The clerk stated that a locked padlock remained on one of the swings, Councillor Andrew Partridge responded that this had been reported to the parents of the child involved and they had promised to remove it, as it still hasn't been done he will do so with bolt cutters.

2439 RIGHTS OF WAY

Councillor John Gapper reported that he had cleared most of the southern paths in the Parish of undergrowth but they would soon need doing again. If there are any volunteers he would be grateful for help. The footbridge at Forde Abbey is likely to be closed for some months following the damage caused by the floods.

2440 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Cheques signed for Clerk's salary & expenses, Jubilee hall, grass cutting, hedge cutting and Moore Stephens (IB).

2441 CEMETERY

The clerk reported that they had received a complaint about the crab apple tree being overgrown. *Action: Councillor Andrew Partridge to prune as necessary.*

Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that the school compost bins had been cleared as well as the rubble on the adjacent path.

2442 UPPER RECREATION GROUND

No report given.

2443 JUBILEE HALL

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

2444 HIGHWAYS

Councillor Michael Dunkin reported that he had been in contact with the SSDC and as result road drains had been cleared and the road signs at Street had been repainted. He had also contacted Yarlinton and the hedges at the top of Davis Close had been cut by them. The road collapse on the B3162 north of the village had now also been mended.

Councillor Trish Baxter commented that the drain at the top of Broadenham Lane was very blocked and the hole this has created has been marked for repair but the drain should be cleared first.

Councillor John Chance commented that there were quite a few accidents at the cross roads of the B3162 and B3165 at Horn Ash where the road junction warning markings are very worn; also the

road markings near Racedown House on the B6135 seem very confusing as there is a stretch where there is a line down the middle of the road but it is not wide enough for 2 cars to pass safely. *Action: Councillor John Chance to report to Dorset Council.*

2445 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Boundary Commission
- b) Council Tax support consultation –*action: Councillor John Sullivan to display information on the e-letter and in the shop window.*

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

2446 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) The clerk reported that the school had asked if the Parish Council would support their plans to put an outside classroom and compost toilet in the school field. The church would also like to use the toilet. The Council thought this was a good idea and fully supported the school in their plans.
- b) Councillor John Sullivan asked whether the Parish Council would initiate a Parish Conservation group. Councillor Nathan Mode suggested targeting groups that may be interested in different projects for example the Scouts and walkers. Councillor Trish Baxter commented that the Parish Council should not be involved in such activities because of the legal responsibilities. Councillor John Sullivan thought that the Parish Council’s role would simply be to get interested people together.
- c) Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that he had already completed the agreed number of grass cuts on the land in the care of the Council but due to the weather he would need to make at least 2 more cuts. Majority agreed to 2 more cuts.
- d) Trish Baxter reported that a member of the public had complained that large chemical cylinders had been abandoned on Leigh Lane. *Action: MD to investigate and report*

2447 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary meeting of The Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 3rd October for 7-30 pm meet in the Jubilee Hall.

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