

Winsham Parish Council

Draft Minutes of The Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held at The Jubilee Hall on Wednesday 3rd July at 7:30pm

Present: Cllrs. Abbey (after item 2565), Baxter, Chance, Goodman, Haggard (after item 2565), Miller, Mode and Sullivan

In attendance: Mr Justin Robinson, Clerk to The Council and 3 residents

PUBLIC FORUM

(a) Questions from Residents

A representation was made concerning the recent dam application at Cricket St. Thomas. The chairman explained that the council had already responded to this application.

(b) District Councillor's Report

Cllr. Osborne had sent her apologies.

(c) County Councillor's Report

Cllr. Vijeh had sent her apologies.

2562 Apologies for Absence

There were none.

2563 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

2564 The minutes of the meetings held on 5th June 2013

Resolved: To approve the minutes as a correct and accurate record 6-0-0

2565 Co-option of new Councillors and Declaration of a Vacancy

The chairman reported that Michael Dunkin had resigned from the council and that a vacancy would be advertised. Two candidates were willing to be co-opted to the two existing vacancies on the council.

Resolved: To co-opt Stella Abbey and Mary Haggard 6-0-0

Cllrs. Abbey and Haggard signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

2566 Planning Matters

(a) Application 13/00501/FUL: Change of use of land to an equestrian showground and riding facility (Part Retrospective), Land at Higher Purtington, Cricket St. Thomas

Council's response had already been sent to the planning officer.

(b) Application 13/02077/FUL: Construction of an earth walled dam and formation of lake (Part Retrospective), Cricket St. Thomas grounds

Council's response had already been sent to the planning officer.

(c) Application 13/02398/S73 (SCC): Variation of condition 1 of planning permission No. 10/04570 to permit aggregate recycling on a permanent basis, Colham Lane, Cricket St. Thomas

This plan was still being circulated by members of the planning committee

(d) Planning determinations received from SSDC

Recent determinations were available for inspection

(e) Plans and determinations received after the posting of the agenda

Two new plans (13/02313/FUL and 13/02422/FUL) had been received and were passed to the planning committee for circulation.

2567 The Band Hut and Allotment Site

The chairman reported that the proposed asset transfer was now moving forward following a site visit with the district council and the matter had been passed to council's solicitors to draw up a contract.

2568 Parish Plan

The clerk reported that money to help with the cost of producing a plan could be forthcoming from the regeneration team at SSDC Area West.

Resolved: To appoint Cllrs. Baxter, Mode and Sullivan to a parish plan working group 8-0-0

2569 Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Council Policies

The clerk reported that he had forwarded copies of the most recent model standing orders and financial regulations to the chairman and vice-chairman. It was likely that NALC would be issuing new model documents within the next few months.

2570 Finance

(a) It was unanimously resolved to approve payments for the clerk's salary and 2013/14 Jubilee Hall hire and storage (£171.00)

(b) Council unanimously resolved to renew its insurance with Came and Company and accept a 3 year fixed price policy, at a reduced rate of £851.38.

(c) Council received the quarterly financial report. There were no variations to the budget to report. The chairman submitted an alternative way of analysing the figures. It was agreed that there was a need to look at reserves and make future provisions for the band hut and allotments site and for the future provision of play area equipment. The reallocation of reserves would be considered at a future meeting.

2571 Items for Report

(a) Amenities, Rights of Way and Highways reports

The planings from SCC Highways have been delivered to Mark Pike's yard. A meeting would need to be arranged with Les Braunton (SCC Rights of Way) and other interested parties prior to any work on Spooky Lane. It was also reported that SCC had been clearing further gullies in the parish.

Now that Michael Dunkin had left the council, it was agreed that it was essential for another member to undertake the weekly inspection of the play area. Cllr. Goodman agreed to undertake this role.

(b) Reports from member representatives on outside bodies

Cllr. Sullivan reported that The Jubilee Hall Committee were making good progress with their plans to upgrade the front windows. It was likely that they would be requesting that the parish council submit the planning application on their behalf.

(c) Clerk's report and correspondence

The clerk reported that the audit forms had been submitted to the external auditor well in advance. There had been no requests from local residents to view the accounts. Recent correspondence was discussed.

(d) Any other items for report

It was suggested the parish council notice boards were in need of repair (for next agenda). The chairman explained that, following advice from the clerk, there would no longer be an "Any Other Business" item on the agenda and that topics/motions for discussion would need to be submitted in advance for inclusion on a council meeting agenda.

Date of the next Meeting: Wednesday 4th September 2013

