

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 6th February 2013
at the Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

2505 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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

2506 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Bryan Goodman attended the meeting regarding the councillor vacancy.

2507 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

None

2508 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

.None

2509 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH MEETING held on 5th December 2012. The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

2510 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN

- a) Band hut and allotments –Councillor John Chance reported that we had received a letter from our solicitors stating that the SSDC were seeking additional covenants to prevent commercial use or the erection of structures on the property. Councillor Trish Baxter expressed concerns as this would imply that allotment holders would not be allowed to put up small sheds. Councillor John Chance responded that such covenants could severely restrict the use of the land for community purposes and appeared to ignore the existence of the band hut, *Action: Councillor John Chance to draft a letter of reply.*
- b) After a discussion, Councillor John Chance asked whether Councillor John Sullivan could lead a survey of the Parish for its Parish Plan. Councillor John Sullivan suggested a subcommittee. *Action: defer action until the next meeting.*
- c) Councillor John Chance welcomed Mr Goodman and suggested that they should arrange an early meeting together with the vice-chairman, to discuss Mr Goodman's interest in the vacancy. *Action: Councillor John Chance to arrange*

2511 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Application: 12/04339/FUL, Summerhouse, Forge House, Fore Street – recommend approval
- b) Application, 12/04+48/FUL, Wind turbine and access track, Highlands dairy farm, Hewish – recommend refusal
- c) Application 12/00407/FUL, Change of use to Equestrian show ground and stables etc, Higher Purtington – Application withdrawn.

- d) Meeting report re: Purtington Showground. Councillor John Chance reported that Mrs Jane Gregory had written to the Parish Council asking if she could attend tonight's meeting so that she could inform the parish of the proposed new plans for the Show ground. Councillor John Chance had suggested meeting informally with the planning subcommittee on a separate day. This has been arranged for 2pm next Tuesday. Councillor John Chance had contacted Angela Cox from the District Council to enquire whether a previous complaint from Andrew Whitehouse directed at the Parish Council had been resolved. Andrew Gunn had confirmed that he is satisfied that there are no outstanding issues and that he would encourage a pre-application meeting to ensure a mutually acceptable application is submitted in the future.
- e) The clerk informed the meeting that notification had just been received about an appeal for the Puthill Eco pods development.

2512 AMENITIES

The clerk asked whether the Parish Council would like to continue with the annual inspection from the District Council and whether we would also require an annual risk assessment. Councillor John Chance suggested contacting the insurance company again to ensure that we comply with their requirements. The clerk informed the meeting that she had spoken with the insurers in the past and as long as there was a paper trail of inspections and there was evidence that any recommendations had been carried out then they would be happy with a yearly inspection from the District Council and regular inspections from the Parish Council. Councillor John Chance reminded the Council that the inspections must be kept up to date and the record books properly stored. *Action; clerk to check with the insurance company and MD to check the paper trail.*

2513 RIGHTS OF WAY

Councillor John Gapper reported that he had not heard further from the officer at County about Broadenham farm lane, he is still waiting for a site inspection. The bridge at Forde Abbey will not be repaired for some time and County have an extension until August to keep it closed. The gate has been put in on the footpath behind Plum Tree cottage. *Action: JG to chase County re: Broadenham farm footpath.*

2514 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques signed for Clerk's salary & expenses, gate, ICO.
- b) The quarterly accounts were accepted.

2515 CEMETERY

The Clerk reported that there had been one burial. After a recent invoice a funeral director had contacted the clerk to ask whether they needed to double the bill as the interment of ashes was for someone outside of the parish. Councillor John Sullivan suggested a review of the prices.

2516 UPPER RECREATION GROUND

Councillor Mary Haggard reported that they were getting quotes for a gate to stop unauthorised parking. A window had been broken by a youth playing football.

2517 JUBILEE HALL

Councillor John Sullivan reported that they had received a quote for the windows and it looks like it would cost between £25,000 and £30,000. Councillor Nathan Mode suggested looking at the Green Deal.

2518 HIGHWAYS

Councillor Michael Dunkin reported that he had reported a pothole in Bridge. Councillor Trish Baxter reported 2 large potholes at the bottom of Court Street. Councillor Nathan Mode will try and speak with Mike Fear about the roads in Purtington

2519 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Clerks Council direct
- b) Parishioner letter regarding the band hut.

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

2520 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

2521 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary meeting of The Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 6th March for 7-30 pm meet in the Jubilee Hall.

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