

Winsham Parish Council

Draft Minutes of The Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held at The Jubilee Hall on Wednesday 5th February 2014 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllrs T Baxter, J Chance, N Eastick, B Goodman, M Haggard, R Miller, N Mode and J Sullivan

In attendance: Mrs Teresa Pinder, Clerk to The Council, County Councillor Sue Osborne, 0 residents

Apologies: County Cllr L Vijeh

PUBLIC FORUM

(a) Questions from Residents

None

(b) District Councillor's Report

District Councillor Sue Osborne gave her report, which included a number of key issues.

(c) County Councillor's Report

Cllr Vijeh's sent her apologies. Her written report is attached to the minutes.

2629 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr S Abbey.

2630 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest received:

Item 6 The Band Hut and Allotment Site – Cllr M Haggard as an allotment holder

2631 THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 4TH DECEMBER 2013 AND THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THE 16TH JANUARY 2014

The minutes of the previous meetings were approved as a correct and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

2632 SUE LOARING LEGACY

The Council agreed that Cllr M Haggard will research the costs to install a gate for the recreation ground.

2633 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Applications - None
- b) Planning determinations received from SSDC -

Application No: 13/04360/FUL

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Keith Talbott

Description: Alterations to existing annexe to include installation of gable, windows, log burner and terrace.

Location: Purtington Barn, Down Lane, Purtington, Chard, Somerset, TA20 4DH

Permission Granted with conditions.

Application No: 13/04923/FUL

Applicant: Mr Cleal

Description: Alterations, erection of two storey side extension, single storey outbuildings and link extension.

Location: Colham House, Colham Lane, Winsham, Chard, TA20 4EW

Permission Granted with conditions.

- c) Plans and determinations received after the posting of the agenda – None

2634 THE BAND HUT AND ALLOTMENT SITE

Cllr J Chance updated the Council following a meeting that was held in Yeovil on the 17th December 2013 with the SSDC. As a result of this, a submission was made to SSDC for a proportion of the Council's legal costs to be reimbursed and SSDC agreed to give the Council £700.

A new Draft TR1 – (Transfer Document) has been issued by the SSDC Solicitor but as yet no contact has been made with the Council's solicitor. The ransom strip clause has been removed, although a lengthy proportion of the document relates to the overage clause. In summary it states that if the land was sold at a later date half of any net proceeds would go to SSDC. There is also a clause prohibiting the Council "to use the property for any commercial or business purpose" which the Council unanimously rejected.

The Council agreed that Cllr J Chance will write a letter to the SSDC's solicitor thanking him for his efforts, and asking him to leave out the commercial clause as it was not acceptable to the Council and that it is hoped a mutual agreement can be reached for the way forward.

2635 PARISH PLAN

Cllr N Mode updated the Council on the current position. Cllr Mode will put together the results from the Parish Plan on a similar basis to Melksham's A3 plan. It will quote what the residents have asked for and then quote what the council will do about it. Cllr Mode will send the draft to Cllrs Chance, Sullivan and Baxter by email which will be used as a starting point for discussion.

2636 STANDING ORDERS, FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND COUNCIL POLICIES

The Council agreed to review the Financial Regulations when the new model was received.

2637 FINANCE

Resolved: Council unanimously approved payment of cheques 322079 to 322081 per the Approval of Payments list.

2638 SALT BINS

Cllr B Goodman has purchased 5 new grit bins, which he is storing. Once they have been filled they will be put in situ.

2639 SALC TRAINING COURSES

Resolved: Council agreed that the Clerk should attend the following courses. One third cost to Winsham Parish Council and two thirds cost to Tatworth and Forton Parish Council.

- Essential Clerk Part 3
- Internal Audit and Preparing for External Audit
- Insurance and Risk Assessment

Proposed: Cllr N Mode Seconded: Cllr R Miller

2640 SLCC MEMBERSHIP FOR THE CLERK

Resolved: Council agreed that the clerk should join the SLCC at an increased cost to that previously quoted. One third cost to be paid by Winsham Parish Council and two thirds cost paid by Tatworth and Forton Parish Council.

Proposed: Cllr N Mode Seconded: Cllr R Miller

2641 SSDC ANNUAL PLAYGROUND INSPECTION AND RISK ASSESSMENT SERVICE

The Council agreed for SSDC to undertake the Annual Playground Inspection which will be undertaken by the end of May 2014. The Risk Assessment is not due this year. Cllr B Goodman will take this forward.

2642 THORNCOMBE FIRST RESPONDERS

The Council agreed that Cllr N Eastick will put a plan together of Western Way quoting the actual house numbers and he will send it to Thorncombe First Responders.

2643 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting is a statutory requirement.

The Council agreed that Cllr J Sullivan will talk to some of the village associations and ask for their thoughts and suggestions for the meeting. Cllr J Sullivan will report back to the members at the next Council meeting.

2644 ITEMS FOR REPORT

(a) Amenities, Rights of Way and Highways reports

Rights of Way

The footbridge at Forde Abbey is now fully open.

Highways

Nothing to report, apart from the large number of potholes appearing.

Amenities

Cllr B Goodman will order 4 new swing seats for the recreation ground.

(b) Reports from member representatives on outside bodies.

Jubilee Hall Committee - There is a damp problem in the Jubilee Hall which is being repaired and paid for by the insurance.

(c) Clerk's report and correspondence

No further items than reported on the agenda.

2645 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

None

2646 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 5th March 2014