

Winsham Parish Council

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

Present: Cllrs S Abbey, 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, District Councillor Sue Osborne, County Councillor Linda Vijeh, 8 residents

PUBLIC FORUM

(a) Questions from Residents

A resident spoke about a possible future planning application for their son that will be shortly submitted and left information for the members to read.

Another resident queried the presentation the members received prior to the Parish Council meeting starting. The Chairman confirmed that no decisions of any kind were agreed and that a public meeting would be held for the residents to attend in due course.

Other members of the public had concerns about the grass cutting in the cemetery. A letter received from a resident was partly read out at the meeting. The Council confirmed that it was doing all it could to get the most value from the current contractor and that this was an ongoing process.

(b) District Councillor's Report

District Councillor Sue Osborne gave her report on events in the area over the last month, which included:

The Local Plan is progressing and an additional District meeting will be held in August in this regard.

A report about Business rates will be issued next week.

Possible funding for businesses in the Parish may be available under the Rural Development Programme - Winsham is part of the Blackdown Hills Grant.

Highways – The additional funding that has been made available is likely to be spent on the Somerset levels. An enquiry has been made to David Laws to see what funding will be available for highways in the area.

(c) County Councillor's Report

County Cllr Linda Vijeh's written reports for June and July have been sent to members.

Cllr Chance asked if it was possible to claim some money from County to cover the Council's recent first aid courses, but this isn't possible. It is hoped that one additional session in every parish and a separate one for schools will be held in due course should the training be approved.

2715 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2716 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr M Haggard declared an interest in item 5 – The Band Hut and Allotment Site being an allotment holder.

2717 THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 4TH JUNE 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4th June 2014 were approved as a correct and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

2718 PLANNING MATTERS

a) Applications

Application Number 14/03006/FUL

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Mike Gummer

Proposal: The creation of an agricultural access and change of use of land from agriculture to residential (GR 335939/105850)

Location: Woodlands, Leigh, Winsham, Chard, Somerset, TA20 4HS

Resolved: No Objections

Application No: 14/03237/COL

Applicant: Mr Derek Churchill

Proposal: Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing use of dwelling without compliance of agricultural occupancy condition (GR 33853/109515)

Location: Windwhistle Cottage, Down Lane, Purtington, Chard, Somerset, TA20 3DH

Resolved: No Objections

Application No: 14/03238/DPO

Applicant: Mr Derek Churchill

Proposal: Application to modify Section 52 agreement dated 1st September 1978 to allow Windwhistle Cottage to be disposed of separately from the remainder of Windwhistle Farm (GR 338536/109515)

Location: Windwhistle Cottage, Down Lane, Purtington, Chard, Somerset, TA20 4DH

Resolved: No Objections

- b) Planning determinations received from SSDC
Decisions were read out at the meeting.
- c) Plans and determinations received after the posting of the agenda – None

2719 THE BAND HUT AND ALLOTMENT SITE

Cllr Chance reported on the current position.

The report being presented to the DX Committee meeting next week was discussed. The report included an apology for the timeframe involved and confirmation that the District Council will pay their own legal costs. The members agreed on what was required at the meeting.

The DX Committee are meeting on Thursday 7th August in the Council Offices in Yeovil, and members and residents are encouraged to attend. Car sharing will be arranged.

2720 PARISH PLAN

Resolved: The Parish Plan was unanimously approved. A copy will be made available in the shop for viewing, with a list where residents can leave their name and address to request a copy.

2721 FINANCE

Resolved:

- a. The Council approved payment of cheques 322105 to 322111 totalling £3639.07.
Proposed: Cllr J Sullivan Seconded: Cllr J Chance
- b. The Council approved the quarterly reconciliation of the accounts.
Proposer: Cllr J Chance Seconded: Cllr N Mode

2722 FIRST AID INSTRUCTION

Resolved:

- a. The Council agreed a donation of £150 to the Red Cross.
Proposed: Cllr S Abbey Seconded: Cllr R Miller
- b. The possibility of a defibrillator for the Parish was discussed but the members agreed not to proceed any further at this time.

2723 CEMETERY

Resolved:

- a. The Council approved the revised Cemetery Regulation and Fees Document. This document will be sent to all local undertakers.
Proposed: Cllr J Sullivan Seconded: Cllr M Haggard
- b. The Council is happy for Cllr J Sullivan to see what fund-raising can be found to fund a Lych Gate to the Cemetery before any commitment to contribute by the Parish Council is made.

- c. The Council approved extra labour for grave levelling, weeding and trimming of hedges of 2 hours per month.
Proposed: Cllr N Mode Seconded: Cllr N Eastick

2724 GRASS CUTTING

Resolved: The Council agreed the revision of fees for the grass cutting contract.
Proposed: Cllr N Mode Seconded: Cllr M Haggard

2725 WELCOME PACK FOR NEWCOMERS TO THE VILLAGE

Cllr J Sullivan updated the members on the current position.

2726 FOOTPATH OFFICER

Resolved: The Council agreed that Cllr N Eastick will be the new Footpath Officer for the Parish.
Proposed: Cllr T Baxter Seconded: Cllr J Chance

2627 DONATION TO WINSHAM PLAYING FIELDS

Resolved: The Council unanimously agreed a donation of £250 towards the cost of grass cutting of Winsham Playing Fields.
Proposed: Cllr J Chance Seconded: Cllr J Sullivan

2728 ITEMS FOR REPORT

- a) Amenities, Rights of Way and Highways reports

Rights of Way

Nothing to report.

Highways

The Council was updated on the current position. Cllr Eastick has been trying to contact Mike Fear and has left numerous messages regarding various issues in the parish but has not had a reply as yet.

Amenities

Following a report from Cllr B Goodman regard the state of the seats on the small roundabout and the swings on the play equipment in the Lower Rec, the Council agreed to the placing of an order for replacements at a total cost of £375.41.

Proposed: Cllr B Goodman Seconded: Cllr R Miller

- b) Reports from member representatives on outside bodies

Major repair work, which will include double glazing units, is shortly to commence on the central window of the Jubilee Hall.

- c) Clerk's report and correspondence

The Clerk updated the Council on other correspondence received.

2729 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

None

2730 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2014

The meeting closed at 10.20 p.m.