

Winsham Parish Council

Minutes of The Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held at The Jubilee Hall on Wednesday 4th June 2014 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllrs S Abbey, T Baxter, J Chance, N Eastick, B Goodman, and J Sullivan

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

PUBLIC FORUM

(a) Questions from Residents

One question received via Cllr S Abbey which was discussed under Items to Report.

(b) District Councillor's Report

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

- The resumed Local Plan hearing is next week, Tuesday to Friday with the main areas of concern being Ilminster and Yeovil. It is hoped the Local Plan will be finalised by the end of the year.
- The Mount Hindrance application appeal was last week, following which the Inspector will take a tour of the road system this week.
- Discretionary Rate Policy – a consultation document will be issued towards the end of June for 6 weeks. The general public can complete a questionnaire online or by paper copy. A press release will be issued in this regard.

(c) County Councillor's Report

County Cllr Linda Vijeh's written report for May has been sent to members.

Item number 5 The Band Hut and Allotment Site was brought forward on the agenda as County Cllr Linda Vijeh couldn't stay for the whole meeting.

2703 THE BAND HUT AND ALLOTMENT SITE

Cllr J Chance confirmed that SSDC had refused to remove the additional restrictive clauses it had added to the draft contract since our agreement to purchase the site. He had therefore written to the portfolio holder Cllr Henry Hobhouse on 1 May, explaining the problem, and asking for his help in resolving the matter.

Cllr Hobhouse had not replied to our letter, despite Cllr Osborne attempting to follow the matter up on our behalf.

The view of the meeting remained that the terms currently being offered were unacceptable to the Parish, and it was clear that SSDC was no longer prepared to transfer the site to the Parish on the terms originally agreed, and resolved by the SSDC D Committee in July 2012: by default SSDC had terminated the negotiations.

Resolved: It was agreed that Cllr J Chance will

1. Write to Cllr Hobhouse expressing disappointment that SSDC is not prepared to honour the agreement, and asking what SSDC intend doing about the site now that the Parish will not be taking it over, particularly bearing in mind the potentially dangerous condition of the Band Hut.
2. Copy the latest correspondence to our solicitor for the file, and request a final invoice.
3. Contact the SSDC Deputy Director for Finance, explaining the situation and asking SSDC to compensate the Parish Council for its wasted legal costs.

Proposed: Cllr J Chance Seconded: Cllr N Eastick

2704 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs R Miller, N Mode and M Haggard.

2705 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

2706 THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY AND ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON THE 7TH MAY 2014

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

2707 PLANNING MATTERS

a) Applications

Application Number 14/02216/FUL

Applicant: Mr Kevin Broome

Proposal: The erection of a conservatory (GR 336596/105721)

Location: 1 Ammerham Villa, Ammerham, Winsham, Chard, TA20 4LA

Resolved: No objections

Application Number: 14/01908/FUL

Applicant: Mrs Martha Loak

Proposal: Erection of replacement single storey rear extension and erection of two storey side extension (revised application) (GR 339351/108958)

Location: Shoal Cottage, Purtington, Chard, 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

2708 FINANCE

a. Resolved: Council approved payment of cheques 322096 to 322103 totalling £2088.51.

Proposed: Cllr B Goodman Seconded: Cllr N Eastick

b. Resolved: The Council confirmed the movements in Earmarked Reserves.

Proposer: Cllr B Goodman Seconded: Cllr T Baxter

2709 WELCOME PACK FOR NEWCOMERS TO THE VILLAGE

Resolved: Cllr J Sullivan will prepare a pack for newcomers to the village with the nearest councillor to hand deliver the pack when required. Stocks to be kept in the Parish Office.

Proposed: Cllr T Baxter Seconded: Cllr N Eastick

2710 WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL – 120TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – 13TH DECEMBER 2014

Following a discussion, it was agreed in principle to have some sort of celebration to include a focus event, food and drink.

2711 SOMERSET PLAYGROUND ENQUIRY (PLAYMAPP)

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed to not include the Parish's playground on the website. The Clerk will respond to this effect.

2712 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.

Amenities

Following complaints received about the cemetery, a cemetery sub-committee will be looking at all the issues next week. Recommendations will be brought to the next meeting.

- b) Reports from member representatives on outside bodies
None
- c) Clerk's report and correspondence
The Clerk updated the Council on other correspondence received.

2713 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

First Aid training funding was discussed and a decision will be made at the next meeting.

2714 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY 30TH JULY 2014

The meeting closed at 9.55 pm

Signed Date