

Winsham Parish Council

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

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

In attendance: Mrs Teresa Pinder Clerk to The Council, District Councillor Sue Osborne, 1 resident and PCSO Karen Pack

Apologies: County Councillor L Vijeh

PUBLIC FORUM

(a) Questions from Residents

Concerns were raised with regard to a footpath on the edge of the Forde Abbey Estate that had recently been worn away due to the heavy amounts of rain; without repairs the path will disappear. The Council agreed to write to Forde Abbey asking for their help.

Concerns were also raised regarding the speed of traffic entering the village from the north along the B3162, on the section from the band hut to the war memorial. It was asked if a traffic calming device could be installed, for example a build-out or entry point. The Council commented that in the first instance the police would probably need to undertake speed checks, and it was agreed that the Council would write to the County Council on the matter.

(b) District Councillor's Report

District Councillor Sue Osborne gave her report on events in the area over the last month.

(c) County Councillor's Report

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

The Neighbourhood Watch item was brought forward to the beginning of the Agenda as PCSO Karen Pack could only stay for a short time.

2647 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

PCSO Karen Pack confirmed that the existing co-ordinator, Mr J Gapper, would like to pass over duties to another volunteer. Cllr Eastick will speak to Mr J Gapper to take on some of the extra tasks. Generally speaking the scheme runs very smoothly, but if there are any gaps in requirements, PCSO Karen Pack will inform the Council.

PCSO Karen Pack also updated the Council on the current situation, and was pleased to report that no crime had been reported in the village recently. She did however express concerns about inappropriate road use and speeding during the school runs, and said she was following these matters up, as appropriate, with the drivers concerned.

2648 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

2649 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest received:

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

2650 THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 5TH FEBRUARY 2014

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

2651 SUE LOARING LEGACY

Cllr M Haggard informed the council on the current position and although no quotes had yet been received, the matter is progressing. An update will be made next month.

2652 PLANNING MATTERS

a) Applications

b) **Application No: 14/00568/FUL**

Applicant: Ms Amy Roberts & Mr Alex Baldock

Proposal: External alterations to include hard landscaping, gates, walls and pergola (Part implemented). (GR 338928/109001)

Location: Purtington House, Limekiln Lane, Winsham, Chard, Somerset

Resolved: Recommend Approval

Application No: 14/00625/FUL

Applicant: Mrs Martha Loak

Proposal: The erection of a replacement single storey rear extension and the erection of a two storey side extension (GR 339351/108958)

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

Resolved: Recommend Approval

c) Planning determinations received from SSDC - None

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

2653 THE BAND HUT AND ALLOTMENT SITE

Cllr J Chance gave an update on the current position, and stated that SSDC had now withdrawn its requirement for a 'ransom strip', but was resisting WPC demands for a very restrictive clause on future use of the site to be withdrawn. We are currently awaiting a response to our last letter, sent on 9 February.

The Cllr went on to warn that during the two and a half years we have been trying to conclude negotiations with SSDC, the site has deteriorated to the extent that it will cost approximately £11,000 to demolish the band hut and tidy up the area.

The Council agreed that if no agreement could be reached with SSDC in the present round of discussions, it would withdraw its interest in the proposed transfer.

2654 PARISH PLAN

Cllr N Mode updated the Council on the current position. A short power point presentation was shown giving the headlines of the findings of the recent survey. Currently Cllrs Mode, Baxter and Sullivan are on the Parish Plan Committee and it was agreed that Cllrs Goodman and Miller will also join this committee. Suggested timescales for finalising the plan were given which the Council agreed. Two meetings will be arranged, one in the evening or weekend and one during the day to inform the residents of the findings/raw data which will be for a duration of approximately 90 minutes. The committee will meet and move things forward.

2655 STANDING ORDERS, FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND COUNCIL POLICIES

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

2656 FINANCE

a. Resolved: Council approved payment of cheques 322082 to 322085 and one direct debit totalling £314.58 per the Approval of Payments list.

b. Resolved: Council agreed for the Clerk to register to submit a portfolio for the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CILCA) Qualification with Winsham PC paying one third and Tatworth & Forton PC paying two thirds costs.

Proposed: Cllr N Mode Seconded: Cllr B Goodman

c. Resolved: Council agreed the Clerk's membership to CPALC with Winsham PC paying one third and Tatworth & Forton PC paying two thirds costs.

Proposed: Cllr N Mode Seconded: Cllr R Miller

2657 SALT BINS

Cllr B Goodman informed the Council that he is still waiting for the salt to be delivered before the bins can be positioned in the Parish.

2658 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Cllr J Sullivan updated the Council on the current position. It was agreed the Council will provide wine and fruit juice, on a sale or return from the shop, with free admission to residents at a budget of approximately £80. The evening will start with the Parish Council's report, followed by presentations from the various societies represented, by slides on a DVD. Refreshments will follow with time available for questions. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on the 14th May.

2659 FIRST AID INSTRUCTION

Cllr R Miller informed the Council that the School want to be involved. It was suggested that these courses be over two days, one on a Saturday and one during the week as the School would want it to be part of the curriculum. Cllr R Miller will take this forward, by speaking to Mr J Gapper and the Red Cross and will report back at the next meeting.

2660 REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS

- a. Resolved: The Council approved a donation for South Somerset Citizens Advice Bureau of £100
Proposed: Cllr S Abbey; Seconded: Cllr N Mode
- b. Resolved: The Council declined to make a donation to Victim Support.

2661 ITEMS FOR REPORT

- (a) Amenities, Rights of Way and Highways reports

Rights of Way

Nothing to report.

Highways

Nothing to report.

Amenities

Nothing to report

- (b) Reports from member representatives on outside bodies.

Nothing to report

- (c) Clerk's report and correspondence

The Clerk updated the council on additional items of post received. This included a letter from Mr A Partridge informing the Council that he could no longer undertake the grass cutting in the village.

2662 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

Cllr R Miller suggested that the large embroidered picture currently in the Parish Office be moved to a more prominent position in the hall for all to see. Cllr R Miller will take this forward.

2663 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY 2ND APRIL 2014

Meeting closed at 9.35 pm

Signed Date 2nd April 2014