

Winsham Parish Council

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

Present: Cllrs S Abbey, T Baxter, N Eastick, M Haggard, R Miller, and J Chance (in the chair)

In attendance: Mrs Teresa Pinder Clerk to The Council, District Councillor Sue Osborne, County Councillor Linda Vijeh, PCSO Richard Oaten and 1 resident

PUBLIC FORUM

(a) Questions from Residents

Following a question from a resident County Councillor Linda Vijeh will write to Highways regarding traffic calming measures on the B3162 at the Bakersfield/Davies Close junction in relation to the Small Improvement Scheme.

(b) District Councillor's Report

District Councillor Sue Osborne updated the Parish Council on recent events.

(c) County Councillor's Report

County Cllr Linda Vijeh's written report for October had been sent to members.

Cllr T Baxter arrived at 19.40 pm

The new Chard Rural PCSO Richard Oaten attended the meeting and updated the Council on various topics. The main concern currently is door to door callers and wanted to be notified if anyone had anything to report. Full security information is available on the Police website.

2756 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs B Goodman, J Sullivan and N Mode.

2757 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr M Haggard, item 5, Band Hut and Allotment Site, as an allotment holder.

2758 THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 1ST OCTOBER 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1st October 2014 were approved as a correct and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

2759 PLANNING MATTERS

a) Applications

Application No: 14/04211/COU

Applicant: Mr Robert Smith

Proposal: Change of use of holiday let to a mixed use of holiday let and independent residential unit (Retrospective Application) (GR 336166/106858)

Location: The Annexe, Whatley Farm, Whatley, Winsham, Chard, Somerset

Resolved: No objection

Application No 14/04639/FUL

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Mills

Proposal: Erection of porch (GR 335240/106110)

Location: Leigh Lodge, Forton, Chard, Somerset, TA20 4HW

Resolved: No objection

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

2760 THE BAND HUT AND ALLOTMENT SITE

CLlr J Chance updated the Council on the current position of the negotiations and explained that the PCs objectives have now been attained. SSDC has now significantly relaxed its position regarding commercial use of the site and also agreed that the overage clause will only run for 20 years. He will ask the council's solicitor to review the latest amendments with a view to putting the amended agreement to the council for final approval before exchange of contracts.

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed to accept the terms negotiated with SSDC subject to final advice from the council's solicitor.

The Council thanked Cllr J Chance for all his hard work in this matter.

2761 FINANCE

Resolved:

- a. The Council approved payment of cheques 322125 to 322126 totalling £331.13.
Proposed: Cllr R Miller Seconded: Cllr J Chance
- b. The budgets for the 2014/15 year, incorporating the reserves were re-confirmed.

2762 STANDING ORDERS, FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND COUNCIL POLICIES

Resolved:

- a. Standing Orders were reviewed and adopted.
- b. Code of Conduct was reviewed and adopted.
- c. Filming, Photographing, Audio Recording and Reporting Policy was reviewed and adopted.
- d. Recording of Decisions made by Officers Policy was reviewed and adopted.
- e. Reserves Policy was reviewed and adopted.

Proposed: Cllr N Eastick Seconded: Cllr M Haggard

2763 FIRST AID CHAMPION – HEALTH & WELLBEING FUND

County Councillor Linda Vjeh has confirmed that she has employed someone to organise the booking of Red Cross Trainers and dates when they would be available. One first aid course of 2 hours was felt to be the best option for this parish. County Councillor Vjeh will contact Cllr R Miller direct in this regard. Once course dates have been arranged Cllr Miller will contact the First Responders to inform them of the position.

2764 PARISH COUNCIL 120TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY – 13TH DECEMBER 2014

Cllr R Miller updated the Council on the current position.

2765 WAR GRAVES COMMISSION

Resolved: To approve a request from the War Graves Commission to erect a plaque at the Cemetery.

Proposed: Cllr R Miller Seconded: Cllr M Haggard

2766 ITEMS FOR REPORT

- a) Amenities, Rights of Way and Highways reports

Rights of Way

The bottom gate to Forde Abbey, the first one, will be replaced with a style gate.

A request to Highways has been submitted to replace the signpost that is missing in the village to Forde Abbey.

Highways

Nothing to report.

Amenities

Nothing to report

- b) Cemetery Report

Complaints have been received about the length of grass – the contractor has been asked to do one more cut.

c) Reports from member representatives on outside bodies

Nothing to report.

d) Welcome Pack

Nothing to report

e) Clerk's report and correspondence

The members discussed the Library Consultation and agreed that it should be included in the e-letter to residents.

2767 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

None

2768 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2014

The meeting closed at 9.32 p.m.

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