

Winsham Parish Council

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held at The Jubilee Hall on Wednesday 1st April 2015 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllrs T Baxter, M Haggard, R Miller, A Simkins, J Sullivan, and D Wallbridge

In attendance: Mrs Teresa Pinder Clerk to The Council, Sue Osborne District Councillor and 12 residents.

PUBLIC FORUM

(a) Questions from Residents

A letter of objection relating to the proposed housing development off Western Way, Winsham was handed to the Clerk, by one of the residents.

A number of residents gave their views on keeping the Band Hut to use as a store and the possibilities of upgrading the current building. The Chairman outlined the possible requirements including the need for a Management Committee to be formed to organise it.

Of the number of residents present, those that want to keep the Band Hut numbered 11.

Sue Osborne offered to help and support any organisation that is set up to look at funding and confirmed that Neighbourhood Officer, Paul Philpot, from SSDC could be contacted for assistance.

(b) District Councillor's Report

District Councillor Sue Osborne updated the council on recent issues, which included the Area Plan having now been approved and adopted.

(c) County Councillor's Report

County Councillor Linda Vjeh had previously issued a written report for March which has been issued to the members and is available on the Parish Council's website

2824 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs N Mode, J Chance and N Eastick.

2825 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr M Haggard declared a personal interest in the item regarding the Band Hut and Allotments.

Cllr J Sullivan declared an interest in the Jubilee Hall as Chairman of the Jubilee Hall Management Committee.

2826 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THE 4TH MARCH 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4th March 2015 were approved as a correct and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

2827 PLANNING MATTERS

a) Applications

Application No: 15/00830/FUL

Proposal: Erection of 12 dwellings to include 4 affordable flats with associated parking (36 spaces) and the change of use of land to the south to form car park (34 No parking spaces) and public open space. (GR 337254/106275)

Location: Land at Western Way, Winsham, Chard, Somerset, TA20 4JH

Resolved: The Parish Council unanimously agreed to the development – no objections with the following additional comment.

“The car park must be constructed of a reasonable material to not cause a large expense to the Parish Council in repairs.”

b) Planning determinations received from SSDC

Decisions were available to view at the meeting.

c) Plans and determinations received after the posting of the agenda

None

2828 PLANNING APPLICATION – JUBILEE HALL WINDOWS

Resolved:

- a) The submission of a Planning Application by the Parish Council relating to the replacement of the two existing Critall metal framed, single glazed windows, by two hard wood framed windows, painted white and double glazed, in the style of the original windows fitted in 1887, for the purpose of reducing heat loss and general appearance of the Jubilee Hall was approved.
Proposer: Cllr D Wallbridge Seconded: Cllr R Miller
- b) The Council approved the writing of a cheque, payable to South Somerset District Council, for £97.50 to submit the Planning Application.
Proposed: Cllr D Wallbridge Seconded: Cllr R Miller

2829 FINANCE

Resolved:

- a) The Council approved payment of cheques 322142 to 322145 and direct debits totalling £3124.28
Proposed: Cllr M Haggard Seconded: Cllr J Sullivan
- b) The Financial Statement as at 31st March 2015 was approved.
Proposed: Cllr J Sullivan Seconded: Cllr T Baxter
- c) To approve the excess monies from the 2014/15 year of £3,000 to be moved to reserves as follows:
War Memorial Reserve £1,500
General Reserve £1,500
Proposed: Cllr A Simkins Seconded: Cllr J Sullivan

2830 THE BAND HUT AND ALLOTMENT SITE

The Parish Council have unanimously agreed that the Band Hut will remain on the Allotment and Band Hut site, owned by the Parish Council. The proviso is that a “group” or “management committee” is set up by the interested parishioners. A constitution must be prepared for a bank account to be opened and this must be done within a reasonable length of time. Once this has been set up the Parish Council will grant the sum of £200 to the organisation. Jason Stevens will be co-ordinating for the Parish Council.

2831 WAR MEMORIAL

The Parish Council agreed to look at this matter at the May meeting.

2832 FORE STREET

Resolved: The proposed wording of a letter to be sent to Highways was approved with one slight amendment.

2833 POLICIES

Resolved: The following policies were reviewed and adopted

- (a) Standing Orders
- (b) Freedom of Information Policy
- (c) Publication Scheme

Proposed: Cllr A Simpkins Seconded: Cllr J Sullivan

2834 LEISURE PLAY AND YOUTH STRATEGY FOR SOUTH SOMERSET, CONSULTATION EVENT

Resolved: The Council agreed not to send anyone from Winsham Parish Council to the Leisure Play and Youth Strategy for South Somerset Consultation Event being held in the Guildhall on Thursday 30th April 2015 at 7.00 pm.

2835 INSURANCE COVER

Resolved: The Council approved the inclusion of the War Memorial under the Parish Council’s Insurance.
Proposed: Cllr R Miller Seconded: Cllr A Simkins

2836 CEMETERY

Resolved: The Parish Council agreed to the replacement of a dead memorial tree planted near the boundary hedge, footpath side, plus a small identification label as proposed by a resident, who will cover the cost. A Flowering Cherry Tree has been suggested.

Proposed: Cllr A Simpkins Seconded: Cllr J Sullivan

2837 ITEMS FOR REPORT

- a) Amenities, (Lower Rec Play Equipment, Bus Shelter, War Memorial) Reports
Lower Recreation Ground Play Equipment, Bus Shelter and War Memorial
Nothing to report
- b) Highways and Bus Services Reports
Highways and Bus Services
The Parish is losing 50% of bus services on a Saturday with effect from the end of May 2015. Lime Kiln Way, Wynyards Lane and Column Lane – concerns have been raised with regard to possible flooding, the issue will be raised with Highways, copying in Linda Vjeh, and Chris Cooper, Street Scene.
- c) Cemetery, Footpaths, Styles, Rights of Way and Grass Cutting Reports
Cemetery, Footpaths, Styles, & Grass Cutting
Nothing to report.
Rights of Way
Rose Lane repairs have been done and an application has been made to turn this into a Bridleway, (10/2008). The Parish Council will be consulted on this in due course when due. Highways have looked and confirmed work needs to be done in the future.
With regard to the footpath at Lime Kiln Way which has been closed for a number of years, confirmation has now been received from Les Braunton and David Shears that it is a live, legal right of way. The Rights of Way Officer will now spearhead the project to get the path re-opened but this will “take some time”.
Leigh Lane – Cllr N Eastick to speak to the landowner regarding the padlock on the gate.
- d) Reports from member representatives on outside bodies
Nothing to report
- e) Press & Publicity, Web Sites, Welcome Pack
Nothing to report
- f) Clerk’s report and correspondence
No further items to report.
- g) The Annual Parish Meeting
All organisations in the village have been invited.

2838 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

None

2839 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY 13th MAY 2015

The meeting closed at 10.18pm