

## Winsham Parish Council

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held at The Jubilee Hall on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllrs T Baxter, J Chance, N Eastick, M Haggard, R Miller, A Simkins, J Stevens, J Sullivan, and D Wallbridge  
In attendance: Mrs Teresa Pinder Clerk to The Council, County Councillor Linda Vijey and 4 residents.

### 2896 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

### 2897 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr J Chance declared a personal interest in planning application 15/03263/S73A

Cllr A Simkins declared a personal interest in planning application 15/03263/S73A

Cllr J Stevens declared a personal interest in planning application 15/03263/S73A

### 2898 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2015

The minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015 were approved as a correct and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr J Chance Seconded: Cllr A Simkins

### 2899 PLANNING MATTERS

#### a) Applications

#### **Application No: 15/01259/FUL**

Applicant: Mrs Trace Michaels

Proposal: Change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian and the construction of a riding arena (GR 338795/106460)

Location: Hey Farm, Winsham, Chard, Somerset, TA20 4EF

Resolved: No objection as long as the application is for personal use and does not adversely impact right of way CH 30/3 (Winsham). Similarly, so there is no increased traffic flow along CH26/3 (Wayford) or along Ebben Lane (merging with CH 30/3). We would request any change of use must apply for new planning permission.

Cllrs J Chance, J Stevens and A Simkins left the room

#### **Application No: 15/03263/S73A**

Applicant: Mrs Christine Hughes

Proposal: Application to vary condition 02 (approved plans) of 14/05486/FUL for the addition of 4 No.

Radius oak braces to side elevation and amendment to design. (GR 337625/106141)

Location: 7 Court Farm Close, Winsham, Chard, TA20 4JY

Resolved: The Parish Council has been informed that SSDC is in receipt of a complaint alleging breaches of planning control regarding construction of the carport to which this application refers.

We are not able to comment on this new application to make additions to the carport whilst there is doubt that it has been constructed according to the granting of permission for application 14/05486/FUL.

We would expect SSDC to determine the complaint before considering the new application and give the Parish Council the opportunity to review this particular application in the context of any decisions made.

Proposed: Cllr N Eastick Seconded: Cllr M Haggard 6-0-0

Cllrs J Chance, J Stevens and A Simkins returned to the room

#### 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

**Amended Plans/Additional Information Application No: 15/00830/FUL**

Proposal: The erection of 12 No. Dwellings to include 4 No. Affordable flats with associated parking (36 No. Spaces) and the change of use of land to the south to form car park (34 No. Parking spaces) and public open space. (GR337254/106275). The amendments are Revised Highway, Ecology and Landscaping details.

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

Resolved: No objection, the Parish Council supports the application. However can we please ensure that there is re-instatement of any damage to the right of way CH 30/1 (Liberty Trail/Pooles Lane) if it is encroached upon during the development.

Proposed: Cllr A Simkins Seconded: Cllr J Chance 9-0-0

## **2900 FINANCE**

Resolved:

- a) The Council approved the payment of cheques 322167 to 322179 totalling £2365.33  
Proposed: Cllr A Simkins Seconded: Cllr R Miller
- b) The Council approved the Quarterly Bank Reconciliation as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015.  
Proposed: Cllr N Eastick Seconded: Cllr D Wallbridge

## **2901 WINSHAM COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE (WCRC) AND THE ALLOTMENT USER GROUP**

An update was given to the Council by Cllr J Chance.

The Council discussed re-spraying the previously unused allotment plots with weed killer, then to be rotivated by a tractor and for the large stones etc be removed. A proposal will be brought to a future meeting.

Cllr J Chance and the Clerk will meet with the allotment holders in due course to take things forward.

## **2902 WAR MEMORIAL**

An update was given to the members by Cllr A Simkins.

It was agreed that the memorial be given a localised clean prior to Remembrance day in November by some of the councillors and then look into a full specialised clean in 2018.

## **2903 WINSHAM CEMETERY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME**

An update was given by Cllr J Stevens.

The quote from the tree surgeon to cut back dangerous branches on the Monkey Puzzle Tree and to remove a couple of other trees/shrubs in the Cemetery was approved.

## **2904 PROVISION OF VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR UNIT**

Cllr D Wallbridge updated the council on the current position.

## **2905 POLICY REVIEW**

Resolved: The Council reviewed and adopted the following Policies:

- a) Disciplinary Procedure
- b) Bullying and Harassment Policy
- c) Grievance Procedure
- d) Whistle blowing Policy
- e) Standing Orders
- f) Complaints Procedures

## **2906 WINSHAM – MAKING THINGS BETTER**

Resolved: The suggestions made by Cllr J Sullivan to commence a promotional awareness campaign were approved in principle. The 20s Plenty speed limit suggestion will be discussed a future meeting.

## **2907 WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE**

Resolved: The Council agreed to proceed with a new website. It is hoped that grant money will be available, so the project will not be started until the end of September. However, grant or not it will need then to be implemented, because of the statutory requirement. The anticipated one-off cost is in the region of £500, with a regular charge of approx £150 for servicing and web hosting.

## 2908 ITEMS FOR REPORT

- a) Amenities, (Lower Rec Play Equipment, Bus Shelter, War Memorial) Reports  
**Lower Recreation Ground Play Equipment, Bus Shelter and War Memorial**  
The Council was updated on the Playground Inspection.
- b) Highways and Bus Services Reports  
**Highways and Bus Services**  
An update was given by Cllr T Baxter.
- c) Cemetery, Footpaths, Styles, Rights of Way and Grass Cutting Reports  
**Cemetery, Footpaths, Styles, & Grass Cutting**  
Up an update on footpaths, styles and Rights of Way was given by Cllr J Stevens, where progress is being made, following a meeting with Les Braunton, Area Warden, Rights of Way.
- d) Reports from member representatives on outside bodies  
Jubilee Hall – the Awards for All money has been approved for the new windows for the Jubilee Hall.
- e) Press & Publicity, Web Sites, Welcome Pack  
Nothing to report.
- f) Clerk's report and correspondence  
The Clerk updated the council on the new Financial Software packing being remotely installed on the 17<sup>th</sup> September with training being done on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September. The Clerk also updated the Council on the current position with the completion of all documentation regarding the Allotments and Band Hut site.

## 2909 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

None

## 2910 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2015

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm