

W I N S H A M P A R I S H C O U N C I L

Minutes of the meeting of Winsham Parish Council held in the Jubilee Hall, Winsham on Friday, 9th March 1984 at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Mr R M Smart (in the Chair) Mr V Chubb, Miss E Cleave, Mrs M Loaring, Mrs R Rose, Mr C Slade, Mr E Bannen, Mr D Woodward. also Mr L Fisher (District Councillor)

126. Apologies for Sbsence.

An apology for absence was received from Mrs M Fowler.

127. Minutes.

When 2 mistakes and 1 omission were corrected, the minutes of the last meeting wre signed as a true record.

128. Matters Arising.

The subject of Key Scaffolding erected to the chimney of a Council House in Fore Street, Winsham was raised. Mr Fisher read a letter from Mr D J Ashford, Chief Executive and Clerk to the Yeovil District Council. The letter stated that the Council paid for only 1 weeks hire and that it was Key Scaffolding who were at fault for not dismantling their scaffolding.

It was reported to Mr Fisher that No 3 Davies Close would become vacant shortly.

It was reported that repairs and clensing had been carried out at Court Street, Winsham.

129. Cemetery Path.

The Fencing and Gate are now complete and it was agreed that the account should be paid. The Kissing Gate is in store and would be left for the present.

130. Grass Cutting.

Mrs M Loaring reported that the verbal quote for grass cutting she had received had been withdrawn (Ref: 116) It was suggested that the quest for persons to cut grass should be advertised in the Village. If a Villager tendered for the work it would mean the Council purchasing the necessary machinery. The Clerk was asked to obtain 3 tenders from Contractors by inviting them to visit Winsham to discuss details. On the subject of hedge cutting in the Cemetery, it was generally thought that somebody locally could be found to do this.

131. War Memorial.

It was reported that repairs and protection work had been carried out to the War Memorial. The works were praised by the Councillors and the Clerk was asked to write a letter of appreciation to Mr Rosser.

132. Old Cheques.

A letter from NatWest Bank was read re: the old cheques. They are estimated to be of no great value and it was agreed that they should be kept.


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133. Nuclear Free Zone.

A letter from Mrs Payne was read requesting that the Council should declare Winsham a Nuclear Free Zone. The Chairman quoted from a Yeovil District Council meeting at which it was decided to declare the Yeovil District Council a Nuclear Free Zone. He felt there was no need for Winsham to act because Winsham is covered by the Yeovil District Council. He also read from a report on a Somerset County Council meeting at which it was stated that sites at Billingham, Cleveland and Elstow, Nr. Bedford were under consideration and if these sites were chosen, no more sites would be necessary for 50+ years. ~~It~~ ^{it had been} reported that Lyme Bay was definitely not to be used as a Nuclear Waste Disposal area. The subject was discussed and it decided that there was little to be gained by declaring Winsham a Nuclear Free Zone because the Council's decision would hold very little sway.

134. Winsham Crossroads.

The safety aspect of Winsham Crossroads was discussed but no useful suggestions were put forward. It was decided that the Clerk should write to the County Surveyor asking for a meeting on site to discuss the problem.

135. Somerset Association of Local Councils.

Mr Smart, Mrs Rose and the Clerk attended the Somerset Association of Local Councils meeting. Mr Smart gave a report on the business discussed:- Police Liason Committee, Crime figures were given. It was announced that there are vacancies for young persons on this committee. On the subject of Footpath maintenance, the Grant procedure was stated. The Winsham Parish Council agreed that a grant should not be sought.

136. Planning.

The application for a Mobile Home at Leigh Farm has been withdrawn. The application for a proerty at Court Street, Winsham has been approved. A letter from Mr T Prior regarding Regional Planning Committees was left until the next meeting. Mr L Fisher reported that the District Panning Committee would now meet at 3 week intervals instead of 4 week intervals, in an effort to speed up the dealing with Planning Applications.

137. Receipts and Payments.

Deposit a/c £365.27P.
Current a/c £635.58p.
Petty Cash £5.13p.

Approval for P.H. Hardwill - £620.00
(Cemetery Path fencing)

138. Correspondence.

There was no correspondence.

139. Any Other Business.

The subject of noise caused by Ice Cream Van generators was raised and will be discussed at the next meeting. Mr Fisher said he would raise the matter with the Health Dept in the meantime. Mr Fisher also reported that the District Council rates had been set at 8p. in the £ for year commencing 1st April 1984. The Annual Parish Meeting was fixed for 27th April 1984. The Annual Parish Council Meeting was fixed for 11th May 1984.

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Chairman 13/4/84.