

Minutes of the Winsham Parish Council meeting on Friday, 10th February 1989 at 8.00 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall.

Present: Mrs H Loaring (in the Chair), Mrs R Rose, Mrs C Douglass, Mr C Slade, Mr D Woodward, Mr D Wilson, Mrs M Fowler, Mr R M Smart. Also Mrs M Montagnon (Cty Cllr), Mr L Fisher (Dist Cllr), P.C. David Churchley and Mr K S F Harvie (Clerk). Also 10 members of the public.

102. Apologies for absence.

Received from Mrs E Jones.

103. Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting on 13th January 1989 were signed as a true record.

104 Matters arising.

ROAD SURFACES. The notification regarding road closure from Fore Street to the A30 was incorrect. We were advised that the road would be closed for 2 weeks, starting on the 16th and 23rd of January. In fact, it was only closed for 1 week, from the 16th January. Mrs Montagnon said she would bring this to the notice of the County Surveyor. The alternative route, when the road was closed, was inadequate for heavy or two way traffic and it was suggested that when the road is closed in the future a sign should be erected on the A30 stating that the alternative route is "Unsuitable for heavy vehicles".

STREET NAMEPLATES. Mrs Loaring and the Clerk met Mr Hughes and discussed the faults. A list was made and Mr Hughes promised the work would be done shortly.

SEAT IN SMALL RECREATION GROUND. Awaiting supply of timber.

STREET CLEANSING. No reply to letter as per Min: 93. Will be chased.

DOG WARDEN. The Warden is ill. Will visit Winsham when back to work.

105. Police.

P.C. David Churchley reported that he will be leaving the Chard Station at the end of the month. He said he had been happy in the District and was sorry to leave. The Chard Station is very short handed at present. The force is down to 4, which is less than half the establishment. He considers it doubtful whether Winsham will have a Community Constable appointed in the near future. He was asked to have the 30 mph speed limit monitored by the Road Traffic Division. Mr Wilson said representations should be made to a higher authority regarding under manning. A letter on the subject will be addressed to The Chief Constable of the Avon and Somerset Constabulary, The Chairman of the Police Authority and Mr Paddy Ashdown MP. Asked about the nuisance caused by skateboarding, following a letter from Mr M Douglass, he said there was very little he could do. He suggested that speaking to the parents or a letter in the Parish Magazine might help.

Mrs Loaring thanked David Churchley for his interest in Winsham and said she was very sorry to see him leave. This was generally agreed by the Council.

106. Planning.

883384 Manor Farm. No decision received.

883496 No.1 Lime Kiln Lane. Permission refused.

890013 Mr & Mrs Warry. Approval recommended by the Winsham Planning Committee.

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106. Planning - Cont'd.

890029 R & E Perrott, 17 Western Way. More details requested.

882326 Kingsfield Tree Nursery. Access to Fore Street - revised.

The last letter of objection by the Parish Council was read and Mrs Loaring said as far as the Winsham Planning Committee were concerned nothing had changed their view of the matter. She had spoken to Mr Williams of District Planning about the felling of trees at the Site next to Plum Tree Cottage and was told that the owner would probably be prosecuted. At an informal meeting with Mr Peacock the Councillors present considered nothing new had been proposed. Regarding the workshop at the rear of Plum Tree Cottage still in use. Mr Holmes wrote complaining about this. An Enforcement Order issued on 3rd August 1988 gave the owner three months to stop the work. Mr Fisher said he would pursue this. Mr Wilson proposed, seconded by Mr Smart, that the findings of the Winsham Planning Committee should be forwarded to the District Planning Officer. This was agreed. A meeting was arranged by the Planning Committee with Mr Fisher for 6.30 p.m. on Monday, 13th February to clear any points still in doubt.

107. Mrs M Montagnon.

Mrs Montagnon was approached regarding the 2 letters of complaint from Mr A G Levett and Mr H Daniels on the subject of heavy lorries using Lime Kiln Lane (Item No.8 on the Agenda). The letters suggested signs "Unsuitable for heavy transport" should be erected. Mr Slade said he did not agree with erecting signs, as the signing would get out of hand. It was agreed to reply to the letters asking the complainants to write again if the situation is still bad in the future. Mr Smart suggested road closures should be broadcast on Somerset Sound Radio.

108. Mr L Fisher.

Mr Fisher said he will support the Winsham Planning Committee's recommendation regarding the Planning Application from Mr Warry to build a house at Steadway, Winsham.

109. Footway Light in Davies Close.

Mrs

Loaring said she considered the District Council should provide the Light in question. Mr Fisher said he would undertake to apply to the Council and do what he could to get them to provide the light.

110. Grass Cutting.

It was agreed to ask B Powell & Sons and Mr A M Smith for estimates for grass cutting for 1989. The schedule will be 9 cuts at 3 weekly intervals.

111. SWW Sewerage.

Mr Slade reported that he had seen 2-16ton SWW tankers hauling effluent from the Winsham Sewage Works. He thinks the works are simply being used as cesspools. The dates were 23rd - 27th January. A letter to SWW will state what is known and asking why it is necessary. Mr Fisher will ask for river samples.

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112. Parish Map.

Mrs Loaring said the large map, being prepared in the Winsham Reformed Church School Room, will be fixed on the end wall of the Jubilee Hall. This has been agreed with the Jubilee Hall Management Committee. The smaller maps, which must not measure more than 3 feet square, are to be fixed by arrangement with the Management Committee.

113. Reporting on Parish Council business.

Mr Slade said he would like a proper report in the Parish Magazine on Parish Council business and not as the report was written in the last issue. Mr Smart said he would try to write a report for the next issue.

114. Receipts and Payments.

It was agreed to pay:
Clerk's Pay £101.10p.
Jubilee Hall Management Committee - VAT Refund £36.79p.
Balance - Current Account £195.88p.
Deposit Account £885.23p.

115. Correspondence.

From Joyce Quinn MP re: Public Safety Information Bill/Early Day Motion No.256.

116. Any other business.

Mrs Fowler reported some unsatisfactory tarmac laid outside Nos. 31 and 32 Western Way. This will be reported to the Highways Division. The next Winsham Wander was arranged for the 8th April.

The next meeting will be on the 10th March 1989.