

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

Minutes of the Winsham Parish Council meeting held in the Jubilee Hall on Friday, 13th April 1984 at 8.00 p.m.

Present:- Mr R M Smart (in the Chair) Mrs M Loaring, Mrs R Rose, Miss E Cleave, Mr D Woodward, Mr E Bannen, Mrs M Fowler, Mr C Slade.

140. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr V Chubb and Mr L Fisher.

141. Matters arising.

Ref: Minute No. 88 - On the subject of the Large Recreation Ground, Mr Smart read a letter from the Somerset Association of Local Councils and Mrs Loaring reported on the situation following her further enquiries. It now seemed that the Cricket Club must accept responsibility for any additional fencing to prevent cricket balls landing in District Council or private property and there would not be a case for trying to make the District Council responsible. The Parish Council therefore regretted that it was unable to take any further action.

Mrs Loaring reported that vandalism at the Large Recreation Ground was on the increase. The Yeovil District Council fence and gate have been severely damaged. Also hedges have been damaged. The Clerk was asked to write to the Y.D.C. requesting an inspection to be made with a view to carrying out repairs and also stating that the gate will, in future, be kept locked. Giving access only to Y.D.C. Officers.

142. Planning.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr Tony Prior suggesting that four Area Planning Committees should be formed. Mr Smart said the Yeovil District Council Planning Officer was against this suggestion. Mr Slade said there are already Area Officers. A letter is to be sent to Mr Prior stating that the Winsham Parish Council are satisfied with the present arrangements.

143. Grass Cutting.

Two estimates have been received for Contract Grass Cutting i.e. 6 cuts at monthly intervals - April to September. The estimate from B.E.Powell & Sons is £480.00 for the Season. The estimate from J Matthews is £465.00 for the Season. It was proposed and seconded that the estimate from B.E.Powell & Sons should be accepted, with a request that, if the Councillors thought necessary, they would be asked to make further cuts to the Small Recreation Ground at £10.00 per cut. Mr Powell's estimate was accepted because he is known to some Councillors and has been cutting grass at Thorncombe Church for several years. The appropriate letters will be sent to Mr Powell and Mr Matthews.

144. Winsham Crossroads.

The Clerk reported that no reply had been received to the letter to the County Surveyor asking for a meeting on site to discuss the increasing dangers at the crossroads. It was agreed that a further letter should be forwarded as a reminder.

145. Winsham Cemetery.

Mrs Loaring reported that she had received complaints from Local Parishioners regarding sites chosen for graves. She said that, in her opinion, the sites at the bottom of the Cemetery should be allocated first. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Bishop (Funeral Director) asking him to ask Clients if they have any preference for grave positions.

Permission was given for a headstone to be erected in memory of Raymond John Ashman.

Mrs Fowler raised the subject of excessive rubbish in the Cemetery and it was decided to set up working parties to burn and otherwise dispose of the rubbish.

146. Noise from ICE Cream Van generators.

Mr Woodward reported that he had had a word with a Mr Sutherland on this subject and that Mr Sutherland said he would deal with the matter. Mr Slade said that following the first complaint, no further complaints had been received. It was agreed to leave the matter in abeyance.

147. Jubilee Hall.

It was agreed to pay the £25.00p rental for the use of the Hall. A letter was read regarding the fact that Mr Douglass had resigned as Caretaker and that nobody had been found to fill the vacancy. In future, Organisations using the Hall will be responsible for collecting and returning the key, keeping the Hall tidy and dealing with lighting and heating.

148. Footpaths.

A letter from Mr D Chown was read complaining that the Footpath from the Cemetery to Ammerham was impassable owing to stile being too high and in a poor state of repair. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Chown saying that in the Councillor's opinion the stiles are in quite reasonable order.

149. Somerset Association of Local Councils.

There have been ^{recent} no meetings of this Organisation. It was agreed to defer payment for Membership until the Annual ~~General~~ Meeting.
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150. Receipts and Payments.

Receipts:- £6.00p Interment Fee re: Wyatt.
£6.00p " " re: Bray.
£20.00p Memorial Fee re: Ashman.

Payments:- £620.00p Fencing - P H Hardwill.

Balance:- Current a/c £97.58p.
Deposit a/c £315,27p.
Petty Cash £4.13p.

The Clerk was asked to apply for the balance of the Precept.

151. Correspondence.

A letter was read Re: the School Fete requesting that the Cemetery Path could be used for Pony Rides. It was agreed that this was in order. 'Best Kept Village' - It was agreed that Winsham should enter this Competition and that all Local Organisations should be notified with a view to setting up a Committee for the advancement of the Competition.

152. Any Other Business.

Mr Slade reported that the Telephone lines in Davies Close are very untidy and it was agreed that the matter would be pursued.
Mrs Rose raised the subject of the Church Clock not striking and it was stated that an estimate for repairs was to be received.

Next Meetings.

Annual Parish Meeting 27th April 1984 at 7.30 p.m.
Annual Parish Council Meeting 11th May 1984 at 8.00p.m.



Chairman 11th May 1984.