

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 the Winsham Parish Council on Friday, 13th December 1985 in the Jubilee Hall at 8.30 p.m.

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

81. Apologies for absence.

Were received from Mrs M Loaring.

82. Minutes.

The Minutes of the meeting on 8th November 1985 were signed as a true record.

83. Matters Arising.

- Ref: Min: 71 - Farm Gate. No offers received following the advertising. It was decided to offer it to Mr McCullum for £5.00p. Mr Woodward will contact.
- Ref: Min: 71 - Cemetery Path Gatepost. The Clerk was asked to again remind Messrs P H Hardwill regarding the replacement.
- Ref: Min: 71 - The Wyatt Grave. The Clerk has been in touch with Geo. Scott (Funeral Directors) Ltd of Bournemouth regarding reinstating the Grave surround. Geo. Scott referred the matter to H Bishop & Sons of Chard who insist it is not their problem. The Clerk has now written to Mr D Wyatt.
- Ref: Min: 71 - 'Igloo' in the Children's Recreation Ground. This has been fixed down by Kr J Gibbons and the Clerk, using iron pegs made by Mr Gibbons.
- Ref: Min: 71 - Emergency Planning. Mr Woodward had nothing to report.
- Ref: Min: 73 - Footpath Signs. This matter will be pursued at a later date. In the meantime The Leisure and Recreation Officer of the District Council will be contacted.
- Ref: Min: 76 - Tree in Davies Close. The Clerk reported the tree had been pruned up to about 15 feet and it was agreed this was not good enough. An inspection and report from the District Council is expected.
- Ref: Min: 77 - Jubilee Hall Rental. No reply received.
- Ref: Min: 62 - Road Subsidence in Fore Street. This has apparently been inspected and marked for attention.

84. Planning.

No. 852603 Application Received. The conversion of Agricultural Building into Dwelling at Ammerham Lane, Winsham. The Planning Committee will discuss this.

Victory Garage. Mr Woodward said the building had been divided into two sections, the front part is being used as a workshop. A Planning Application is expected from Mr Roger Pike. A letter from Mr McCullum regarding this Garage received. A reply, stating the Councillors are aware of the problems, will be forwarded.

Cars behind the Bell Inn. No reply from the District Planning Officer.

85. Fire Fighting Equipment.

Catalogues and Price Lists are to hand. Mr Woodward said the Emergency Planning Committee will pursue the matter. The subject will be included on the Agenda for

the February 1986 meeting. It is considered £150-£200 would obtain a reasonable amount of equipment. Minutes of the meeting on 13th December 1985, - Contd. 86. Street Cleansing.

A letter from the Direct Labour Organisation, explaining the latest proposals by the Works Committee of the District Council was read. The contents were received with disapproval by the Councillors present and it was decided to reply immediately, saying how they deplore the proposals. Mr Fisher will try to attend the Works Committee next meeting and report the views of the Winsham Parish Councillors.

87. Grass Cutting.

Last seasons grass cutting was discussed and it was agreed that it had been, to a large extent, unsatisfactory. The Clerk was asked to obtain estimates for next season. B E Powell will be contacted and the Chairman will obtain an estimate.

88. Clerk's Wages.

Recommendations on this subject received from the Somerset Association of Local Councils. The new rate for Part-time Clerks is 53.5% of the penny rate. The figure of a £16, 80p per annum raise was suggested, bringing the total to £299.60p. This raise was proposed by Mr Slade, seconded by Mrs Fowler and carried unanimously.

89. Receipts and Payments

Received from South Somerset District Council - £453.00p Playground equipment Grant.

Balance - Current Account £94.58p.

Deposit Account £136.19p. (and above grant).

Petty Cash £6.09p.

90. Chard Local Plan.

Mr Fisher spoke at some length on this subject and a general discussion followed. Points raised were: Dorset Area of Natural Beauty spreading into the Winsham area. This was approved. Proposed Community Hall in the Large Recreation Ground. Not agreeable on this Site. Tourism. It was agreed this should be encouraged, as Winsham made a good centre for touring. Building. It was decided there was no scope for infilling and the development limits should be extended for future consideration. Footpaths. The proposals were voted as agreeable.

The subject of the old Forton railway bridge being dismantled was raised. Mr Fisher will pursue this and report.

91. Correspondence.

Received from:-

The Headmaster of Holyrood School offering to attend a Local Council meeting. He will be invited to the March 1986 meeting.

St Margaret's Hospice asking for a donation. Details handed to Mr Bannen.

Transport Plan. Asking for a local name to contact for future plans. Mrs Loaring will be named.

Canning and Kyrke, Solicitors - re: Transfer of Justices Off-Licence for

The Winsham Post Office.

Parish Councillors Guide. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

92. Any other business.

Mr Smart reported on the meeting of the Somerset Association of Local Councils. The Footpaths Officer gave an interesting talk.

The next meeting will be on Friday, 10th January 1986.