

## WINSHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Winsham Annual Parish Meeting was held on Wednesday, 20th April 1988 in the Jubilee Hall at 8 p.m.

Present: There were 22 members of the Parish present, also P.C. David Churchley, Mr L Fisher and a Press Reporter.  
Mrs M Loaring took the Chair.

### Apologies for absence.

Were received from Mrs C Douglass.

### Minutes.

The minutes of the Winsham Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday, 22nd April 1987, having been provided to those present and read, were signed as a true record.

### Chairman's Report.

Mrs M Loaring reported. The Parish Council have met 10 times during the year and have dealt with 137 items of Minutes.

21 Planning Applications received. As usual the Winsham Planning Committee were not always in agreement with the District Planning Department. Mrs Loaring thanked both Mrs Montagnon and Mr Fisher for their attendance at the Meetings and for their help. She also thanked the Parish Councillors for their help.

Grass cutting is the largest single item of expenditure met by the Parish Council. A new Contractor has been retained for the 1988/# season. A saving of £5 per cut.

The Parish Council still has not received a satisfactory response on the subject of Street Cleaning. Further representations will be made.

B3162 Hazelwood Hill Cutting. The 'KRIBLOC<sup>1</sup> Walling is being installed and no doubt the road will be open shortly.

The Victorian Street Fair was voted a great success.

Tenders are being sought by the District Council for a replacement fence between No 1 Western Way and the Children's Playing Field.

New swing seats and chains have been fitted in the Children's Playing Field and spare parts to refurbish the See-Saw are in hand.

The newly appointed Dog Warden has visited Winsham. Steps are to be taken to stop dogs fouling public areas.

Chard Local Plan, No extension to the Winsham Development Limit has been granted. The Parish Council are not in agreement with this and are taking the matter up with the Planning Authorities.

Some Street Nameplates have been replaced or repainted. The work is not yet complete.

The Police have attended several Parish Council Meetings. P.C. David Churchley is the new Community Constable for Winsham.

### Police.

P.C. Churchley said he was a comparative stranger to the area and would appreciate any help from the public. The Chard Police Station is not manned 24 hours a day. It is hoped that a new system will shortly be installed that will automatically pass telephone calls to Yeovil, who will then contact Chard by Radio.

### District Councillor's Report.

Mr Fisher said he had attended nearly all the Parish Council Meetings. Most of his time was taken up with Housing Matters. Nearly all were private but some had been discussed with the Parish Council. Financial Report.

The Clerk - Mr Harvie - reported. Main receipts: Precept £1400. Maintenance Grant £252. VAT Refund £120.83p. Cemetery Fees £125.

Main Payments: Play Equipment £305. Donation to the Jubilee Hall Management

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Major Cameron reported. No movement on the Charities. The original purpose of the Charity was to help the "Apprenticing of children of the poor" Mr Smart said he considered the money might be used for a cause to meet more modern needs.

Jubilee Hall Management Committee Report.

Major Cameron reported. The Hall was being used as normal. The income is just covering expenses. The extension has been started. £3000 has been raised and £4000 more is required. Will probably have to borrow. The Parish Council has donated £250 and a further £1000 is pledged over 2 years.

Recreation Ground Management Committee.

Mrs Loaring reported. She said the grass cutting by the Cricket Club is invaluable because the Management Committee could not afford the work. The main activities at the Club are Football, Cricket and Skittles.

School Governors Report.

Mrs Loaring reported. The retention of the Village School is fairly safe. A Patio is to be built to improve the amenities. Ann Escott has been appointed as the Community Tutor. There are 38 pupils at the School.

Mr F Simpkin.

Mr Simpkin said he would explain the new policies of the Post Office as far as the Official Secrets Act would allow. He considered the Winsham Post Office is safe for the foreseeable future but Direct Debits concerning Pensions and Allowances did not help his Post Office target. He asked the Parish Council to write to Mr Paddy Ashdown MP on the subject. He thought as many as 1000 Sub Offices would close this year. Some were working as little as 4 hours a week at present.

Any other business.

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The meeting closed at 2115 hrs.

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