WINSHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Winsham Annual Parish Meeting was held on Wednesday, 22nd April 1987 in the Jubilee Hall at 8.00 p.m.

Present: There were 11 members of the Parish present and Mrs M Loaring took the Chair

Apologies for absence.

Were received from Miss E Cleave and Mrs C Douglass.

The minutes of the Winsham Annual Parish Meeting held on Friday, 25th April 1986 were read by the Clerk and signed as a true record.

Chairman's Report.

Mrs Loaring reported. The Parish Councillors had met every Month except December 1986. 150 items of Minutes had been prepared. Mr Paddy Ashdown M.P. had attended the February meeting and took part in the matters discussed.

PLANNING, 14 Applications were received. As usual the Winsham Planning Committee did not always agree with the District Planning Officer's decisions.

GRASS CUTTING. The same Contractor has been regained. The cost is in line with inflation.

STREET CLEANING. This service is still unsatisfactory and the Parish Council are still in touch with the Authorities.

CHARD ROAD CUTTING. A car has been recently damaged by falling stones. The County Council are intending to install 'KRIBLOC' walling in the cutting in 198.

PLAY EQUIPMENT. New swing seats and chains have been purchased. The swing frames are to be lowered and the new equipment fixed shortly.

NEW LITTER BIN. Mr Smart collected the Litter Bin from the District Council and it was installed in the Children's Recreation Ground.

CHARD LOCAL PLAN. The Parish Councillors' comments have been sent to the Plan Inspector.

Somerset Structure Plan. The Questionnaire was completed by the Parish Councillors.

SPEED LIMIT. The Limit has been approved for the Village.

EMERGENCY PLANNING. The local committee has met regularly and attended all the District Planning Sessions.

STREET NAMEPLATES. The Parish Councillors are still chasing the District Council to finish repainting these signs.

District Councillor's Report.

Mr L Fisher reported. He had attended nearly all the Winsham Parish Council meetings. A lot of his time has been taken up with housing matters. The services of the Direct Labour Organisation are far from satisfactory and will be investigated. He said he had voted against the new Council Offices in Brympton Way, Yeovil. And more offices are planned for Yeovil Town. On the subject of Winsham Sewerage Works. The system had been installed to last for 30 years. There is still an unacceptable smell from the works and the subject will be included on the next Agenda.

Financial Report..

The Clerk reported. The Precept was £1300.

Main Receipts: Cemetery Fees £70.00

Bank Interest £65.66 VAT Refund £224.33 Maintenance Grant £247:50

Main Payments: Administration £527.03

General Maintenance £20.00 Grass Cutting £720.00 Other Payments £162.50

Balance: Current Account £1411.22 Deposit

Account £824.35

Winsham United Charities Report.

No report was made.

Jubilee Hall Management Committee's Report.

Mrs J Smart reported. A cleaner for the Hall has been employed at an increase in pay. The Centenary of the Hall is this year and a steering committee has been formed to organise the celebrations. New chairs have been bought, the A.G.M. is on 13th May 1987.

Recreation Ground Management Committees Report.

Mrs Loaring reported. Not a very eventful year. The grass has been cut by the Cricket Club. About £300 was made by a Car Boot Sale, Fete and Barbecue last June. The main sources of revenue are from rental of the Sports and Social Club and the profits, and from the letting of the Skittle Alley for parties.

School Governors Report.

Mrs Loaring reported. There are 35 children at the School at present. Regarding work last year by M & S Builders. The Head teacher and School Governors met with Mr Greaves, Chief Surveyor and put various points to him regarding the length of time the work appeared to be taking and the untidy state surrounding the School. He agreed that if the Governors insisted he would re-allocate the work, but this would increase the costs. It was felt it was best to let the Contractors carry on.

Education Act 1986. This is the biggest Education Act since 1944 and will be brought in in stages.

Any other business.

Mrs M Fowler again raised the subject of the faulty fence between No. 1 Western Way and the Children's Recreation Ground. No repairs have been carried out.

Regarding the forthcoming Street Fair on 27th June, it was suggested the whole Village should be circulated with information.

The subject of local Footpaths will be on the Agenda for the next meeting. Winsham Wander 6 is on 25th April 1987.

The meeting closed at 2110 hrs.