

W I N S H A M   A N N U A L   P A R I S H   M E E T I N G

The Winsham Annual Parish Meeting was held on Friday, 25th April 1986 at 8.00 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall.

Present: There were 16 Members of the Parish present and Mr R M Smart took the Chair.

Apologies for absence.

None received.

The minutes of the Winsham Annual Parish meeting held on 26th April 1985 were read and after an addition to the Jubilee Hall Report, were signed as a true record.

Chairman's Report.

Mr R K Smart reported - The Parish Councillors had met each Month, with the exception of February 1986. 25 pages of Minutes were prepared. The March 1986 meeting was attended by Mr Chant, the Headmaster of Holyrood School at Chard. He spoke at some length on the activities of the School.

Planning - 9 Applications v/ere received. The Winsham Planning Committee do not always see eye to eye with the District Planning Officer. The Local Planning Committee have expressed concern over one application in particular. Nuisance at the Winsham War Memorial - Some of the young persons attended a Parish Council meeting and the problem was discussed. It is assumed the trouble will continue, as the War Memorial is a natural meeting place. Grass Cutting - Slightly more money will be spent in 1986 because it was decided to order cuts at 3 weekly intervals. The same Contractor has been retained.

Best Kept Village Competition - For a first entry, a good result was achieved by a few workers.

Street Cleansing - This subject crops up quite regularly at Parish Council meetings. A detailed schedule was received but was never implemented. Win sham joined with other Councils with complaints with the result that the Direct Labour Organisation have agreed the service will be carried out If times each Year.

Highways - The problem of stones falling into the road at the Chard Road Cutting has been discussed many times. A meeting has now been fixed on Site with the Divisional County Surveyor. The subject of a Speed Limit for Winsham will probably be raised again, especially now that a limit has been installed at Forton.

Emergency Planning - A Committee has been formed and holds regular meetings reporting back to the Parish Council.

Play Equipment - The new equipment has been installed and is being well used.

Winsham Wander - Wander 4 has been fixed for 31st May 1986.

Street Fair - The sum of £23.71p. has been donated to the Save the Children Fund, being the amount in hand by the Organising Committee. Mrs M Loaring was thanked for the original idea and the Co-ordinating Committee were thanked for their hard work. In all, it was a most successful day and it is understood the Local Organisations made a deal of money.

Financial Report. The

Clerk reported. -

The Precept was £1300.00 p.

Receipts - Cemetery Fees £35:00p.

V.A.T. Refund £76.89p.

Capital Grant £453:00 p. For Play Equipment

Maintenance Grant £121. 19p. Grass Cutting

Payments - Play Equipment £906. 00p.

Grass Cutting £540. 00p.

Admin: £474.56p.

Balance - Current Account £456.98p. Deposit Account

2. Winsham United Charities Report.

Major Cameron reported - The Charities are in a small way with quite a small amount of cash. No requests have been received.

Jubilee hall Management Committees Report.

Major Cameron reported - Bookings are down £160 mainly due to the Youth Club finishing. Exterior redecoration cost £970. Fire Extinguishers cost £119. The boiler has proved to be satisfactory. New chairs will cost £353 and will be bought in instalments. The recent Flea Market raised £41. Newspaper collections will continue. 2 tons were recently despatched. A Garden Sale has been arranged for the 16th May 1986. The A.G.M. will be on 7th May 1986.

Recreation Ground Management Committees Report.

Mrs M Loaring reported - The Committee have had an eventful year. Planning approval had been granted for an extension and skittle alley at the Sports and Social Club. The extension is now completed and is voted a success. £7000 has been paid on account to date. Help from Messrs K D J Slade & Sons is much appreciated. The grass has been cut by Mr R Rose, the Cricket Club and the Football Club. The next A.G.M. is on 6th May 1986. A Car Boot sale and Fete has been arranged for the 26th July 1986.

School Governors Report.

Mrs M Loaring reported - 42 children attend the Local School. The meetings are now more open to Parents. County Councillors now attend meetings. The Minutes of the meetings are available at the School.

District Councillors Report.

Mr L Fisher reported - He had attended nearly all the Parish Council meetings. He had received many housing queries, both Council and Private. The majority of the queries were concerned with Rates.

On the subject of mains water, this should not be included on the Rates. To install meters in every house would cost millions and the money would be better spent on providing new reservoirs.

Mrs M Loaring asked, concerning the Somerset Plan "Why is a new Village Hall proposed on the Large Recreation Ground". Mr Fisher replied that it was only a suggestion and the Planners would hold discussions before any action was taken. The Parish Council has tendered their comments on the Plan.

Mrs M Fowler asked Mr Fisher if he would pursue the promised attention to the fence between No 1 Western Way and the Children's Recreation Ground.

Any other business.

Nothing was offered.