

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1st JULY 1998 AT THE JUBILEE HALL, WINSHAM.

015 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Those present:	Mrs. R.A. Rose	Vice Chairman
	Mr. J. Sullivan	
	Mrs. H. Duke	
	Mrs. J. Gowers	
	Mr. K. Fowler	
	Mr. G. Winter	
	Mr. D. Esp	County Cllr.
	Mrs. S. Abbey	District Cllr.
	Mrs. P.A. Green	Parish Clerk
	Mr. & Mrs. K. Harvie	Retiring Clerk & his wife.

Apologies were received from Mr. C. Slade (Chairman), Mr. J. Aslett and Mr. E. Partridge.

There were no members of the public.

The Vice Chairman welcomed those present, the meeting was opened by the presentation of an engraved crystal glass bowl to Mr. Ken Harvie, Mrs. Harvie received a bouquet of flowers. The Vice Chairman thanked Mr. and Mrs. Harvie for all their support over the past fourteen years and for the many things they have done for the village of Winsham. Mr Wheadon from the Chard and Ilminster news took photographs for the next edition of the paper.

016 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There was none.

017 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3rd June 1998.

An amendment to item 013 page 4 from railway sleepers to telegraph poles. These were then signed by the Vice Chairman as a correct record.

018 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND ANY ACTION TAKEN/TO BE TAKEN.

- a) Concreting round manhole cover in rec. - no action as yet. As Mr. C. Slade was away on holiday it was agreed that Mr. K. Fowler would carry out the work this coming weekend.

- b) Sign for *No Ball Games* in the small rec. ground - this still to be done - agreed to ask Mr. Ken Harvie to purchase the wood and make the sign. Mr. K. Fowler to contact Mr Harvie.
- c) Parish Leaflet - Mr. J. Sullivan produced a synopsis of the Village Guide and handed out copies. Much discussion followed regarding the village map. It was decided that a notice would be put up on the parish council notice board inviting businesses to say if they wished to be included. A charge would not be made for this. It was hoped to update this annually.

Cost of production would be in the region of:

£170 for 500 x A4

£120 - £150 for 500 x A5.

For further discussion in September.

- d) Parish Council papers, cheque book, Box of Deeds storage of- The Clerk had collected most of the paperwork from Mr. Harvie completed burials books and minutes up to March 1994 had all been deposited at the County Record Office in Taunton. The cheque book was handed over by Mr. Harvie at this meeting.

Tin Box of Deed and various other deeds found amongst parish council records had all been listed. The Vice Chairman to take these home and check through and deposit at a safe place e.g. the C.R.O or with a Solicitor. Insurance would not cover these in a private house. The Vice Chairman to report back in September.

019 P.C. ROGER SAUNDERS

P.C. Saunders had sent his apologies and there was no police report.

020 MRS. S. ABBEY - DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

The recent Governor's meeting had approved the suggestion for planters to be incorporated in the guard-rail. These would be 3feet 4 inches high, a plan was provided to be held in the minute file. It was approved by those in attendance.

Trickle Transfer - suspended until housing decision taken. The vote on this would be taking place between 20th July until the first week of August. If the vote is Yes to the Housing transfer, this would take effect from February 1999.

CRIME AND DISORDER BILL - ~~a means of producing local crime statistics~~

*was discussed
CJS.*

A) Money from the Highways would be going towards the planter/guard-rail.

B) STREET - Slow signs - Highway about to reply on this. The Police say no to speed restrictions as it is in a rural location.

The Highways Authority are prepared to look into white lining.

A letter from Mr. Hebditch was read out regarding another serious accident at this spot. He also enquired if his previous letter had been dealt with. The clerk to write to Mr. Hebditch to say that this had been dealt and apologise for a reply not being sent. The clerk to also suggest Mr. Hebditch contacts Mr. Esp who will give him further details regarding this.

A subsequent letter received (copy sent to Mr. Hebditch) from Highways dated 1st July said a stop sign cannot be considered as this does not have restricted visibility. White lines would be inspected and as already said by Mr. Esp Police would not support a speed restriction.

C) CRICKET ST THOMAS - RUPP (Road Used as a Public Path) CH8/2 & CH30/22 on the Cricket St. Thomas Estate had been resurfaced in 1995, this was not suitable for horses. A Bridle Way Creation Order still in the early stages on this.

D) Highway Maintenance Dates - A meeting to be organised - Mr. Esp to deal with this. Things to be discussed drop kerbs outside of public buildings, very difficult for wheel chair users at present.

The Vice Chairman thanked both Mrs. Abbey and Mr. Esp for their information.

The Vice Chairman gave a report on the recent S.A.L.C. meeting she had attended.

Concern was being expressed at the number of second homes in rural communities, this meant a reduction in rates payable in that area.

Fines with Traffic speeding - more need of traffic calming.

Chairman's allowance this was paid annually , if the chairman so wished he could help a single individual. The Parish Council could only donate money to an organisation.

It was felt the Council needed an updated *Local Council Administration* handbook. The Clerk to order.

During public question time only the Chairman is a Councillor at this stage of the meeting.

The cheque book had just been handed over at this meeting by Mr. Harvie - several outstanding accounts to pay, the previous clerk's salary and telephone account, also the clerk's salary and expenses for June, July and August. At present just three councillors could sign cheques, they were the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Mr. E. Partridge. The Chairman and Mr. Partridge were away on holiday thereby causing a situation where nothing could be paid.

Three cheques that were issued in February appear not to have been sent by the previous clerk, one of these was for rates on the cemetery. The clerk to ring S.S.D.C. regarding the delay in paying the final rate demand which had just been received.

A mandate was being dealt with for all councillors to sign cheques, any two councillors to sign. This couldn't be completed until councillor's came back from holiday. Mr. E. Partridge to be told the need for cheques to be signed when he returned from holiday on July 4th. The clerk to give these cheques to Mr. G. Winters - he would then return them to her for distribution.

The clerk to ask S.A.L.C. re: her salary when she attended a clerk's training course on Saturday July 4th.

Projected spending against income - this to be discussed in September and October before the precept needed to be submitted.

The following cheques were approved and to be drawn as soon as possible.

000358	1 July 1998	K. Harvie final salary	£214.00
000359	1 July 1998	K. Harvie Telephone Rent	£8.24
000360	6th July 1998	M Judd difference on cemetery fence	£384.60
000361	6th July 1998	S.S.D.C Outstanding rates on cemetery	£96.00
000362		Cancelled	
000363	6 July 1998	C. Slade Rose Bowl & Engraving	£45.00
000364	6th July	K.D.J SLADE V.A.T. on war memorial	£119.04
000365		P.A. Green Salary Jun/Jul/Aug & Expenses	£423.93

The following planning applications were approved.

96/02120/FUL for the erection of eight dwellings and garages and formation of a access road - Land at Court Farm, Winsham for Messrs. K.D.J. Slade & Sons

98/01218/AGN for notification of intent to form an agricultural road on land adjoining Ken Hill House, Cricket St. Thomas, Chard for Mrs. S. Versluys.

The Vice Chairman gave a report of the South Somerset Local plan received. Only individuals can comment - the Vice Chairman to keep for people to borrow but to return to her.

Mrs. J. Gowers left the meeting at this point

025 HIGHWAYS - INC. ONGOING ITEMS PROGRESS REPORT

Adoption of Davies Close - the reply received was that its needs to be up to modern standard, this also to include pavements. Costs for this would have to be born by Home Owners - District Council and Sheltered Housing.

Mrs. S. Abbey and Mr. D. ESP left the meeting at this point.

026 AMENITIES - INC. ONGOING ITEMS PROGRESS REPORT

Community Service - hasn't been going as planned, the clerk to write to the Dorset Probation service to say that there have been problems with the working of it.

Re-siting of recycling centre - the clerk to write to S.S.D.C as landowners of the rec. where the bins are being resited giving their permission as landowners. A letter from Winsham Recreation Ground Management Committee to be enclosed with this letter.

Play Equipment : work not carried out as yet to be covered in September under Amenities.

Street Lighting - to contact re: their opinion of street lighting in Back Street and by the War Memorial.

Dog Fouling in small rec. a letter received from Mrs. B.J. Partridge regarding this - agreed to incorporate *NO DOGS* on the sign that Mr. Harvie will be doing saying **NO DOGS/NO BALL GAMES** Mr. K. Fowler to deal with this. The clerk to write to Mrs. Partridge.

Membership of Parish Paths - although the council had agreed to join sometime ago, nobody has been willing to take this task on. A sign to be put in the notice board and in the Parish Magazine asking for a volunteer.

The Parish council notice board had one panel of glass smashed on June 5th, the police had written to advise that the offender Michael March had been cautioned for this offence. The Chairman has agreed to make a new notice board with ^{Safety} unbreakable glass. _{CS}

027 CEMETERY - INC. ONGOING ITEMS PROGRESS REPORT

Two Quotations have been received for fencing, they were from:

A.E. PARTRIDGE	£935.00
GREYSTONE FORGE	£1175.00

It was agreed to accept the quotation of Mr. A.E. Partridge, the Clerk to write accordingly to both.

Painting of fencing would be an additional cost.

Telegraph poles for the compost heap would be purchased from Fujitsu at £10.00 per pole. Six poles had been ordered. Mr. J. Sullivan to deal with and advise councillors. Mr. Sullivan to contact Clerk when payment is made, a cheque can then be drawn.

Mr. J. Sullivan outlined future ideas for the cemetery as when money became available.

1. Laying of road to cemetery gate.
2. Laying of gravel to current new graves
3. At present there is no water in the cemetery as an interim step a water butt could be provided but mains water would be the ideal solution.
4. Erection of some type of shelter.

It was suggested that costings for these be provided and discussed in September.

Conditions of new graves - it was felt these should be dealt with - Mr. J. Sullivan to contact the gravedigger.

Conditions of burial the clerk to photocopy what she had and send to Mr. J. Sullivan.

Graveyard plans these had been photocopied, Mr. J. Sullivan and Mr. E. Partridge now had copies as well as the clerk.

028 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME/OBSERVATIONS

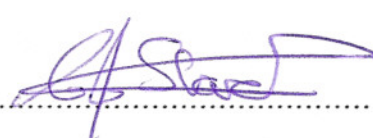
Mr. J. Sullivan asked if it would be possible to have the Jubilee Hall put on the agenda as a regular item - it was agreed to do this.

Mr. Julian Dorse was now Chairman of the Jubilee Hall committee. Matters being looked into were Access, Rights of Way and ways to raise money for disabled toilets.

029 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The Parish Council meeting will be held on September 2nd 1998 at 8.00 p.m. at the Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

The meeting closed at 10.25 p.m.

Signed.....

Date.....02.09.98.....