

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Winsham Parish Council Meeting on the 13th December 1996 in the Jubilee Hall at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Mr C Slade (in the Chair), Mrs J Gowers, Mr J Aslett, Mrs A Rose, Mr K Fowler, Mr E Partridge, Mr J Sullivan, Mr G Winter, Mrs H Duke. Also P.C. Roger Saunders, Mrs S Abbey and Mr K Harvie (Clerk).

90. Apologies for absence.

None.

91. Police.

Roger Saunders reported. The 'Road Humps' have been heightened. It was thought this made very little difference.

Three rough looking men have been seen in the Village. They went to the Cemetery, up Fore Street in a Ford Fiesta ~~after going into the Pub.~~

Mrs Gowers said cars were parking on the Pavement. Roger Saunders said this is illegal.

A car passed the parked School Bus at speed at Davies Close. It is considered this is dangerous and a letter will be sent to Holyrood School suggesting the Bus stops lower down the B3162 in the middle of the road so that cars cannot pass.

92. Public Question Time.

Mrs Ann Beviss spoke on Playground Equipment. She said £1690.00p. has been collected. It was thought the existing See-saw could not be refurbished. A scheme will be put forward. Mrs Beviss asked if the Parish Council would apply for the Grant. An approach will be made to the South Somerset District Council at Durstons in Chard.

It was considered the Millennium Committee could put up a Shelter in the Small Recreation Ground.

93. Minutes.

The Minutes of the Meeting on the 8th November 1996 were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

94. Matters arising.

Mr Slade said he had a replacement sign for the Old Lamp Post opposite Court Street. He will fix this shortly.

95. Planning.

96/02743/Ful. P & J Hayes, Springhead, High Street, Winsham.
Erection of a Front Porch.

It was decided to say:- 'We consider this unsuitable and not inkeeping with the property. We consider the original Porch to be more suitable and would suggest replacing as original.'

96. Finance.

It was agreed to pay :- Mr A E Partridge £115 for Grass Cutting.
Mr A E Partridge £500 for works to the Cemetery Hedge.
Somerset Playing Fields Assn: £15.00p.

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97. Mr D Esp.

Not present. Mr Slade said Mr Esp should be advised on the poor condition of the road by Midnell Farm, The rubbish at Whatley and the lack of maintenance following the recent storm.

A letter will be forwarded to County Hall complaining about the serious flooding. And the flooding of the Old Kings Arms and the Shop.

A letter from Mr M Parsons will be sent complaining about the state of Colham Lane.

98. Mrs S Abbey.

Traffic Matters. A letter from W S Atkins saying the 'Rumble Strips' will be raised. The Clerk was asked to ask for another survey and also if a scheme has been considered for Winsham, may we have a copy.

Leigh House Farm. This matter will be discussed at the next Area West Meeting. It was considered that we must be informed on the outcome.

99. Winsham School Future.

Mrs Abbey and Mr Fowler spoke. The School House. Mr John Payne wishes to stay in the house. It is considered the house could be turned into classrooms if necessary.

Mrs Kershaw left the school in August.

Marion Biggs will be the new member of Staff.

Linda Slaterly will be the new Head for two terms. Then a Head will be appointed permanently.

Mr K Fowler said there are 42 pupils at the School.

100. Sign on Cemetery Gate.

A new Sign will be made. It will state ' Winsham Parish Council. Rules of the Cemetery must be observed. A copy of which can be obtained from the Clerk to the Council. All litter must be taken from the Site.'

101. Cemetery.

It was decided to write to Mr Bullivant, The School, County Hall and the Church with the following: 'We are having problems with vehicles ruining the ground on the footpath to the Cemetery and are proposing to erect a gate to restrict vehicle access. With a space for pedestrians each side. The exception will be for maintenance, access for the use by land owners and Funeral Traffic. All parties mentioned would be issued keys to open the gate.'

The Cremation Site at the Cemetery is now ready.

102. Church Wall.

The boundary wall of the Churchyard is the responsibility of the Winsham Parish Council. Mr C Slade will deal with this matter.

103. Correspondence.

Stiles. Two are required in Western Way.

Emergency Planning.

Police.

Playing Fields Assn. - see Finance.

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104. Any other business.

Mr Sullivan asked if the Clerk had a Contract of Employment. He was told 'yes'.

Tenders for Grass Cutting. This will be discussed at the next Meeting.

It was stated that the School Bus need not go to Purtington.

A letter will be sent to the Headmaster of Holyrood School saying that we are concerned about the School Bus stops. One at the top of Fore Street and one opposite Davies Close.

Mr Slade said that in future Draft Letters should be approved by Parish Councillors. The Clerk will have letters checked by two Councillors before they are sent.

The next Meeting will be on the 10th January 1997.

RECEIPTS

CEMETERY FEES	?
MAINTENANCE GRANT	?

PAYMENTS

WAGES	428.00
TELEPHONE	?
PLAY EQUIPMENT	?
FENCE FOR CEMETERY	?
TURF FOR CEMETERY	90.00
GRASS CUTTING	?
REMOVAL OF CEMETERY	600.00

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS TO 12.12.96

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
BALANCE	- -	A.E. PARTRIDGE	460.00
CURRENT A/C	186.24	VOUCHER STATEMENTS	3.25
A & S A/C	4819.27	BALANCE	- -
SSDC	585.00	CURRENT A/C	219.74
	<u>£ 5590.51</u>	A & S A/C	4907.52
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FURTHER ESTIMATES TO 31.3.97

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
CEMETERY FEES	?	WAGES	428.00
MAINTENANCE GRANT	?	TELEPHONE	?
		PLAY EQUIPMENT	?
		FENCE FOR CEMETERY	?
		TURF FOR CEMETERY	90.00
		GRASS CUTTING	- -
		REMOVAL OF CEMETERY HEDGE	500.00