

**WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON 1st SEPTEMBER 1999
AT THE JUBILEE HALL, WINSHAM at 8.00 p.m.**

191 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Those present:	Mr. C.J Slade	Chairman
	Mr. G.O Winter	Vice Chairman
	Mrs. R.A. Rose	
	Mrs. H.D. Duke	
	Mrs. J. Horner	
	Mrs. S. Abbey	(Also District Councillor)
	Mr. E. Partridge	
	Mr. J. Sullivan	
	Mr. A. Fuller	
	Mr. D. Esp	County Councillor
	Mrs. P.A. Green	Clerk
	Mr. G. Crowden	Neighbourhood Watch
	Mr. D. Shaw	Footpaths

There were two members of the public present.

192 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

New dog bin – concern was expressed where this would be sited. The Chairman said this would be discussed later in the meeting.

Planning Application No. 99/01739 - now that an application had been made for a caravan site in the centre of the village would this cause travellers to arrive? At present the parish council has asked for seven amendments to be made to this application. The Council would then put forward their views when this had been done.

Neighbourhood Watch – Mr. Crowden reported that 360 copies had been produced of the latest bulletin and had been circulated. He had attended a meeting on the 19th July in Ilminster where the new Chief Constable of Avon and Somerset had been present. The Chairman thanked Mr. Crowden for attending and updating Councillors.

Footpaths – Mr. Shaw informed Councillors that the work had been carried out as per the list attached to the minute book.

**193 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
7th JULY 1999**

The following amendments were made No. 176 three quotes and not four and 178 f) it should be Sherrin not Scriven. The Chairman signed these as a true record.

194 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION/TO BE TAKEN.**

- a) Wooden Bier – this was now installed in the barn belonging to Mr. Hammet and was protected by cloths and plastic sheets. The shed is locked and the bier is in a safe place for the time being.
Mr. Jefferies had done some repairs but some more will need doing at a future date.
- b) Millennium Plans – an update – a Timetable of events filed with the minutes. The Lottery Application received and waiting to be processed.
- c) Barrier at Winsham School – to be put on the October agenda. This will be discussed at the next Governors' meeting which falls before the October Parish Council meeting.
- d) Dog Bin – siting of. Mrs. Duke to contact the dog warden to see how often the Bin is emptied. All councillors to check out various sites and report back in October. **Action by Hazel Duke and all Councillors.**
- e) Sign for United Reform Church – this to be a simple black and white sign, a further report in October.
- f) Hedge Obstructions in the Parish – Mr. Sherrin of Court Farm had now cut back his hedge as had Mrs. Duffell of Oakgates. The Clerk to write and thank both these people.
Concern was expressed at the encroachment of back boundaries from 1 to 8 Fore Street and The Manse onto the Highway. The Clerk to write to all of these and ask them to check the rear of their properties.
- g) Parish Guides 2000 – These to be updated, the cost to be in the region of £150. Improvement to maps only if practical.

195 **POLICE REPORT**

See notes from P.C. Saunders attached to minutes.
Problems of (plus danger to) Motor Cyclists who are still learners having pillion passengers without helmets. It was felt that the police should be made aware of this at the time of seeing this occurring.

197 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Mr. D. Esp.**

Review of W.S. Atkins - their contract will shortly be coming up for renewal. Personal contact with Highways department appears to be the best course of Action.

198 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – MRS. STELLA ABBEY**

Windwhistle – junction has been Improved. Exit now the normal exit since the hotel has opened. Felt that safety aspects have not been fully dealt with. Large junction signs totally unnecessary.

The next agenda for Area West will have a confidential piece applying to Winsham. This is regarding 11 to 12 acres of land which it is hoped Area West will purchase for a wild life site.

199 **AMENITIES**

- a) Facilities for young people - Mr. Sullivan said he had spoken to Mrs. Sarah Love and Mr. Roy Smart regarding a portakabin for young people – they were not in favour but felt when the two changing rooms had been added to the Sports and Social Club building there would then be room for the youth club.
- b) Seats in small rec – Seats from Woodland Products would cost in the region of £150.00 plus VAT. The Chairman said he would be able to produce these for £120 each plus VAT in tanalised wood that would be half an inch thicker than the ones Woodland Products would do. Delivery would be by half term. Proposed by T. Fuller and seconded by G. Winter that the Chairman should do this. All agreed.
- c) Bin in small rec. – This was now installed and the old one had been taken to see if it was possible to make a new liner.
- d) Damaged signs in small rec.- to discuss in October.

200 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) Projected spending against income – see attached sheet.
- b) The following cheques were approved and drawn:

000408	16/799	Audit Commission	Audit fees	£170.59
000409	17/8/99	Playdale Playgrounds	Play Equipment	£15,000.00
000410	1/9/99	Earth Anchor	Dog Bin	£175.08
000411	1/9/99	Bei Looker	Labour Stiles	£1,128.00
000412	1/9/99	P. A. Green	Salary and July/Aug Exps.	£162.42

201 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following application has been approved:
99/0003/LBC display of various signs at Winsham Primary School.

The following applications were discussed:
99/01621/FUL – Erection of a single storey extension at Jasons, Fore Street, Winsham for Mr. & Mrs. Preston – No objections.

99/01436/Ful an Amended Plan – erection of a first floor extension and conservatory at Mullion Cottage, Court Street Winsham – the Council wondered why they had not been informed of this – the Clerk to raise this with Area West.

99/01526/FUL Alteration of roofline at Stuckey's Farm, Fore Street, Winsham for Mr. & Mrs. Flawn – No objections

99/01527/LBC Alteration o Roof line at Stuckey Farm, Fore Street, Winsham for Mr. & Mrs. Flawn – No objects.

202 CEMETERY

- a) Burials & Cremations of Infants – there is no fee for the burial of these.. Normal charge for a headstone.
- b) Cemetery Fence- To discuss in October
- c) Cemetery Regulations – these have been sent out to the next of kin of everyone who has been buried in the new cemetery. Undertakers and stonemasons are also being sent these when they make enquires to the clerk.

203 HIGHWAYS

- a) Speed Restrictions in the Parish - see attached report
All agreed to a Public Meeting to be called for 29th September re traffic calming.
- b) General Highway Repairs – already dealt with under matters arising.
- c) Junction of Church Street and Fore Street – see sheet attached.
- d) Light in Car Park Western Way – this has been attended to.

204 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter received from Mrs. Janet Horner handing in her resignation as Parish Councillor due to an impending move. The Chairman thanked Janet Horner for the work she had done since becoming a Councillor.

The Clerk read out a letter from Area West regarding cutting down trees in a Conservation area.

Remaining correspondence distributed and dealt with.

205 JUBILEE HALL REPORT

No further report since last Parish Council meeting.

205 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME /OBSERVATIONS

- 1) Warners – Cricket St. Thomas – will members of the parish benefit from the new set up – the Clerk to contact Warners after they have had chance to settle down - it was thought best to wait until the new year.
- 2) Starting time of Parish Council meetings – Mr. Sullivan wondered whether during October to April meetings could start at 7.30 p.m. The Vice Chairman to speak to Gillian Grabham and report back in October.
- 3) Oak Tree in rec. the District council is consulting with Wisley over this.

206 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 6th October 1999 at 8.00 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

The meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.

