

**WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL 1999 AT THE JUBILEE HALL, WINSHAM.**

**123 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

Those present:

Mr. C.J. Slade  
 Mrs. A. Rose  
 Mr. G. Winter  
 Mr. E. Partridge  
 Mr. J. Sullivan  
 Mr. K. Fowler  
 Mrs. H. Duke  
 Mr. D. Esp  
 Mrs. S. Abbey  
 Mrs. D. Shaw  
 Mrs. Pat Green

Chairman  
 Vice Chairman

County Councillor  
 District Councillor  
 Footpath Co-ordinator  
 Clerk

Apologies were received from Mrs. J. Gowers.

**123 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Mr. Shaw asked whether the Council had made a decision on the pledge for footpaths.

This was a new system to be adopted in 2000.

This to be decided later in the meeting.

Mr. Shaw said he would be attending a meeting in Yeovil on 24<sup>th</sup> April regarding Access, Rights of Way and many other things. He would report on this in May.

The Chairman asked why the old stiles were not being cleared away when new ones were fitted. Mr. Shaw to look into this.

**124 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH 1999.**

The Chairman signed these as a true record.

**125 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN**

- a) Wooden Bier – Mr. Jeffrey's has repaired the bier whilst in his possession.  
 However he is anxious that it does not remain at his property too much longer.  
 The Clerk had contacted Mr. Hebditch again but had not had a reply
- b) Footpath – pledge for the future, proposed Mr. Winter, seconded Mr. Sullivan  
 That £250 should be pledged. All agreed.

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- c) Millennium Plan – an update. A steering committee has been formed, divided into groups to arrange separate events. A joint meeting to be held in May.  
Grants are still available and will be applied for.
- d) S.A.L.C. Training for new Councillors - this to be decided after the May meeting.
- e) S.A.L.C. Parish Council Chairmanship – Form completed and cheque drawn for £5.00.
- f) Village of the Year Competition – Mr. Sullivan had distributed report to Councillors prior to the meeting. Various points discussed, any further queries to notify within the week. Entry to be posted by 14<sup>th</sup> April.

#### **126 P.C. ROGER SAUNDERS**

An apology had been received from Chard Police Station saying that P.C. Saunders would be unable to attend due to sickness.

The Clerk to write to Chard Police and wish P.C. Saunders well and to say that the Council would like to see Police presence as often as practical. There had been a spate of mowers taken in the area, also a quad bike and sheepdogs stolen.

#### **127 MR. D. ESP - COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Esp urged the Council to complete the recent questionnaire received from Highways. The Chairman to deal with this. Generally felt the condition of road repairs were below standard.

#### **128 AMENITIES**

- a) Sign for NO BALL GAMES/NO DOGS in small rec. ground. This would be fitted this weekend.
- b) Play Equipment - the loan for this had been received and dates for starting had been given for week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> April.

#### **129 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Rec. Maintenance grant, M/s Carley from Area West had held a meeting with Mr. Winter the situation was now clarified. 20% of total grass cutting had been agreed. Insurance not included previously would now be claimed.

Accounts had been taken in for audit – much paperwork missing e.g. cheque stubs, etc. It was concluded the previous Clerk had not passed them over at the time his employment ceased. Due to his ill health it was not possible to obtain them. The full situation would be explained to the auditors.

Councillors wondered if there was a possible way for accounts to be produced on a simpler method for the Annual Parish meeting. This to be looked into.

The following cheques were approved and drawn:

396	S.S.D.C Rates on Cemetery	£120.00
397	Cancelled	
398	P. Green expenses only April	£27.31
399	SALC Subscription	£94.40
400	SALC Chairman's Training	£5.00

### **129 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Davies Close the contracts have been awarded and due to start.

The following applications have been received:

99/00018/FUL Erection of sealion house together with formation of pool and spectator seating at Cricket St. Thomas. No objections – apart from concern how much noise this will create.

99/00563/ful Erection of a conservatory and removal of a section of wall to increase off road parking at Manor Farm Cottage, Back Street, Winsham for Mr. J.E. Aslett.  
No Objections

99/00565/FUL Alterations and extensions to dwelling at Lime Kiln Way, High Street, Winsham for Mr. & Mrs. Owen

1. No objections to changes SW elevations, providing the relocated porch retains the character of the original.
2. The extension on NE elevation with its large upper window and clap boarding would appear to be out of keeping with the existing character of the property – however the elevation is not overlooked by any other property.
3. The Nature of the upper windows ensures that the neighbouring properties will not be overlooked.

The following application has been approved:

99/00356/TCA Notification of intent to fell one Alder tree in Conservation area at Church House Poole Lane for Mrs. C.M. Auty.

### **130 CEMETERY – AN UPDATE**

Plastic flowers are being thrown into the bin that was erected for mulching. Bulbs being planted besides graves – personal approach is best method for dealing with this. Mr. Partridge to deal. Bishops and Wakely funeral directors to be contacted regarding cemetery rules.

### **131 HIGHWAYS**

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- a) General Highway repairs – as already discussed poor and getting worst.  
Many signs facing the wrong way – clips need tightening. To be looked into this weekend.
- b) Junction of Church Street & Fore Street – due to the illness of P.C. Saunders, this was on hold. However felt that parking had improved.  
To be discussed in May
- c) Light in Car Park Western Way – the Clerk to telephone Housing department – No reply to letter written in March.

Mrs. Abbey arrived at this point

### **132 CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk read out a letter from W.S. Atkins regarding Highway Lighting at Court Street – the Chairman declared an interest. Agreed that there should be street lighting the Clerk to reply.

All other correspondence distributed and dealt with.

### **133 JUBILEE HALL REPORT**

Rafters have been swept; leak in roof is being repaired.  
Storage continues to be a problem.  
Offending corner in path to rear of hall to be cut out.

### **134 MEMBER QUESTION TIME/OBSERVATIONS**

Dog fouling although this has improved it is still a problem. Horse riders accompanied by dogs could be one of the causes. It was felt owner taking their dogs out at night was probably another cause.  
The Clerk to contact the dog warden and seek further advice.

The Chairman thanked all Councillors for their work and support during the past year.

### **135 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 1999 together with an Annual Parish Council meeting at 7.30 p.m at the Jubilee Hall, Winsham. No parishioner's question time on this day.

The meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

Signed.....

Date..12th May 1999.