

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Council

Minutes of the Winsham Annual Parish Meeting held on the 13th May 1994 in the Jubilee Hall at 8.00 p.m.

Present:- Mrs M Loaring, Mrs J Gowers, Mr D Wilson, Mr B Woodward, Mr C Slade, Mr E Speyer, Mrs E Jones and Mr K Fowler.
Also Mr C Faigent (Dist. Cllr.) and Mr K Harvie (Clark).

1. Apologies for absence.

Were received from Mr D Esp (Cty. Cllr.) and Mrs R Rose.

2. Election of Officers, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Committees and Representatives.

Mr C Slade was elected as Chairman. Proposed by Mr D Wilson, seconded by Mrs M Loaring and carried.

Mr E Speyer was elected as Vice Chairman. Proposed by Mrs E Jones, seconded by Mr D Wilson and carried.

- Planning Committee. Mr C Slade, Mrs M Loaring, Mrs E Rose and Mr E Speyer were elected. Proposed by Mr D Wilson, seconded by Mr B Woodward and carried.
- Jubilee Hall Management Committee. Mrs E Jones was elected. Proposed by Mr E Speyer, seconded by Mr D Wilson and carried.
- Recreation Ground Management Committee. Mr C Slade was elected. Proposed by Mrs M Loaring, seconded by Mr D Wilson and carried.
- School Governor. Mr K Fowler was elected. Proposed by Mr C Slade, seconded by Mr E Speyer and carried.

Mr E Speyer proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs M Loaring for her Chairmanship. All agreed.

3. Minutes.

The Minutes of the Meeting on the 3th April 1994 were signed as a true record.

4. Matters arising.

Cemetery Hedge. This was cut to the satisfaction of some Councillors and the Account was paid. See Min. 103.

'Fulwood', Ebben Lane. This is being pursued by the Enforcement Section of the District Council Planning Dept. See Min. 105.

Ford Capri parked illegally in the Car Park of the Large Recreation Ground. The Recreation Ground Management Committee have written to the owner asking for the car to be moved.

Democratic Time at Parish Council Meetings. Mr C Slade suggested 2 Minutes speaking time for Members of the Public. This will be on the Agenda in future.

Mrs M Loaring raised the subject of the Winsham Wander No 13. 55 walkers attended. The Wander was well organised and very muddy in places. Wander No 14 will be planned for September 1994. The Committee will meet to discuss catering arrangements.

Mr K Fowler suggested a pamphlet on walks around Winsham. This will be on the Agenda for the next Meeting.

5. Police.

Not at the Meeting. Concern was expressed at the lack of noticeable Police presence in Winsham. It was suggested that if our Community Constable was spend one hour per week walking around the Village not only would he become known but would tend to reassure people.

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6. Planning.

940524 Mr A A Pike. The use of land for Logging Business etc. The Clerk was asked to write to the District Planning Office for clarification on the position of the works. The Application states Colham Lane, Cricket St Thomas in the Parish of Cricket St Thomas. It is considered that Colham Lane is in the Winsham Parish.

Mr C Baigent mentioned 7 items of building being carried out at Cricket St Thomas in connection with the 'Crickley Bottom' attraction, some of which are in Winsham Parish. Applications should have been submitted and the District Council are pursuing the matter.

7. Finance.

The Financial Statement was accepted. The Chairman then asked for ideas on how to spend surplus funds.

1. Mr P Speyer suggested remedial work on the War Memorial. Mr C Slade said an independent estimator should provide a specification. Mr Baigent will look into this and suggest someone.
2. Mrs A Learing suggested 2 Street Lights, 1 at the bottom end of Court Street and one in Fore Street outside 'Jasons'.
3. Mr R Fowler suggested Traffic Calming in Davies Close because of children and elderly persons.
4. Gates instead of stiles in Western Way from Western Way to the Cemetery.
5. Litter bin in the Small Recreation Ground. Mr Baigent will look into this.
6. Trough by the Telephone Kiosk. This will be discussed.
7. More Play Equipment. Mr Baigent will pursue this.
8. Barrier at the War Memorial exit from the Small Recreation Ground. To stop children running or riding straight into the road.

Extension to the Cemetery. A letter from Mr Pulivent's Agent prices the land in question at £5000 + Legal Fees. Mr Speyer will carry on with the matter.

Mrs E Jones said there is a possibility of reopening the Churchyard for burials. She will find out more details.

8. Mr C Baigent.

Mrs A Learing asked about the Light in the Western Way Car Park. She wanted to know who decided on this and why was the Parish Council not consulted. She said Mr Proom of the District Council has told someone the Parish Council had asked for it. This is untrue. The estimate for the Light was £1500 and the actual cost was £702. She considers some answers are necessary.

Mr J Wilson asked for the latest news on the Local Council Review.

Mr Baigent said the County Council did not agree with the findings and had taken the matter to Court. No details were to hand at the present time.

Mr R Fowler asked if the District Council are supplying Smoke Alarms to Council Houses and Sheltered Housing. If this is the case, he suggested that Emergency Lighting should also be installed to Sheltered Housing.

Mr Baigent will pursue this.

9. Mr J Ess.

Mrs Learing said she wished to query the Mirror installed at the Chillington turning on the A30. She said when a mirror was asked to be fixed at the Winsham Cross roads it was refused. Why then was the one on the A30 allowed.

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9. Mr D Esp.

Mr C Slade said the condition of the roads around the area is deplorable and the Traffic Calming at Forton is not as Mr Whitmarsh of the County Council displayed when he attended a Parish Council Meeting. The Clerk was asked to write to the Highways Dept with a complaint about the 'Humps' at Forton. It is considered the Forton 'Humps' are the wrong profile and are damaging cars.

10. Year 2000 Celebrations.

This subject will be discussed at the next Meeting.

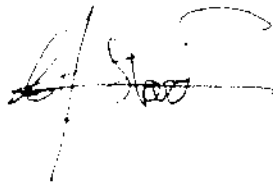
11. Correspondence.

Nat West Bank. Improved Clearance times.
Grassby and Sons. Application for Memorial in Cemetery.
Community Council for Somerset.
Local Council Review.
Street Cleansing.
Great Domesday Book.
Living Churchyards.
Housing Strategy.

12. Any other business.

Grass Cutting. It is considered the grass is not being cut short enough and the cuts are not overlapping. The Clerk was asked to 'phone Powell asking for the standard of work to be raised.

The next Meeting will be on the 10th June 1994.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Esp.', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.