

**THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT THE JUBILEE HALL  
WINSHAM ON 8<sup>th</sup> June 2005 at 7.30pm  
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**ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

- Those present:            Mr.J.Sullivan, Parish Council Vice Chairman &  
   Chairman of This Meeting  
   Mr.R.Rose.  
   Mrs.H.Duke.  
   Mr.F.Vaughan, Parish Clerk.  
   Mr.Peter Harper.  
   Mrs.J.Smart.  
   Mr.R.Shearer.  
   Mr R Beer.  
   Mrs.M.Marsh.  
   Mrs.M.Long.  
   Mrs.M.Fowler.  
   Mrs.J.Sullivan.  
   Mrs.N. Shakespeare.
- Apologies:                Mr.Colin Slade, Mrs S Abbey, Mr.&Mrs.Pye, Mr R Smart,  
   Mr.E.Lycett-Green, Mrs.N.Slade, Mrs.Anne Rose.

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2004.**

With the agreement of those present, Mr John Sullivan the Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES**

There were no matters arising.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman thanked the Members & Officers who helped with the business of the Parish Council over the last year, particularly the 'New Member', Mrs Nicola Slade, Mr Simon Fewkes & Mr Bert Froud. He also thanked: -

- a) Mr Colin Slade our long standing Chairman for all his work over the years, particularly for taking on the responsibility of the job.
- b) Mr Ernie Partridge for his work at the Cemetery.
- c) Mr Peter Pye & Mrs Hazel Duke, for their work on the Lower Recreation Ground.
- d) Mr Peter Pye as Footpaths Officer & Peter again for organising walks.
- e) Thanks to Mr Geoff Peacock for advice about trees.
- f) Thanks to Mr Roger Beer for Highways, Jubilee Hall & Upper Recreation Ground Committee work.
- g) Mrs Mary Pye for working as auditor for the Parish Council accounts
- h) Finally to Roger Bear, Hazel Duke, Peter Harper & Peter Pye for Planning.

Significant events over last 12 months: -

1. Affordable Housing & subsequent ongoing planning application. This application will now be considered by SSDC Area West Committee on July 6<sup>th</sup> for 6-00 p.m. at Crowshute House Chard.

2. The loss of the Recreation Maintenance Grant has been reflected in a higher precept for 2005/6.
3. The PC has supported for Upper Recreation Ground Committee by agreeing to fund some of the grass cutting.
4. The PC has given support to the Mothers & Toddler Group & the Recreation Ground Committee, thanks to money transferred from the Youth Club Fund, which is now closed.
5. The PC received a promise from County Councillor David Gordon to improve Broadenham Lane.
6. Unfortunately we lost our campaign to retain the Phone Box @ Purtington
7. There will have to be major refurbishment carried out to the physical structure of the Jubilee Hall within two/three years, by which time the floor will have become unsafe to use. The Parish Council has agreed to contribute towards this funding.
8. There has been some vandalism in the cemetery. Notices have been posted around the village and on the cemetery gate, saying that this is unacceptable and action will be taken against anyone caught damaging property. The police have been informed.

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The Clerk presented the financial statement for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005, not yet audited, and explaining the details.

A comment was made that it is not good financial practice to allow expenditure to exceed income. The answer offered was that 'committed spend on anticipated future projects has been included in expenditure for the first time this year.

### **REPORT BY UNITED CHARITIES**

In the absence of Mrs Anne Rose the Clerk read out the following:-

The income to the fund was £577 this year. Grants of £240 have been distributed this year. The value of assets at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005 was £13,695 against £12,555 for the same period in 2004. A letter from me (Mrs Anne Rose) explaining the charities was distributed to all parents at Winsham School. Detailed accounts can be inspected by contacting Mrs Rose.

There were two observations about this report:-

1. Should not a charity aim to distribute all its gains?
2. What about children who do not attend Winsham School how do their parents find out about the charities?

Mr Richard Rose offered an answer. Information about the activities of the charity was published in the parish magazine. The amount of money distributed reflects the demand.

### **REPORT BY RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

In the absence of Mrs Nicola Slade the Clerk read out the following:-

We had a worrying start to the year - RMG being stopped means a valuable source of income disappearing. The Parish Council has agreed to help elevate the shortfall.

We started the 2004/05 financial year with £38.17 in the bank and ended with £883.39. This large increase is mainly due to the Sports and Social Club having paid all the outstanding amounts to date. It has been agreed that they will pay all the expenses they are liable for on a quarterly basis to help both ours and their cash flow.

In general we have a good committee and a good relationship with the Sports and Social Club and are supportive of their future plans.

### **REPORT BY SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Natalie Shakespeare presented the report: -

The Sports and Social Club has been in decline but now we have a new committee. Many thanks to Margaret Long for helping to keep the club going through difficult times. One end of the club house needs repair and the fixtures and fitting need replacing. A brewery has offered to fund some of the work, provided we change our brand of beer sold. We are organising local fund raising. The football club is applying for FA Charter Status and should be able to raise a 70% grant towards changing facilities. The ladies football club is doing well. There is interest in cricket but there is no organiser. There has been a cricket team since 1905 but cricket has never had the same interest as football. Our next fund raising event is on Saturday 18th June, please support it.

### **REPORT BY JUBILEE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Mr Roger Beer presented the report: -

We have had quite a year a lot has come to light, we had a window replaced and some electric work done and renewed the entertainments licence. We have had a structural report highlighting what needs to be done to the fabric of the building, quite a lot. We are slowly getting on top of the financial implications of these vital repairs. On the positive side the hall is fully booked, slots are a problem.

### **REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN of WINSHAM SHOP LTD**

Mr Robert Shearer reported: -

The shop is an entirely none for profit company. Last year was our third successful year. Our weekly turnover is now in the region of £3800 to £3900. For four weeks in February we reach our maximum weekly turnover of £4000. We have had quite a good year. We have increased our paid staff and now do not depend so much on volunteers. The shop now opens for 12 hour 6-30 am. to 6-30 pm Monday to Friday, Saturday & Sunday as before.

Next year will be tricky; there is an upward trend in retail prices, because of increased fuel costs and delivery costs. We can not diversify into textiles like the supermarkets are doing, we have to try and absorb our increasing overheads. Our largest overhead increase will be rent. After the recent rent review we are being asked to pay an increase from £2600 to £4000 which will write off our present small trading profit. We can not keep prices down for the next year. We still have a philosophy to source produce from local suppliers. The Fair Trade market is worth developing. We will need a new Chairman & Treasurer next year. Someone might be interested in becoming Treasurer. Michael Williams has taken over as Postmaster and is doing an excellent job

### **REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN of SCHOOL GOVERNORS**

Mr Robert Shearer reported: -

This is a difficult period we have less than 20 pupils which is not good for lots of reasons. The demographics forecast predicted only 25.

We have three ways of moving forward:-

1. Start a Pre-school.
2. Go for the new government wrap around care & after school.

3. Federate with another school to share the governing body.  
We can not go on in the long term with such small numbers, but this problem is not unique to Winsham.  
Taking one step at a time & being optimistic there may be opportunities in adult education. We need to explore the demand.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The village needs a cleaner look, thistles and weeds are a problem, what can be done?  
Is it not possible to recycle plastic by means of a bottle bank?  
The meeting ended at 9-00 p.m.