

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 5th May 2010
At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

2022 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Those present: - Mr Roger Beer Chairman
 Mr John Gapper Vice Chairman
 Miss Trish Baxter
 Mr Peter Harper
 Mrs Mary Haggard
 Mrs Stella Abbey
 Mrs Kim Turner (county councillor)
 Mr Peter Saunders
 Mr Robin Munday (district councillor)

Parish clerk: Mrs Elaine Willis

Public None

Apologies: Mr Andrew Partridge

2023 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A letter from Mr and Mrs Salter was read out as requested.

2024 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Kim Turner reported that decisions were on hold until the election results this week.

Councillor Robin Munday reported that cuts were likely with any party. The Partnership with East Devon was progressing and training was being setup.

Councillor Peter Harper asked who's responsibility is it to clean the roads after contractors used by farmers. Councillor Kim Turner responded that the liability still remains with the farmer. If there is an immediate danger then the police should be informed. If it a matter of persistent problems then Highways could be involved.

2025 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

2026 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH MEETING held on 7th April 2010. After the amendment that the Jubilee tank was being moved and not the shed the Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

2027 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN

a) none

2028 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Application 10/00707/LBC & 10/00703/FUL Conversion of attached 2 storey barn to form additional living accommodation, Purtington House, Limekiln Lane.

2029 AMENITIES

a) No report given

b) The clerk reported that she had contacted the architect and that the draft plans would hopefully be completed by the end of the week. A meeting will be arranged as soon as these have received.

2030 RIGHTS OF WAY

Councillor John Gapper reported that the lanes in close proximity to the village all appeared to be okay. Councillor Stella Abbey requested that the signs at Hollowell are replaced. These have been taken twice and the matter has been reported to the police.

2031 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques signed for Clerks salary & expenses, insurance
- b) The clerk reported that she had sort advice about signing up for three years with the current insurers to cut the premium. An independent insurer advised that this was a good offer. All agreed to sign up for three years.
- c) The audit was agreed and signed

2032 CEMETRY

- a) Councillor Roger Beer reported that Mrs M Fowler has kindly cleaned on the seats and is going to restrain it. The other seat may need repairing or removing.

The clerk reported that a few people had asked about putting other types of memorials for example bird baths, stone vases, as these are not fixed it is possible not to go through the parish council and place them on the graves themselves without prior agreement or payment. Councillor Roger Beer commented about the safety of the memorials. Councillor Trish Baxter reported that a parishioner had asked whether they can conduct a burial of ashes without going through funeral directors. The parish council agreed that this was okay but that they must use the agreed grave digger. *Action: clerk to discuss with cemetery officer and amend regulations accordingly.*

2033 UPPER RECREATION GROUND

Councillor Mary Haggard – reported that they were going to hold another play day during the August bank holiday. A meeting is scheduled for next week with Sarah love and SSDC. Anyone is welcome to join the meeting.

Councillor Stella Abbey wanted to express thanks to Mr Russ Haggard for filling in the hole at the upper recreation ground. She also requested that the sign board is removed.

2034 JUBILEE HALL

Councillor Trish Baxter – nil to report.

2035 HIGHWAYS

- a) Councillor Peter Harper asked whether Councillor Kim Turner had spoken to Highways about the A30. Councillor Kim Turner reported that it was scheduled for this year
- b) Road closure Whately lane.

2036 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Regional Conference
- b) Area West Committee
- c) SCSN
- d) Management of public rights of way meetings.
- e) Dorset Planning Obligations

Most of this correspondence was circulated prior to the meeting & the rest was made available to all members who attended the meeting.

2037 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) The clerk informed the Council that the allotted time had passed since advertising the vacant post and that they could now co-opt a new councillor. No one has come forward. Councillor Stella Abbey has approached a parishioner and they are interested. *Councillor Roger Beer to follow up.*
- b) Standing Orders. The clerk reported that the standing orders need to be agreed this summer. The current format has been sent out by SALC. The standing orders are very comprehensive and although they form strong guidelines in practice they maybe too constraining for a Parish Council of our size. The Council agreed to look into this further before adopting them.

2038 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary meeting of The Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 2nd June 2010 for 7-30 pm meet in the Jubilee Hall. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7:30pm Wednesday 12th at 7:30pm

Signed.....Date.....