

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 1st February 2006
At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

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1252 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Those present: -	Mr Colin Slade	Chairman
	Mr John Sullivan	Vice Chairman
	Mr Peter Pye.	
	Mr Roger Beer.	
	Mr Peter Harper.	
	Mrs Hazel Duke	
	Mr Albert Froud	
District Councillor	Mrs.S.Abbey	
Parish Clerk:	Mr.Frank Vaughan.	
Public	Mr Richard White	
Apologies:	Mrs Nicola Slade, Mr Tony Shire.	
Absent:	Mr Simon Fewkes.	

1253 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Richard White presented the Football Club's plans for building new changing rooms. The Parish Council welcomed & fully supports this initiative.

1254 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

District Councillor *Mrs Stella Abbey* reported: -

One of the PCSO's from Chard has visited the village on a bicycle. We have also been seeing more of our Beat Officer Roger Saunders. We welcome this increase in police visibility.

1255 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors Mr Colin Slade declared an interest in agenda item 7k & Councillor Mr Albert Froud declared an interest in agenda item 7d. Neither was in the room when these items were discussed.

1256 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14th December 2005

The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

1257 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN/TO BE TAKEN

Speedwatch. The Parish Council has advertised for volunteers to become trained in operating the speed watch equipment. Four volunteers are needed before the project is viable.

Footpath CH 8/1. Somerset CC have now retrieved some of their archived material and are preparing a new plan re CH8/1 which was apparently diverted in the Quarter Session Rolls of 1834. Some other routes were closed by orders under

the 1835 Highways Act but precise details of these are not to hand. The Clerk has been asked to monitor progress.

1258 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Development Control are re-organising and will eventually be located in Yeovil. However it will still be to see individual Planning Officers by visiting Chard at pre-determined times.
- b) The modification to the Local Plan does not affect Winsham.
- c) Agricultural Waste Transfer @ London Lodge Ref PC/05/03248/CPO/BM PC & SSSC Recommend Refusal
- d) Application 05/03240/FUL Removal of Condition '2' of Application 53452, Agricultural Tie Meadowcroft Colham Lane. Although the PC approves the removal of the condition the Officer is recommending refusal. Under the new development control procedure the PC formally requested Councillor Stella Abbey to write to the Area West Chairman asking for this application to be referred to her committee.
- e) Application 05/03356/LBC Re-roofing of Study Foxgloves 4 Thatch Cottages Western Way. Approved by PC & SSSC.
- f) Application 05/03098/TCA Notification of Intent to Fell Trees @ The Cottage Fore St Approved by SSSC.
- g) Applications 05/02826 & 02828 Hey Farm Cottages, Withdrawn.
- h) Application 05/02824/LBC Hey Farmhouse, Amended by Applicant. Approved by PC.
- i) Application 05/03222/LBC Sink @ Old Manor Farm Approved by PC & SSSC.
- j) Application 05/02911/FUL Extn, 17 Western Way Approved by PC & SSSC.
- k) Application 05/02951/FUL Barn & Lynroy amended by applicant. Approved by PC.

1259 AMENITIES

Councillor *Mr Peter Pye reported:-*

The report from SSSC has been noted. There will be some movement in the wooden climbing frame in dry weather but all joints are tight now. I will replace the chains on three swings this year.

The Lower Recreation Ground Play Area is still suffering from vandalism. One picnic table has been wrecked and the other badly damaged. Roof tiles have been broken on the bus shelter. Our Chairman Mr Colin Slade has kindly offered, yet again, to repair & replace the damage, at no cost to the Parish Council, but his good will is being stretched. If vandalism continues then the eventual outcome will be a loss of facilities. Because of cost it may not be possible to replace broken furniture & play equipment.

1260 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques were signed for the Clerks salary & the grant to the Recreation Ground Committee.
- b) The grass cutting contract was agreed for the 2006-2007 season.

1261 CEMETERY

We need to put together three designs for the cemetery gates, simple, medium & elaborate, get them costed & then make a decision. The gates will be privately funded at no cost to the PC.

1262 RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE/ SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

Mrs Stella Abbey reported: -

There are three bodies involved in the running of activities on the Upper Recreation Ground, The Recreation Ground Committee, The Sports & Social Club & The Football Club. Regrettably there is a strained relationship between the Recreation Ground Committee and the Sports & Social Club. Despite this the Recreation Ground Committee has successfully raised money for improvements to the club house. They will rebuild the front wall, new window & a new front door. The Parish Council previously agreed a grant of £1000 towards this scheme.

1263 JUBILEE HALL

Councillor Mr John Sullivan reported:-

The Jubilee Hall Committee has been successful in obtaining a grant of £25,000 from Defra towards their refurbishment project. When this money is added to funds from other sources, including £15,000, previously agreed, from the Parish Council, it means that the hall will be upgraded, probably through July & August. The hall will be closed during the upgrade period. The Clerk is to proceed with obtaining a loan from the Public Works Loans Board.

1264 HIGHWAYS

Councillor Roger Beer reported:-

A very dangerous situation was reported to me of a stone being thrown at and breaking a car window as the car was travelling through the cutting towards Winsham from Chard. It was only luck that no one was injured.

Anthony Warren has cleared the ditch up Crewkerne Hill but some pipes crossing the road are still blocked. Clearing them is in hand. There is planned work for Lime Kiln Lane & resurfacing Court St. The Clerk is to report broken signs to SCC & a bad road surface between the Squirrel & Lyme Road to DCC. Also to write a letter of thanks to DCC for their road salting work this winter.

1265 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Somerset Access Annual Newsletter (Rights of Way).
- b) Environmental Agency Newsletter
- c) SALC Correspondence
- d) Homes for Good Exhibition Taunton 17th – 19th Feb
- e) Youth Parish Council Presentation 24th Feb
- f) Drugs & Alcohol Action Team
- g) Local Transport Plan 2006/11
- h) The Playing Field

This list of correspondence was made available to all members.

1266 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) The building of eight ‘Affordable Houses’ on the site off Western Way will be going ahead. Funding has formally been approved by the Housing Corporation, which means that Hastoe, the Housing Association running the project, can now proceed with the scheme. They will make a start on site as soon as they agree the building contract with their selected developer. Hastoe hope to be able to make a start mid March with an anticipated completion of January 2007.
- b) The District Council are carrying out a “Parish Boundary Review”. The Parish Council recommends that their parish boundary remains unchanged.
- c) A document “Standards of Conduct in English Local Government” has been circulated by the ODPM for comment. The Clerk has been asked to respond to this document with regard to “Interpretations of Personal & Prejudicial Interest”. In brief the Parish Council is pleased that the ODPM are addressing the regime for declaring interests as a matter of urgency and fully support their comments. Two recent examples where debate has been stifled by the code have been quoted in the response email.

1267 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 1st March 2006 for 8-00 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall.

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