

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 2nd March 2005
At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham, at 8.00pm.

DRAFT Issue 1

1106 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Those present: -	Mr. Colin Slade	Chairman
	Mr John Sullivan	Vice Chairman
	Mrs Nicola Slade	
	Mr. Peter Pye	
	Mr Simon Fewkes	
	Mr Roger Beer	
	Mr Peter Harper	
	Mrs Hazel Duke	
	Mr Albert Froud	
Parish Clerk:	Mr. Frank Vaughan.	
District Councillor	Mrs. Stella Abbey.	
County Councillor	Mr David Gordon	
Apologies:	Mr Roger Beer	
Public	Yes	

1107 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The member of the public attending did not wish to speak.

1108 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

District Councillor *Mrs Stella Abbey reported: -*

The District Council has launched a 'Parish Paths Stewardship Scheme' which aims to support parishes to improve the public rights of way network. The Clerk has received correspondence from SSDC on this matter, which has been passed to the 'Footpaths Officer'.

Again on the subject of access, 'Equestrian Tourism' is on the increase. The District Council is hoping to promote existing bridleways by producing a booklet.

There has been an application by the 'Trail Riders Fellowship' to upgrade CH 8/2 & CH 30/22 Colham Lane to Chalkway from a RUPP (road mainly used as a public path) status to a BOAT (byway open to all traffic). The law is unclear at present whether RUPPs have public vehicle rights; they certainly have the status of at least a bridleway. A BOAT on the other hand allows access to all vehicular traffic.

County Councillor *Mr David Gordon reported: -*

I recently made a site visit with Ian Morrisson from County Highways to Broadenham Lane. Ian suggested that Broadenham Lane be declassified i.e. loses its highway status to become a footpath or perhaps a bridleway in the future. However for the present there is a drainage problem because the present drainage arrangements are not functioning. It should be possible to make the drainage arrangements work again. Councillor Gordon will lean on 'Highways' to get the drainage done now as a sweetener prior to declassification.

I noticed a number of scrape cars in the vicinity of Broadenham Lane. There will soon be new EEC regulations allowing the removal of scrap cars from private land on the grounds of contamination.

1109 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared for the agenda of this meeting.

1110 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2nd February 2005

Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

1111 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN/TO BE TAKEN

- a) The residual monies, now the youth club has closed, are to be handed to the Parish Council. The amount of money involved is in the region of £500-00. At previous council meetings there has been representations from the Recreation Ground Committee & The Mothers & Toddles Group for financial support. After debate & consideration it was decided to donate £250-00 to the Recreation Ground Committee & £250-00 to The Mothers & Toddles Group. It was also felt that the Brownies should receive a donation, £50-00 has been allocated for this.

1112 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Consultation Responses, (Letter from Mike Williams), was read out by the Chairman. Planning responses must be made within 21 days or a 'no comment' will be assumed.
- b) A 'New Planning System' Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 has taken effect from 28th September 2004, however SSDC's 'Local Plan' is exempt because it is classed as 'Work in Progress'.
- c) Planning Application 05/00460/TCA Plum Tree Cottage was supported by the Parish Council
- d) Planning Application 05/00331/FUL Fence No 1 Blue House was supported by the Parish Council

1113 AMENITIES

- a) Councillor Peter Pye stated that the Lower Recreation Ground had been inspected and was ok.
- b) Offers to tender for grass cutting have been sent to four contractors of which two replied in the time scale. It was decided to offer the contract for the next two years to the lowest tender. The contract has been offered to Mr A.E. Partridge.
- c) Members were made aware of SSDC's 'Parish Path Stewardship Scheme' as mentioned earlier in Councillor Abbey's report.

1114 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques for the Clerk's salary.

1115 JUBILEE HALL

Councillor John Sullivan presented the *Jubilee Hall Report*: -

A survey has been carried out which highlights the structural repairs that need to be done to the Jubilee Hall within the next 2 years. The floor, although safe at the moment, has rot in the joists and the surface of the floor is uneven because of knots in the wood. We are advised that the floor should be completely replaced, which will mean that the electrics under the floor will have to be upgraded at the same time. Repairs will cost in the region of £30,000.

1116 HIGHWAYS

Highways have erected bollards, on the pavement outside No 3 & 5 Thatch Cottages Western Way. The intention is to protect the overhanging thatch roofs from passing traffic, but they are causing an obstruction to the footpath. The Clerk has been asked to write to Mr Fear of highways for clarification of best practice.

1117 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reply from Andrew Gillespie (Grants & Road Sweeping). The Clerk has received guidance on District Council grant applications & a 22-page application form. Andrew Gillespie has deferred his response to the question of road sweeping until completion of his consultation process with other parish councils.
- b) Discussion Documents from ODPM were made available to Members.
- c) Vibrant Local Leadership, documents were made available to Members.
- d) Why Neighbours Matter, documents were made available to Members
- e) Thoughts on New Housing (Letter from Ron Bailiff) was discussed along with the summary of the feedback from the Affordable Housing Road Show. The documentation was passed to Councillor Mrs Hazel Duke. The Chairman asked that the comments be kept on file until the planning application is received.
- f) Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Bill (Letter from Alun Michael MP) was made available to Members.
- g) Somerset NHS Trust (Development Crewkerne Hospital) , documents were made available to Members
- h) SALC Meeting Dates were made available to Members.
- i) Community News & Information, was made available to Members.
- j) Member's Code of Conduct Review, was made available to Members.
- k) Police Community Contact Vehicle 17th March 16-30 to 17-30
- l) SSDC Walking Festival leaflets were passed to Councillor Mr Peter Pye.
- m) Women's Environmental Network, documents were made available to Members.
- n) Flax & Hemp Project (SSCD Museums), documents were made available to Members.

1118 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) None

1119 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 6th April 2005 at 8.00 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall.

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