

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 5th July 2006
At the School, Winsham.

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1339 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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| Those present: - | Mr Colin Slade | Chairman |
| | Mrs Hazel Duke | |
| | Mr Peter Harper | |
| | Mr Peter Pye | |
| | Mr Roger Beer | |
| | Mr Albert Froud | |
| | Mrs Nicola Slade | |
| District Councillor | Mrs.S.Abbey | |
| Parish Clerk: | Mr.Frank Vaughan. | |
| Public | Mrs Trish Baxter, Mr Mike Moore, Mr Eric Mott & Mr Julian Cleal. District Councillor Mr Nigel Mermagen | |
| Apologies: | Mr John Sullivan & Mr Tony Shire. | |
| Absent: | None | |

1340 CO-OPTION OF MEMBER

Mrs Trish Baxter wrote to the Parish Council offering to become a Parish Councillor. The vacancy has been advertised in excess of the minimum time period. It was unanimously decided to co-opt Mrs Trish Baxter on to the Council with immediate effect.

1340 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Mike Moore & Mr Eric Mott presented a case in favour of planning application 06/02024/FUL Barn Conversion (Higher Broadenham Barn Crewkerne Hill).

Mr Julian Cleal presented a case in favour of Application 06/02131/FUL Wall @Barrack Cottage.

Councillor Mr Nigel Mermagen outlined the District Council's waste policy which was in line with the email response on this issue, filed later in these minutes. He also added that, although it seems crazy that the recycling team visit the village three times a week, it does not cost the District Council any more money because they are on contract. Garden waste collection is uneconomic and will probably also be withdrawn from urban areas. Waste collection is likely to change drastically in the near future. Somerset Waste Partnership will operate county wide, re-tendering in October 2007. The Chairman's comments: - "We know what recycling is all about, what we are looking for is value for money".

1341 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

District Councillor *Mrs Stella Abbey reported:* - The Conservation Officer has commented on the planning application to repair Knapp Bridge as follows:-

Pointing should be done by hand and not machine in order to maintain the character of the walls.

The planning application for a parking area at 15 Western Way, as you know, was approved by the District Council. Houses either side No 15 are owned by South

Somerset Homes (SSH). These properties, No 14 & 16 would benefit from off road parking areas. This could easily be achieved by completely removing the mound of earth in front of all 3 houses. The net effect would benefit the whole community. However SSH will not fund this work, but they will give approval for self funding.

1342 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No interests were declared.

1343 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7th June 2006

The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

1344 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN/TO BE TAKEN

- a) Broadenham Lane's Reclassification. Ian Morrison & Anthony Warren met with Paul Attwell to agree the declassification of part of Broadenham Lane from 'Highway' to 'Footpath'. This declassification will allow access to funding for improvements to the track. Councillor Mr Peter Pye asked the Clerk to seek clarification into which section of the track is to be declassified.
- b) Cemetery Gates. The Chairman will progress this item.
- c) WUFC Funding or Changing Rooms (Deferred until September)
- d) Waste Collection. The Clerk finally received a reply from SSDC in response to his email summarised:-

In answer to your four points.

1 - Only waste that is contained within the wheeled bin will be collected (or four standard refuse sacks if no wheeled bin is supplied). Excess waste is not accepted and any additional non recyclable waste produced by the household should be taken to one of Somerset County Councils Household Waste and Recycling Centres for disposal. Households that genuinely cannot avoid producing excess waste on a regular basis, such as large families, should contact us on 01935 462891/462892.

Enforcement action taken now will ultimately provide both efficiency savings and financial savings if we are to avoid the escalating cost of disposal to landfill and the financial penalties of being fined under the Landfill Trading Allowance Scheme which sets limits on the amount of biodegradable municipal waste that can be land filled by each Local Authority in England and Wales in one year. The current fine is £150.00 per tonne exclusive of collection and disposal costs. Any fine incurred would ultimately be borne through the council tax.

2 - It has been necessary to schedule the recycling collections in Winsham over three separate days due to the nature of the rollout of the service, which is being completed in phases. When the service is fully rolled out across the district, and has settled in, a review of the routes/rounds will be made if necessary. Our contractor has a preference for working in zones which should minimise the number of collection days in future.

3 - I have instructed the recycling contractor to ensure that all recycling containers are replaced in a neat and tidy manner. Leaving recycling containers scattered is not acceptable behaviour and disciplinary action will be taken against those crew members who persist in this activity.

4 - Garden Waste Collection Service-

The original decision by the District Executive in January 2005 was that a chargeable garden waste collection service should be provided covering the whole of the district. The initial estimate for the net cost of providing this service to the district was based on a projected take up of 14%. However, in reality the take up of the service has been in the order of 8% and the resources used to run the service have been greater than envisaged. It was therefore necessary to review the service in order to find an alternative option to enable the garden waste service to continue at an affordable cost. A survey of two of the Sort It! Service areas in September 2005 showed that there was a ratio of 2:1 for urban to rural participation. Taking this information into account and after considering six options, it was agreed by the District Executive (February 2006) that the service would be offered to all households in settlements of a 1000 properties or more throughout the District, excluding those properties on narrow access roads where a different and dedicated vehicle would be required. Regrettably, this decision means that properties in Winsham will not be offered the garden waste collection service.

The Council's policy on garden waste is to encourage the use of home composting wherever possible. This is the most environmentally friendly and cost effective approach. Households are able to take garden waste to the local Household Waste Recycling Centres for composting, or compost it at home

1345 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Application 06/02024/FUL Barn Conversion (Higher Broadenham Barn Crewkerne Hill). Decision deferred to Planning Meeting 13th July.
- b) Application 06/02131/FUL Wall @ Barrack Cottage. Decision deferred to Planning Meeting 13th July.
- c) Application 06/02111/FUL Divide Dwelling @ Clay Pot. Decision deferred to Planning Meeting 13th July.
- d) Application 06/01442/FUL Garage @ Kenyons Granted by SSDC
- e) Application 02/01865/FUL Wind Turbines @ Cricket Withdrawn.

1346 AMENITIES

Councillor Mr Peter Pye reported: - The bearing on the little roundabout is noisy. The Clerk will write to the manufactures and ask for the maintenance procedure.

1347 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques were signed for Clerk's salary, grass cutting & CVS Yeovil.

1348 CEMETERY

No report.

1349 RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE/ SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

Mrs Stella Abbey reported: - The finance issue between the Recreation Ground Committee & the Sports & Social Club has got to be resolved. The Sports & Social Club paid in a cheque for £100-00 today, which is a step in the right direction. No's 40, 42 & 44 Davies Close have asked that a tree on the Recreation Ground be cut down. They loose light & are worried about the roots. Frances Jones has inspected the tree & recommends chopping it down. I am personally against a healthy tree being cut down. The tree is 10 yards from the houses and not a danger to the foundations.

1350 JUBILEE HALL

No report.

1351 HIGHWAYS

The Clerk was asked to write to Anthony Warren & thank him for organising the road sweep ahead of the Street Fair.

The surface dressing carried out recently on Fore St, Crewkerne Hill & Court St is good.

1352 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) CVS Donation
- b) Community Council Surgery 7th July @ Norton Sub Hamdon
- c) SSDC Local Development Framework PC's Comments
- d) Youth Arts & Play Survey SSDC
- e) Sports & recreation Build Facility Report SSDC
- f) CAB AGM & Lunch 11th July Yeovil
- g) Shop mobility Yeovil
- h) Car Park Strategy

This list of correspondence was made available to all members.

It was decided to donate £50 to CVS Yeovil.

1353 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Mr Peter Pye asked when the permitted paths scheme at Cricket St Thomas would be complete. Apparently the official opening will be late in July.

1354 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- a) The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on 4th September for 8-00 pm. in the Winsham School.

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