

# **WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2006  
At the School, Winsham.**

## **Draft Issue 1**

### **1371 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

Those present: - Mr John Sullivan Vice Chairman  
Mrs Hazel Duke  
Mr Peter Harper  
Mr Peter Pye  
Mr Roger Beer  
Mr Albert Froud  
County Councillor Mr Tony Shire.  
Parish Clerk: Mr.Frank Vaughan.  
Public Nigel Kinsman  
Apologies: Mr Colin Slade, Mrs Nicola Slade& Mrs.S.Abbey  
Mrs Trish Baxter  
Absent: None

### **1372 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nigel Kinsman attended as an observer. Nigel is applying for a job with Somerset Waste Partnership. He feels that he needs to understand the role of the Parish Council.

### **1373 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

County Councillor Mr Tony Shire offered to help resolve the ongoing saga of footpath CH 8/1. The County Council own the 'Definitive Map' and are ultimately responsible for footpaths. The District Council acts as agent for the County Council.

### **1374 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

No interests were declared.

### **1375 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>th</sup> September 2006**

The Vice Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

### **1376 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN/TO BE TAKEN**

- a) The Clerk was given the go ahead to purchase a green dog bin & stand.  
*Foot Note to Minutes:-*The Dog Warden (Chris Rowland) from South Somerset District Council visited Winsham last week. He has placed signs at either end of the footpath between Western Way and the cemetery. He will be patrolling this area from time to time, on the look out for dog owners who do not pick up their dog's mess immediately. Failure to clean up after your dog is a criminal offence. Anyone observed by the Dog Warden failing to clear up after their dog

will be served with a fixed penalty notice or reported for a potential prosecution.

If any member of the public wishes to report someone who does not pick up their dog's mess they can contact the District Council's Enforcement Team:-

Address:

Lufton Depot  
Artillery Road  
Yeovil  
BA22 8RP  
Tel: 01935 462462

If the name and address of the offending owner is past to the Enforcement Team they will write a cautionary letter to the owner and the person reporting the incident will remain anonymous.

- b) The Permissive Footpaths on the Cricket St Thomas Estate are now open to the public.

*Foot Note to Minutes:* - Cricket St Thomas Estate has been working with Defra to provide a network of 'Permissive Footpaths/Bridleways'. The new routes link into a number of existing public rights of way. Information about these new paths can be found on a Defra web site:-

<http://countrywalks.defra.gov.uk/>

Choose your County, Somerset & Go. (Click on the blue dot on the map).

You will find lots of interesting sites & walks in our area. Remember Land Owners have received Government money to open these 'Permissive Paths' so we should be using them.

- c) Councillor Mr Peter Pye asked the Clerk to write to Paul Attwell enquiring as to why footpath CH 8/1 is shown on the O.S Maps but still not marked on the ground.
- d) It was agreed to arrange a meeting with Estelle Casey from 'Active Living Centre' to investigate what this organisation can offer Winsham.

### **1377 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- a) Councillor Miss Trish Baxter has asked to become a member of the Planning Committee. This was agreed.

### **1378 AMENITIES**

*Councillor Mr Peter Pye reported:* -

- a) The play equipment is in working order and safe.
- b) The Annual Play Inspection has just been carried out. There was nothing brought to light which we are not already aware of & monitoring.
- c) I will be unable to attend the training day on 16<sup>th</sup> November because of personal commitments.

### **1379 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) Cheques were signed for Clerk's salary, Play Ground Inspection & Air Ambulance.

### **1380 CEMETERY**

- a) The grass cutting tenders have been sent out. SSDC can not tender because they do not have the equipment to collect grass cuttings.

### **1381 RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE/ SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB**

Mrs Stella Abbey was absent, nothing to report.

### **1382 JUBILEE HALL**

*Councillor Mr John Sullivan reported:* - The Building Inspector from the District Council is happy with the work so far. With regards to the concerns about under floor ventilation, we have now installed four additional vents and are confident that this will provide for sufficient air circulation under the floor.

Councillor John Sullivan as Chairman of the Jubilee Hall Committee has emailed the Chairman of The Parish Council asking if he would like to be present & formally open the refurbished Jubilee Hall at a ceremony scheduled for Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

### **1383 HIGHWAYS**

The Clerk was asked to chase progress on the blocked gully in Bakersfield.

### **1384 CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Street Naming & Numbering, off Western Way.
- b) Donation to Victim Support
- c) Donation to Air Ambulance
- d) SSDC Standards Committee

This list of correspondence was made available to all members.

There is ongoing correspondence re: Active Living Centre with a meeting proposed for 18<sup>th</sup> October for 3pm @ Councillor Sullivan's house.

The Parish Council has been asked to suggest a suitable name for the access road leading to the new housing development off Western Way. Two names were proposed, Wheedon Close & Balsom Close. The name Wheedon was that of a well known character who lived in the village and owned the field at some time in the past. The name Balsom is the old field name of the land where the houses are built. The Parish Council's preference was for Balsom Close and this suggestion has been passed to the Developer.

It was decided at this time not to donate to Victim Support.

It was decided to donate £100-00 to Air Ambulance.

### **1385 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) Provision of Dog Bin on Footpath CH 30/1 off Western Way. It was decided to purchase a green bin & stand.
- b) Mrs Stella Abbey as Chairman of Winsham Recreation Ground Committee asks if they could distribute a circular which makes dog owners aware of the

dangers in allowing there animals to foul without clearing up the mess. The circular would be in the joint names of the PC & WRGC. This was agreed.

**1386 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- a) The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> November for 7-30 pm. in the Winsham School.

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