

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 6th April 2011
At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

2175 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Those present: -	Mr Roger Beer	Chairman
	Mr John Gapper	Vice Chairman
	Miss Trish Baxter	
	Mrs Stella Abbey	
	Mrs Janet Hendon	
	Mr Peter Saunders	
	Mr Peter Harper	
Parish clerk:	Mrs Elaine Willis	
District Councillor:	Mr Robin Munday	
County Councillor:	Mrs Kim Turner	
Public:	Mrs Sue Osbourne	
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	Mr Andrew Partridge	

2176 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs Sue Osbourne came to observe the meeting.

2177 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Robin Munday reported that they are looking at amending the 106 planning obligations as developers are finding it difficult to meet the obligations, they are considering a scheme where an application can be made to amend the obligations if it means a project can move forward. Recycling is also on the agenda for tomorrow; concerning payments and opening times. Districts are trying to see if they can cover any potential shortfall. There will be some money available to citizen's advice and some other voluntary groups.

Councillor Kim Turner reported that at the Full Council it was agreed to write a letter to County about the concerns over the lack of consultation before cutting some services. Kim will be stepping down from Devon and Somerset Fire Authority. County have employed a consultant to try and make savings. Also thank you to Roger Beer who spoke very well on behalf of the Parish Council and made a successful bid for the playground grant of £12,500.

Councillor Roger Beer thanked Councillor Kim Turner for her support.

2178 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

2179 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH MEETING held on 2nd March 2011. The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

2180 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN

- a) The clerk informed the Council that hopefully a full Council could be made in May without an election. The clerk also commented that the date of the AGM is actually before the election. It was therefore decided to move the AGM to just before the APM on the 11th May – All agreed.
- b) Councillor John Gapper reported that he had spoken to one contractor about the war memorial and was getting them to quote for cleaning and redoing the letters and also moving the plinth back a bit. He thought that they had recommended power washing but expressed his concerns about this. Councillor Robin Munday suggested asking the Conservation officer Greg Venns for some independent advice. Councillor John Gapper also warned against volunteer cleaning as the lichen looked to be embedded

rather than it just being dirty but thanked Councillor Stella abbey for her initiative.
Action: clerk to arrange a meeting with Gregg Venns and depending on that consultation another 2 quotes for the work.

- c) Councillor Stella Abbey reported that it was Mr S Taylor who repaired the footbridge at Chalkway and not the Highways department. Thanks were given to Mr Taylor for this work.
- d) Councillor Peter Harper asked for an update about Chard Show Ground. Councillor Kim Turner responded that an Enforcement officer had visited the site and that they are putting in a planning application.

2181 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Application 11/00693/LBC, Old Manor Farm, Fore Street, alterations to roof ridge, woodwork and rainwater goods. – recommend approval
- b) Application 10/04981/FUL 2 Church Street, single storey extension – granted by SSDC
- c) Application 10/04570/CPO, O.S 2000, Colham Lane, vary Condition 5 Section 73 – granted by SCC
- d) Application 11/00425/LBC, Oak Barn, Whately, formation of door in boundary wall – granted by SSDC

2182 AMENITIES

- a) Councillor Roger Beer reported that they were successful at Area West and has been awarded a grant of £12500 towards the playground project, contractors have been given the go ahead to order equipment and we are hoping to start at the end of April.

2183 RIGHTS OF WAY

Councillor John Gapper reported that the County strimmer loan scheme seemed very expensive at £130 per person for training. Councillor Robin Munday suggested using the District for training but this would have to be agreed by County first. Councillor Kim Turner suggested that it might be cheaper to purchase a strimmer. *Action: Councillor John Gapper to investigate further.*

2184 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques signed for Clerks salary & expense, SALC, SSDC cemetery rates.

2185 CEMETERY

Councillor Peter Saunders reported that all was quite at the cemetery.

2186 UPPER RECREATION GROUND

2187 JUBILEE HALL

Councillor Trish Baxter – reported a Caribbean night had been organised for 21st May.

2188 HIGHWAYS

Councillor Peter Harper reported that there had been slurry going into a water course at Purtington – this has been reported. There is damage to the verges at Chalkway by heavy contractors.

2189 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Clerks and council direct
- b) S Wheeler (e mail)
- c) IAC
- d) Parish Matters
- e) YDH
- f) Avon and Somerset police
- g) Sheila Wheeler – broadband (e mail)
- h) Yarlington (e mail)
- i) Recycling centres (e mail)

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

2190 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

2191 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary meeting of The Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 4th May for 7-30 pm meet in the Jubilee Hall. AGM Wednesday 11th May 7pm, APM 7:30pm 11th May.

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