

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 5th October 2011
At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

2263 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Those present: - Mr John Chance Chairman
 Mr John Gapper Vice Chairman
 Miss Trish Baxter
 Mr John Sullivan
 Mrs Mary Haggard
 Mr Andrew Partridge
 Mr Peter Saunders
 Mr Peter Harper
Parish clerk: Mrs Elaine Willis
District Councillor:
County Councillor: Mrs Kim Turner
Public:
Apologies: Mrs Sue Osborne
 Mrs Janet Hendon

2264 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None

2265 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Kim Turner reported that County Trading Standards had been involved in closing down a fake Glastonbury University website.

The new Somerset Museum opened on the 29th September. The costs involved were met by a grant from the Lottery and from County.

The library review involved a 3 day hearing at the High Court in Birmingham and they were awaiting the outcome.

The Boundary review is still ongoing, letters will be sent for comments in the next few weeks. It has been proposed that Winsham stays within the Ilminster boundary even though the closest market town is Chard. The boundary for Ilminster is a long strip running from Winsham to Ashill.

2266 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Andrew Partridge declared an interest in item 10b.

2267 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH MEETING held on 7th September 2011. The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

2268 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN

- a) Councillor John Chance asked whether individual councillors had looked at the War Memorial and whether they had any preference to the action the Parish Council should take. The Council was in full agreement that the cleaning should be done initially and if it then became apparent that more work was needed to preserve the names action would then be taken. The cheapest quote was agreed. *Action: Councillor John Gapper and clerk to arrange cleaning.*

2269 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Application 11/03481/TPO, Tree surgery works to cherry tree, long Thatches, Fore Street. Recommend approval
b) Application 11/03134/COU, Change of land use to garden and parking, Land OS 6341, Fore Street. Recommend approval

2270 AMENITIES

- a) Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that there was nothing new to report

2271 RIGHTS OF WAY

Councillor John Gapper reported the ranger had contacted him to say that he had put way markers on the Cricket St Thomas path. The ranger also reported that the landowner for the path behind Plum Tree Cottage did not want to have the stile changed to a gate because of rabbits. *Action: Councillor Trish Baxter to investigate further to see if a solution can be found to the problem of accessibility.*

2272 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques signed for Clerks salary & expenses, Liberty Trail, Signcast, Winsham Shop

2273 CEMETERY

Councillor Peter Saunders reported that there is an interment due on Friday 7th at 10am.

2274 UPPER RECREATION GROUND

Councillor Mary Haggard reported that there was nothing new to report.

2275 JUBILEE HALL

Councillor John Sullivan reported that the oil tank had been tampered with. They may fence off the path, this will be decided at a later date. Councillor Peter Saunders commented that the Church oil tank had also been tampered with and the culprits were seen driving off in a transit van during the night.

2276 HIGHWAYS

Councillor Peter Harper reported that the concrete salt bin in Purtington had been smashed up and pushed into the ditch. He was unsure why someone would do this as it must have taken a lot of effort. Councillor John Chance asked about the burnt out caravan on Crewkerne Hill, the remaining axle was jutting out into the road. Councillor Peter Harper responded that it might have been left instead of taking it to a scrap yard. *Action: Councillor Peter Harper to inform the highways department.*

2277 PARISH SURVEY

Councillor John Sullivan reported that Janet Hendon had organised the questionnaire door drops and that some had been returned to the Shop. The closing date is the 15th October.

2278 PARISH OFFICE

Councillor Trish Baxter reported that she had not had any visitors this month. The clerk asked whether the Parish Council wanted to continue with this service. The Parish Council had a majority vote to stop the service with immediate effect. *Action: clerk to inform the Jubilee Hall, Councillor Trish Baxter and John Sullivan to advertise the decision.*

2279 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Affordable Housing meeting
- b) Soc of Local Council Clerks
- c) How to respond to planning applications
- d) Boundary Commission
- e) Bulb planting (email)
- f) SSVCA
- g) Community grants

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

2280 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Councillor John Chance reported that Councillor John Gapper, the clerk and he had attended a meeting with the Environmental Officers to discuss their work, legislation and the services they can offer the Parish. There are only 3 officers for South Somerset. If dog fouling is a particular problem in an area they can help with door drops explaining about fines and legislation, they can also supply posters and do educational visits to the school. They will collect stray dogs if someone can keep hold of them. If a particular household is proving

problematic they will do house calls.

- b) Councillor John Sullivan reported that 2 village groups had shown an interest in organising an event for the Queens jubilee. The initial letter had said that the Council would hold a meeting for interested parties but it may be easier just to liaise with the groups directly. All in agreement. Councillor John Chance suggested putting a jubilee events diary on the website.
- c) Councillor Andrew Partridge commented that bags of garden waste had been left outside the schools compost bins. Councillor John Sullivan commented that he had thought the bins had been closed. Councillor John Chance suggested that the Parish Council may be able to help by putting the original fences back in place if the compost bins were emptied. *Action: clerk to contact the school.*

2281 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary meeting of The Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 2nd November for 7-30 pm meet in the Jubilee Hall.

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