

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 7th September 2011
At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

2244 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 Harper	
	Mrs Janet Hendon	
Parish clerk:	Mrs Elaine Willis	
District Councillor:	Mrs Sue Osborne	
County Councillor:	Mrs Kim Turner	
Public:		
Apologies:	Mr Peter Saunders	

2245 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None

2246 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Sue Osborne reported that August had been a quiet month. She had attended the Streetwise inspection in the village. Councillor John Chance asked about the outcomes. Councillor John Gapper reported that the clerk and himself had also attended. They had asked about cleaning the gully in Church Street and had reported that households had not received notification of this in order to move their cars.

Andrew Gunn was the planning officer for the Purtington show field; they are expecting an application to be in shortly. Councillor Peter Harper reported that no one has yet spoken with anyone in Purtington and that they have been having trouble with the water supply to the village. On 4 occasions in the last month 6 houses had been left without water for 24hrs probably as a result of the development in the show ground. There is a legal agreement about the use of water for residential use. Councillor Kim Turner reported that she had contacted someone about notices for cars parked inappropriately and would forward some as soon as she had received them.

The English Boundary Commission, after a review, had proposed that the current 58 councillor positions be cut to 55. The proposal is now in public consultation.

2247 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Andrew Partridge declared an interest in item 10b. Councillor Mary Haggard declared an interest in item 10e

2248 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH MEETING held on 6th July 2011. The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

2249 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN

- a) Councillor John Gapper reported that a meeting had taken place between Gregg Venn, Mr Wheeler and himself about protecting the War Memorial. The recommendation was to put in 2 metal bollards. They did not recommend any further restriction to parking or moving back the plinth or re-siting the memorial.

Councillor John Gapper had received 2 quotes from companies for the work but the 3rd company had still not given a quote, this had now been several months. It was unanimously decided to only look at the 2 quotes. Councillor John Chance asked if anyone had any views about whether to just clean the Memorial or paint the words in, or leave it alone. The council

decided to defer the decision to the next meeting in order that everyone could look at the memorial and make an informed decision.

2250 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Application 11/02070/FUL, Land rear of 8 Fore Street, detached dwelling – refused by SSDC
- b) Application 11/01993/FUL, 2 Semi detached dwellings, land adjacent plum tree cottage – granted SSDC
- c) Application 11/01788/FUL, wind turbine, Highlands dairy Farm, Hewish – Application withdrawn.
- d) Application 11/03016/DP, South Wing, Leigh House, Application to modify clause 1 of S106 agreement to planning permission 781840 to allow release of part of land. – recommend approval
- e) Application 11/03308/dpo, modify clause 1, S106 agreement to permission 781840 to allow release of land, Leigh House Farm – recommend approval
- f) Application 11/02494/S73, To vary condition 23 (removal of earth bund of planning approval 10/02986/FUL, London Lodge Farm, Windwhistle – recommend approval

Councillor John Gapper asked whether the holiday lets at Cricket St Thomas are being let or sold. Councillor Sue Osborne responded that some were let and some to be sold and that as it is a holiday home there would be restriction on the amount of time they could be inhabited.

Councillor John Chance has devised a form for planning applications. The planning committee are Councillors: Peter Harper, John Chance, Mary Haggard, John Gapper and Trish Baxter.

2251 AMENITIES

- a) Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that there was nothing to report, the planning inspection report had been noted and the old bench removed.
- b) Following the last meeting it was decided that a no dog sign was not needed in the lower recreation ground. Councillor Mary Haggard commented that only a few dogs are in there and always on leads. The clerk commented that the footpath runs through the side of the play area so it may be difficult to enforce.

2252 RIGHTS OF WAY

Councillor John Gapper reported that a parishioner had asked for way markers to be placed on the right of way through Cricket, he has reported this to the officer and they are happy to oblige. Another parishioner had commented that the stile at the back of Plum Tree cottage was too high for a lot of people. Councillor John Gapper had discussed this with the officer and the suggestion was that they would supply a gate if someone else would put it in. Councillor Trish Baxter reported that it was a popular route but some people could not use it. The council agreed to look into the cost implications and make a decision next meeting. *Action: Councillor John Gapper to investigate further.*

2253 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques signed for Clerks salary & expenses, grass cutting, liberty trail, KD Slades, Jubilee Hall
- b) The accounts were accepted. Councillor John Chance commented that they were difficult to understand and that more transparency was needed. The clerk reported that the changes were a result of changes made for this year's accounts by Mary Pye and John Gapper. They were much easier to work with than the previous accounts. Councillor John Chance suggested a meeting between Councillor John Gapper, the clerk and himself.

2254 CEMETERY

Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that one grave stone had been propped up with wood. Councillor John Sullivan offered to contact the relatives.

Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that dogs mess was becoming a real concern in the cemetery. A discussion followed about whether to place a no dogs sign on the cemetery gates. The council unanimously decide to place a metal sign on the gate. *Action: clerk to order and report to dog warden.*

Councillor Mary Haggard reported the dog mess bins needed emptying and that dogs mess along the side of Balsom Close was also a problem. *Action: Clerk to report*

John Chance reported that a family would like to bury their mother in an existing family grave. The clerk informed the council that the grave ownership maybe a problem as it was over 60 years ago, the

family should be in agreement. Councillor John Sullivan proposed that the council accept the application. It was seconded by Councillor Andrew Partridge. *Action: Councillor John Chance to contact the family.*

2255 UPPER RECREATION GROUND

Councillor Mary Haggard reported that the alterations were nearly complete, except for new blinds which they would have to save up for.

The football season had started again and they had held a number a private events, a christening, birthday parties and the horticultural show.

2256 JUBILEE HALL

Councillor Janet Hendon reported that there was nothing new to report.

2257 HIGHWAYS

Councillor Peter Harper reported that the potholes had been filled promptly after reporting them.

2258 PARISH SURVEY

Councillor John Sullivan reported that the subcommittee had decided to keep things as simple as possible and costs as low as possible. They had devised a simple 2 sided survey which they would hand deliver. He asked whether the Parish Council would purchase prizes to the value of £20 as an incentive for parishioners to return the survey – All in agreement. The date of returning the survey would be the 15th October.

2259 PARISH OFFICE

Councillor Trish Baxter reported that she had not had any visitors this month despite a coffee morning in the Jubilee Hall.

2260 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Bus service (email)
- b) The playing field
- c) SALC

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

2261 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Sue Osborne reported that the band hut lease was a full repair lease and that the probably the only way that another organisation could take over the lease would be that the Band signed the lease over; this would involve solicitor costs on both sides. Or the band could put the hut back into a good state of repair and then terminate their lease and someone else apply for it. Councillor Mary Haggard reported that they wouldn't be prepared to pay solicitors costs but if they took over the lease they have the resources to put it back into a good state and use it for the good of the village.

Councillor John Sullivan reported that the Parish magazine had found a new editor and that the Winsham calendar was now ready for orders.

2262 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary meeting of The Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 5th October for 7-30 pm meet in the Jubilee Hall.

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

