

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 3rd September 2003
At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham, at 8.00pm.

DRAFT Issue 1

846 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Those present:-	Mr.Colin.Slade	Chairman
	Mr John Sullivan	Vice Chairman
	Mrs Nicola Slade	
	Mr Peter Harper	
	Mr.Keith Marsh	
	Mr.P.Pye	
	Mr Simon Fewkes	
	Mrs H Duke	
	Mr Roger Beer	
Parish Clerk:	Mr.F.Vaughan.	
District Councillor	Mrs.S.Abbey.	
County Councillor	Mr David Gordon	
Apologies:	Mr John Sullivan Vice Chairman	
	County Councillor Mr David Gordon.	
Present:	Residents from Western Way, Mr Steve Jay & residents from Court St & Court Farm Close, Mr Roger Wotton (SSDC Development Control Officer).	
Absent:	None	

847 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Residents of Western Way attended and questioned 'why have certain individuals been invited to a meeting in Chard to discuss anti-social behaviour?' The Clerk informed the audience that no meeting had been arranged only that a request for certain people to pencil 18th September in their diary's for a possible meeting, and only

if the Parish Council agreed. This explanation was unacceptable to some individuals, the Clerk felt it necessary to leave the meeting.

The Clerk returned to the meeting and noted the Parish Council's decision: -

The Parish Council is to ask Caroline Matthews SSDC 'Community Safety Officer' to take a lead in trying to resolve some of the problems? It will be for her to decide who should be invited to any meetings she decides to hold. The Clerk should inform Caroline of approaches already made to the social landlords Magna & South Somerset Homes. (This has been done).

848 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Chairman and Councillor Mrs Nicola Slade declared an interest in agenda item 7d & 7e. At this point they left the room.

849 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Mr Peter Pye was elected Chairman after being nominated by Councillor Mrs Hazel Duke & Seconded by Councillor Mr Roger Beer.

850 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME Continued

Members of the public from Court St & Court Farm Close expressed their views on Planning Application 03/01602/FUL Plots 1&2 Court Farm Close and the objection letter. Mr Steve Jay commented on his letter of objection to Planning Application 03/02355/OUT Demolition of Telephone Exchange & Erection of Dwelling Fore St. The Chairman & Members noted these comments. The Council then decided to defer both these applications to a Planning Committee Meeting, which would be held on Monday 8th September in the Jubilee Hall for 8pm. Councillor Mr Colin Slade and Councillor Mrs Nicola Slade were asked to return to the meeting. Councillor Mr Peter Pye stood down as Chairman in favour of Councillor Mr Colin Slade

851 PRESENTATION BY MR ROGER WOTTON

Mr Wotton gave a presentation on the role of 'Planning' (Development Control).

852 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2nd July 2003

The Chairman signed the minutes as true records.

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

1. Alleged Anti-Social Behaviour (How to Proceed)

The decision made during 'Public Question Time' was reaffirmed.

2. The War Memorial

The Chairman gave a progress report: -

The police have given us the name of the driver. We have written to the driver asking for the name of his insurance company. I am arranging for stones to be cut to replace those damaged. As a separate issue I have asked for quotations for improvement works to the access to the lower recreation ground.

3. Web Site (Advertising)

It was decided to defer any decision because of time constraints on this meeting.

854 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) Planning Application 03/01864/FUL Cubical Building @ Hill Dairy Farm (Report Back) The Parish Council recommend approval of this application but with conditions based on present experience. The existing slurry pit overflows, it doesn't always happen, only in periods of wet weather, it may be a case of poor housekeeping, but never the less there have been examples where slurry overflows across the road. Slurry travels across the road and down the lane into Purtington, polluting the stream. The condition would be that the slurry pits are extended to cope with the existing and the increase in cattle numbers.

b) Planning Application 03/01867/FUL New Dwelling @ Hill Dairy Farm (Report Back) The Parish Council recommend refusal of this application, they question the need for the building, they question the need for additional staff on site to support an addition of only 50 head of cattle. They also question the prominence of the site on the hilltop.

c) Planning Application 03/02039/FUL Extension @ 35 Church St (Granted by SSDC).

All other applications were deferred to a Planning Committee Meeting, which will be held on Monday 8th September in the Jubilee Hall for 8pm.

855 AMENITIES

The ROSPA report has been received, most of the equipment is classified low risk, one item is medium risk with an overall result of 'Medium Risk', there is no immediate action required but improvements can be made. Councillor Mr Peter Pye has 'walked' the lower recreation ground noting the points in the report. He has made his weekly check and everything is in reasonable order.

856 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques were signed for the Clerk's Salary, grass cutting, ROSPA Inspection, Audit Fee, Chard Digital Print, KDJ Slade (Bus Shelter & War memorial Work), Insurance.
- b) Approval has been granted by the ODPM for the bus shelter loan.
- d) Terms & Conditions (Alliance & Leicester) were made available to Members
- d) A successful audit has been achieved to 31st March 2003

857 CEMETERY

There are two families who would like to provide seating in the cemetery. The Chairman asked Member to think about the way forward before the next meeting.

Cemetery charges are to remain with no differential between Winsham residents and others.

This is the revised schedule for Cemetery work. The cost to the PC would be about £20 per headstone, total £280-00p. The Clerk was ask to publish the names on the headstones to see if families would be prepared to help with costs.

Revised Schedule (4th August 2003) of Dangerous Monuments in Winsham Cemetery & St. Stephen's Churchyard

Cemetery				
Row	SiteNumber	Category	Comments	Latest Date
A	28	B	I.Harvie	1892
A	40	B	G & M.Bowden	1980
A	42	B	D.Woodroffe E.Lovelock J.B.Lovelock(Ashes)	1996
A	44	A	E.N & C.E Hollands	1979
A	47	A	M.H.& MB.Hunt	1996
A	53	B	M.E.V. & J.Bray	1984
B	43	A	M.F.Young	1968
B	29	A	L.& M.A.Bishop	1916
B	17	A	J.W.Harvey	1915
B	4	A	G.F.Peterson	1981
C	18	B	S.North & E.Cox	1916
D	8	A	H. & H.A.Stroud	1948
D	9	A	G.& J.Spiller	1945
E	9	A	D..F.& W.E Botting	1990
E	54	A	E.C. & V.J.Pile	1959
F	30	A	J.Bagg& M.Scriven	1891
G	11	A	S.& A.Spurdle	1910
G	20	A	A.Raisen	1901
I	39	B	A. Peadon	1930
J	16	A	E. & C.Warren	1914
Churchyard				
'Table Memorial at front of Church is in decaying condition, although not considered to be dangerous at this time. It appears to be stable. Renovation is desirable, and a grant may be available from certain conservation groups.	Key: Cat.A -Immediate need of work. Red denotes change of classification from last schedule Cat.B .Work needs to be carried out in next six months or so. <u>No Monuments are considered to be an immediate Hazard in normal circumstances.</u>			
No memorials or stones appear to be in a dangerous condition				

858 JUBILEE HALL

Work on the disabled access is progressing.

859 UPPER RECREATION GROUND

The cricket club has disbanded. It is hoped that they will reform for the 2004 season, but if they don't the PC may be liable for the cost of grass cutting. Councillor Keith Marsh suggested that £700-00 may need to be allocated in next years precept.

860 HIGHWAYS

County Highways are not responding satisfactorily to problems. **The Clerk A.P. 15** is to write to 'Management' expressing dissatisfaction with the service.

It is possible that people from Chard will volunteer to man Speed Watch, District Councillor Mrs Stella Abbey is co-ordinating the risk assessment. Suitable locations would be outside the school and around the Lower Recreation Ground.

861 CORRESPONDENCE.

- a) Local Elections Registration of Interests. The Monitoring Officer has accepted the letters written by previous incumbent Members stating no change to their declarations of interest.
- b) SALC Correspondence (Councillors Allowances) & more was made available to Members.
- c) Community Council (Correspondence) was made available to Members. Councillor Simon Fewkes will attend the Community Council AGM for the purpose of 'Village of the Year Competition'.
- d) Somerset Rural Youth Project (Youth Representative) information was made available to Members.
- e) Providing Indemnities to Officers & Members (Consultation Paper ODPM) information was made available to Members.
- f) Bringing Broadband to Somerset, **The Clerk A.P. 16** to write a letter of support.
- g) Minor Local Authority Governors (Schools). The appointment procedure for school governors will change. The PC will not automatically have the right to co-opt a representative.
- h) South Somerset NHS (Guide) information was made available to Members.
- i) Safe Neighbourhoods Conference (10th October). Members did not take up this offer but suggested that the invitation is extended to the community and the correspondence is placed in the shop.
- j) Doing it Right Booklet have been distributed.
- k) Homelessness Strategy SSDC. Information was made available to Members
- l) Mobile Library Visits (Schedule). The Clerk has published dates.
- m) Speed management Review (Response before 26th September). Information was made available to Members
- n) Anti Social Behaviour Count (10th September). See what happens.
- o) Bus Shelter Insurance & Neighbourhood Watch Sign Insurance. The bus shelter insurance was accepted & the PC would take on the responsibility for Neighbourhood Watch Signs. Councillor Mr Peter Pye offered to inspect the signs
- p) A30/A303 Dualling Action Group. **The Clerk A.P. 16** is to write a supporting letter.

862 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME

None

863 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Police Beat Manager & Community Contact Vehicle. The Clerk has written to Inspector Peter Saban about the loss of the Beat Manager (reply received 8th Sept). The Community Contact Vehical will be in Winsham on 23rd September between 1-15 & 2-15 pm.
- b) Date for Bus Shelter Official Opening. **The Clerk A.P.17** to follow up.
- c) Derelict Cars in the Field Adjacent to the Cemetery. **The Clerk A.P.18** was asked to write to Roger Wotton for advice. Can the District Council get the cars removed, they are in the Conservation Area?
- d) Code of Conduct Training (Thoughts after the Video!). The Video is still circulating.
- e) Church Yard Wall. New Members were updated with the historical correspondence. **The Clerk A.P.19** was asked to draft a reply to the most recent letter getting it checked with the Chairman before posting.

864 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 1st October 2003 at 8.00 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall.

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

ACTION POINT No	ACTIONED TO	PROGRESS	ACTION TAKEN
15	The Clerk		
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