

# WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2004  
At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham, at 8.00pm.

**Draft Issue1**

## **924 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

Those present:-	Mr. Colin Slade	Chairman
	Mr. Peter Pye	
	Mr Peter Harper	
	Mr Roger Beer	
	Mrs Nicola Slade	
	Mrs Hazel Duke.	
	Mr John Sullivan	
	Mr Simon Fewkes	
	Mr. Keith Marsh	
Parish Clerk:	Mr. Frank Vaughan.	
District Councillor	Mrs. Stella Abbey.	
Apologies:	None	
Public Present:	None	
Absent:	None	

## **925 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no members of the public at the meeting.

## **926 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

District Councillor *Mrs Stella Abbey reported: -*

After reading the Countryside Agency correspondence regarding Parish Plans I confer with the view of the Parish Council not to proceed at this time with a Parish Plan. The major needs of the community, a village shop & affordable housing are being addressed.

I must congratulate the County Council Highways on the work at Hollowells. Moving on to Winsham's campaign to retain the Recreational Maintenance Grant RMG, you have achieved some good publicity in the local press. The reasoning behind SSDC's attempts to remove the grant comes from a need to make saving and keep council tax down.

Councillor Mr John Sullivan pointed out that, it may be a saving for SSDC but in reality it is a transfer of the tax burden to the parish, the public pay either way. The question is which is the most equitable? Councillor Colin Slade asked Mrs Stella Abbey as District Councillor if she would support Winsham's campaign and present our case at The District Executive Meeting tomorrow. Councillor Abbey said that she would be attending the meeting and would be happy to put forward the views of the parish, however it would perhaps be helpful if Parish Councillors attended District Meetings from time to time. There is concern about the wording in agenda item 7 paragraph 15 that is proposed for this meeting. The wording appears to confirm that RMG will be phased out. Can these words be amended along the lines of: - In the

light of objections received (33 so far) this item should be refereed back to committee during 04-05 for a review. Councillor Abbey was also given a copy of the supporting letters in favour of the campaign.

## **927 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None

## **928 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> January 2003**

The Chairman signed the minutes as true records.

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

- a) Allianz Cornhill (Letter re: Bus Shelter). At the request of The Chairman the Clerk wrote to Allianz Cornhill for guidance on how to deal with a perceived risk due to misuse of the bus shelter, where children can climb into the roof space. Allianz Conrail's asks that grills be fitted. The Parish Council has noted this and will act upon it, but in the first instance they request guidance from SALC along the following lines :-  
Given that a court of law would ask two questions if an injury does occur, was it predictable and did the Parish Council do everything reasonable to prevent it, how exposed are individual Members and Clerks to personal claims for negligence against them if they fail in there duty of care?
- b) Affordable Housing (Lettings Policy)(*deferred to March*)

## **930 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- a) Planning Application No 03/02889/FUL 57 Davies Close, Granted by SSDC.
- b) Planning Application No 04/00090/FUL Covered Stockyard Lynch Field Puthill, deferred to meeting 10<sup>th</sup> February.
- c) Planning Application No 04/00166/FUL Lubborn Cheese Milk Silos, deferred to meeting 10<sup>th</sup> February.
- d) Planning Application No 04/00223/FUL Barn for Dry Cows London Lodge, deferred to meeting 10<sup>th</sup> February.

## **931 AMENITIES**

*Councillor Mr Peter Pye: -*. Reported no urgent problems. The Clerk asked if Les Braunton had been in contact, apparently not. Since the meeting the Clerk has followed this matter up with Les. Les is handing over responsibility for playground inspection to Adrian Moore. Adrian will be asked to contact Councillor Peter Pye to arrange the next inspection as a joint one.

## **932 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) Cheques were authorised for the Clerk's Salary,

## **933 JUBILEE HALL REPORT**

Councillor Mr John Sullivan reported a number of points: -

- a) Julian & Kathy Dorse have decided to leave the Jubilee Hall Management Committee at the AGM in May.
- b) We will therefore be looking for a new Chairman & Secretary.
- c) The Friends of The Jubilee Hall campaign went well with 49 volunteers.
- d) Hopefully some of these new volunteers will join the committee.
- e) We are to carry out some renovation work on the dormer window
- f) The disabled access is complete except for the floor in the unisex loo.

The Clerk is looking for space in which to store documents, somewhere to put a lockable cupboard and a table. It may be possible to find space upstairs in the Jubilee Hall if present occupants can agree to move their unused equipment and have a general tidy up. How does the PC feel about paying a small rent for the use of the space? This would be a welcome income. A figure of £5-00 per week was discussed & proposed by Councillor Simon Fewkes. It was decided that the Clerk could not use the building as a surgery for members of the public to attend as on a Tuesday morning because of insurance. Therefore the space would be storage only. A final figure for rent was not agreed. Councillor Sullivan will ask the Jubilee Hall Committee what they think is an appropriate amount for rent & report back. The Clerk will see if a lockable cabinet will fit upstairs.

## **934 CEMETERY**

Nothing to report

## **935 HIGHWAYS**

Councillor Keith Marsh reported that the spreadsheet of outstanding highway issues had been emailed to Tony Shire with a promise of a response before this meeting, none has arrived a 6-30pm.

The rubble on the roads due to flooding has been reported, since the meeting the sweeper has been around the village. Problems on the Dorset side of the Axe have also been reported.

There is a problem at Bakersfield where water is running off the Recreation Ground bringing silt & mud onto Davies Close. This is a problem for the Recreation Ground

Committee or the PC as owners of the land. After a discussion into options one suggestion was to spike the car park & see if the water will run away. Councillor Mr Peter Pye offered to look at the area & report back.

Would the PC support the lowering of the kerbs opposite 22 Davies Close? Yes anything that improved disabled access is a good thing.

The culvert at the bottom of Chalkway is blocked.

### **936 CORRESPONDENCE.**

- a) It was agreed to donate £30-00 to CVS.
- b) Members were made aware of the campaign to reopen Misterton Community Post Office & Stores
- c) The Playing Fields Newsletter was made available to Members
- d) The Environment Agency News Letter was made available to Members

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

- a) Collection of Recyclable Waste, is the system working? The general opinion is that it is not working. The number of residents placing their boxes out in the street for collection has declined. Some of the collections recently have been haphazard with boxes being missed. The collection is every other Tuesday, which has proved to be confusing, many people leaving out their box on the wrong week. Also there is no consistency to the time of collection. Members questioned the efficiency of the contractor carrying out the collection. Is the vehicle the most suitable design? The team seems to run from door to door carrying loose papers & shoes. Why don't the boxes have lids? It was decided that the **Clerk AP 32** should write to SSDC expressing the PC's concerns
- b) Broadband, Councillor John Sullivan & the Clerk attended a Broadband presentation at the Council Offices in Yeovil. From the outcome of the presentation it was felt that Winsham should start a campaign to reach the required trigger level to enable Broadband at Winsham Telephone Exchange. Winsham Telephone Exchange services all customers whose number begins 0146030xxx, potentially 1,000 customers. The trigger level is set at 150 i.e. 15% of potential connections. To register an interest in Broadband is not to make a commitment to purchase; it is not a contract to buy. It is possible to pre-register through an agent or campaign organiser using the campaign email address when completing the registration on BT's web page. Thorncombe is part of Winsham Exchange area. It was decided to support the campaign and that the **Clerk AP 33** should make a formal approach to Thorncombe PC seeking their support.
- c) Dealing With The Press. The Clerk sought Members views. It was decided that the Clerk should generally be considered as the Press Officer. If there was an element of uncertainty in how to respond he should hold the reply to the press & consult Members. If it is known

that a particular Members has a personal interest in a subject the press can be referred to that Member.

- d) Bus Shelter Lease has finally been agreed & signed off.
- e) War Memorial (Grant Application Being Processed, Answer in March)
- f) War Memorial Damage (Update). The information tendered to the police by the driver i.e. insurance company name & policy number is incorrect. The Clerk has completed form V888 seeking more information from DVLA. **The Clerk AP 34** will also inform the police that the insurance details were wrong.
- g) Has VHF radio reception deteriorated, the general opinion is yes. **The Clerk AP 35** will enquire.

**938 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2004 at 8.00 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall.

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

ACTION POINT No	ACTIONED TO	PROGRESS	ACTION TAKEN
32	<b>The Clerk</b>		
33	<b>The Clerk</b>		
34	<b>The Clerk</b>		
35	<b>The Clerk</b>		