WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 3rd November 2004 At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham, at 8.00pm.

Issue 1

1044 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Those present: - Mr.Colin Slade Chairman

Mr John Sullivan Vice Chairman

Mr Simon Fewkes Mr.Peter Pye Mr Peter Harper Mrs Hazel Duke Mr Roger Beer Mrs Nicola Slade

Parish Clerk: Mr.Frank Vaughan.
District Councillor Mrs.Stella Abbey.
Apologies: Mr David Gordon

Public Attending Elizabeth Butleigh & Peter Barton Community Justice Panel Val Keitch & John Lacey

1045 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Elizabeth Butleigh & Peter Barton attended the meeting to seek the PC's support for bridleway improvements. Green Lane CH 30/19 is in an extremely bad state of repair. The PC agreed to write to Paul Attwell in support of improvements to this path. Elizabeth Butleigh is also seeking support for Somerset County Council's (ROWIP) rights of way improvement plan particularly the establishment of link ups and circular routes for bridleways, so keeping horses & riders off the roads. The PC was not aware that the improvement plans included bridleways & access for horses. The Clerk will contact the County Council for details. Elizabeth Buckley was asked to formulate her views & present them again to the PC.

1046 Community Justice Panel

Val Keitch made a presentation: -

Having problems with anti-social behaviour then perhaps 'Restorative Justice' is the solution? There is now a body, which calls itself 'The Community Justice Panel', headed locally by myself (Val Keitch) and supported by the Home Office & the Police. It serves the communities of Chard and Ilminster plus surrounding parishes including Winsham. Its terms of reference are to promote 'Restorative Justice' as a means of dealing with cases of anti-social behaviour. Referral should normally be via a number of partner agencies of which the Parish Council can be one.

'Restorative Justice' brings victims and offenders into contact so that victims can get answers to their questions and offenders understand the real impact of their offending. Restorative Justice gives rights to victims and challenges offenders, communities and victims to take part in building a better future. It recognises that crime is not just an offence against the state but a breaking of trust between parties. It can help allay the fear of crime. It can help develop stronger and more participative communities. Reparation by the offender can help the public gain confidence that offenders are giv-

ing back to their victims. Offenders & victims must first agree to participate in the process.

Councillor Simon Fewkes thought that involving a whole team of people, mostly volunteers was a very complicated way of solving a problem when one extra policeman on the beat, talking to locals would sort the matter out. There is still a perception of a very low police presence.

Val's response was that the Community Justice Panel could solve problems, which the police are not prepared to take on.

1047 NOMINATIONS FOR CASUAL VACANCY

There has been no nomination to date. The Clerk will re-advertise.

1048 <u>DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS</u>

District Councillor Mrs Stella Abbey reported: -

The Local Plan is still ongoing and will be presented to the next District Executive Meeting.

There is a problem with dogs fouling on the Upper Recreation Ground. Can the PC donate 1/3 towards costs of a bin? This was agreed.

1049 MEMBERS DECLERATION OF INTERESTS

a) There were no interests declared for the agenda of this meeting.

1050 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6th October 2004

With two minor adjustments, the Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

1051 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN/TO BE TAKEN

- a) It was decided to invite Angie Singleton & Andrew Gillespie to the January meeting & formulate question in December.
- b) SSDC are considering placing sticker on wheeled bins to indicate what should be placed in the bins.

1052 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Tree work at Stuckey's Cottage Application 04/02800/TCA was agreed.

1053AMENITIES

- a) The monthly report was presented. The Clerk has asked Jeff Peacock to report on the condition of the large oak tree on the Lower Recreation Ground.
- b) The Clerk reported on the visit by SSDC's Adrian Moore who advised on the safety of equipment and safety in general on and around the Lower Recreation Ground. His comments are presented on a 'Routine Visual Play Area Inspection Report' held by The Clerk. Councillor Mr Peter Pye offered to check chain wear, which has now been done

c) The proposed meeting with Playdale on site was agreed and has now taken place.

1054 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- (a) Cheques for the Clerk's Salary & Grass Cutting were signed.
- (b) Donations to CAB, Air Ambulance & Age Concern were agreed & cheques signed.
- (c) After discussion the precept was set at £8717-00p, proposed by Councillor Mr Peter Pye & seconded by Councillor Mr John Sullivan.
- (d) It was agreed that cemetery fees should be reviewed at the next meeting. Councillor Sullivan will make enquiries with local Undertakers to assess if our fees are comparable to other parishes.

1055 HIGHWAYS

- a) It would appear that road sweeping is haphazard with some streets being swept & others being missed. The Clerk is to write to SSDC for an explanation.
- b) The County Hall response to the PC's request for 20 mph past the school further delays the issue until after February 2005.

1056 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Funders Fair (Bridgwater 9th November), information was made available to Members
- b) Playing Field News Letter, information was made available to Members
- c) Strategy for Sport & Recreation (Chard 11th November), information was made available to Members
- d) Become a School Governor, information was made available to Members
- e) Strategy for NHS Primary Care, Trust information was made available to Members
- f) Police Community Contact 16th November, information was made available to Members
- g) Conclusive Map (Common Land & Open Country), information was made available to Members
- h) SSDC Budget Consultation Process (22nd Nov 5-30pm Lace Mill), information was made available to Members
- i) Donation Age Concern. It was agreed to make a donation of £50-00p
- j) Donation Citizens Advice Bureau. It was agreed to make a donation of £50-00p
- k) Quality Parish Councils. It was agreed to have a discussion at the December meeting. The Clerk was asked to circulate correspondence to Members before the meeting where practically possible.

1057 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) The issue on bridleways has already been covered elsewhere.

1058 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish	Council will be on	Wednesday 1 st	December
2004 at 8.00 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall.			
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Signed	Date		