

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 1st September 2010
At the Jubilee Hall, Winsham.

2073 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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| Those present: - | Mr Roger Beer | Chairman |
| | Mr John Gapper | Vice Chairman |
| | Miss Trish Baxter | |
| | Mr Peter Harper | |
| | Mrs Janet Hendon | |
| | Mrs Stella Abbey | |
| | Mrs Mary Haggard | |
| | Mrs Kim Turner (county councillor) | |
| | Mr Andrew Partridge | |
| Parish clerk: | Mrs Elaine Willis | |
| Public | Mr & Mrs Mode, Mrs S Harper, Mr Wachsmuth | |
| Apologies: | Mr Peter Saunders | |
| | Mr Robin Munday (district councillor) | |

2074 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The public attended with reference to the revised application for the holiday lodges at Cricket St Thomas.

2075 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Kim Turner reported that the Council had received a document entitled Local referendums to veto excessive tax increases. She expressed the opinion that one problem could be if a small parish needed a large increase to complete a project such as the playground refurbishment. If the increase is capped there would then have to be a referendum in the community, this would be costly to the District Council. The Parish Council would also incur costs, such as publishing. The other issue is the deadline which is May; the bills are already issued by then so it would be expensive again for the District Council to send out new bills.

Councillor John Gapper responded that the SALC information implied that small Parishes would be exempt. Councillor Kim Turner responded that there was no indication in the document.

The joint working with East Devon is still moving forwards.

The County are still looking at their farms individually; the ones with the shortest tenancies will be looked at first.

Mike Fear from Highways has reported that the resurfacing of the roads is to be redone.

2076 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Andrew Partridge declared an interest in items 10b.

2077 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH MEETING held on 7th July 2010. The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

2078 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN

- a) The minutes of the meeting concerning Cricket St Thomas and Purtington were signed as a true record by the chairman.

2079 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Application 10/02596/FUL, alterations and erection of a side extension, Dairy Cottage, 2 Hollowells, Cricket St Thomas – recommend approval
- b) Application 10/02976/Ful, 2 semi detached dwellings, land adjacent Plum Tree cottage, Fore Street – revised application. After discussion and a vote the Parish Council recommend refusal due to the increased impact on the surrounding houses now the site has been moved down.

- c) Application 10/02986/Ful, 20 holiday Lodges etc – Revised Application The Parish Council recommend approval, however there were concerns about the sewage treatment site as when that site was used before there had been spillage.

2080 AMENITIES

a) Councillor Andrew Partridge reported that the top end of the fence needed attention. The owner of number one is unsure as to who should be maintaining this. Councillor Roger Beer has tightened a few of the bolts on the multiplay but the recent wet weather should help, repairs to the multiplay are in the plans for the refurbishment.

b) Councillor Roger Beer reported that the subcommittee had put the new scaled down plans up at the Funday, the clerk was also going to ask Mr John Sullivan if he would kindly circulate them with the e-letter. John Gapper asked whether any increase in precept would be before the capping date. Councillor Roger Beer replied that there were some existing earmarked funds and we would be looking for grants.

2081 RIGHTS OF WAY

Councillor John Gapper reported that Liberty Trail was in good condition. Councillor Stella Abbey asked whether volunteers could help her cut back the area around the stile at Colham Lane. Councillor John Gapper volunteered. Councillor Mary Haggard asked if we could confirm that there was not a public footpath across the upper recreation ground to the stile. The footpath map confirmed that there was no such path.

Application to upgrade FP to BR CH 30/4 Rose lane Purtington and CH30/2 Broadenham Lane – Councillor John Gapper emailed SCC to clarify but has not yet had a reply

2082 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Cheques signed for Clerks salary & expenses, grass cutting,
b) The quarterly bank reconciliation was presented to the Council.

2083 CEMETRY

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

2084 UPPER RECREATION GROUND

Councillor Mary Haggard reported that they were getting back on track with a number of successful events throughout the summer. The horticultural show and Funday were both well attended. Thank you to Sarah Love for all her efforts with the Funday.

Dog fouling is a big problem. Children play on the recreation ground and of course there are the football pitches. Unfortunately people use the area for dog walking, on and off the lead. A recent football match had to be stopped again to clear away dog mess. This is a health risk. Councillor Stella Abbey responded that there had been some nastiness to dog owners and that it is unfair to take it out on responsible dog owners who do clear up the mess. Councillor Andrew Partridge responded that dogs had no need to use the upper recreation ground as it is an areas for sports and families.

Councillor Kim Turner suggested the dog warden, who can be contacted at SSDC. The clerk asked whose decision it would be if dogs were asked either to be on a lead or banned from the field. Councillor Kim Turner responded that it would be up to the owner which was the Parish council.

2085 JUBILEE HALL

Councillor Trish Baxter – reported that there is a meeting at the end of the month.

2086 HIGHWAYS

Councillor Peter Harper reported that Councillor Stella Abbey had offered to split the responsibility of highways with him. He will now be responsible for the areas out of the village towards Purtington and Councillor Stella Abbey will take on the main village.

There had been more flooding on \Crewkerne Hill even with the little rain, he will report it again.

Councillor Stella Abbey reported that the flooding on Colham lane could possibly be coming up through the road.

Councillor Trish Baxter noted the damaged road sign in the centre of the village has yet to be replaced. Councillor Kim Turner offered to investigate.

Councillor Peter Harper asked about the salt bins. It was agreed to order 3 bins, 1 for Purtington, 1 for Court Close and another for the bottom of Court Street. – *Clerk to order*

2087 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) War memorial Trust
- b) News from YDH
- c) Area West
- d) Communities Council for Somerset
- e) SSDC – distribution of agendas etc
- f) SCC – community safety
- g) The playing field
- h) SALC

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

2088 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Councillor Roger Beer reported that Sarah Gleedale and Gill Spence were looking into the possibility of getting a community mini bus.
- b) All councillors present signed the appropriate forms. *Action: clerk to email a form the councillor Pater Saunders and post the others to SSDC*
- c) The clerk reported that there has been a request from a member of public to publish the draft minutes instead of waiting for the approved version. The clerk suggested that if they wanted the draft minutes to be published then a Councillor should proof read them first.

2072 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary meeting of The Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 6th October 2010 for 7-30 pm meet in the Jubilee Hall.

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