

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Winsham Parish Council meeting on Thursday, 2nd April 1987 at 8.00 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall.

Present: Mr C Slade (in the Chair), Mrs R Rose, Miss E Cleave, Mr R Smart, Mr D Woodward, Mrs M Fowler. Mr L Fisher (District Councillor).

139. Apologies for absence.

Received from Mrs M Loaring and Mr V Chubb.

140. Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting on the 13th March 1987 were signed as a true record.

141. Matters arising.

Ref: Min: 126 - War Memorial Damage. Mr Slade said the suppliers of the replacement stones are very busy at present but he would press for delivery.

Faults in Road Surfaces. Mr Slade said he considered the repairs carried out were poor and suggested a letter should be sent to the Highways Dept stating this opinion. This was agreed. The Clerk was also asked to report a blocked drain in Church Street.

Clerk's Telephone Bill. Mr Smart suggested this subject should be left to the new Councillors. In the meantime he will peruse guidelines from the Association of Local Councils.

Cemetery Gate. The Clerk reported he had received an estimate from K D J Slade & Sons but P H Hardwill does not want the job. It was agreed to seek a further estimate from Chard Contract Fencing.

Ref: Min: 128 - Whatley Bottom. The Clerk was asked to write to the Divisional County Surveyor chasing a reply and clarification of works,

Ref: Min: 129 - SAC Signs. Mr Slade had looked at the problem. The sign opposite Davies Close needs to be dug out and reset. He will do this.

Ref: Min: 137 - The new play equipment has been delivered. Mr Slade said the works will be carried out as soon as the weather improves.

Street Nameplates. The Clerk was asked to chase the repainting of the plates.

142. Planning.

870519 The erection of an overhead line for SWEB.

The Winsham Planning Committee has no objections to this application.

870621 The erection of a Garage. Major and Mrs J E Loveluck, Winsham, The Winsham Planning Committee has no objections to this application.

870439 OUTLINE The erection of a dwelling on land adjoining Malthouse, Court Street, Winsham.

The Winsham Planning Committee pointed out that the proposed dwelling is outside 'the Winsham Development Limit.

Caravan at Kingsfield Nursery, Winsham.

The Clerk was asked to write stating the caravan is still occupied. WINSHAM

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This was left in abeyance until Mr Fisher's arrival. 144.

Jubilee Hall.

Mr Woodward reported. Concerning the Street Fair on the 27th June, he said the Committee had met twice and plans were going ahead. Regarding alterations to the Hall, revised plans were being prepared by Mr J Payne and Mr P Loaring. Mr Slade said the Fire Officer should be contacted before final plans are drawn.

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Somerset Association of Local Councils.

Mrs Rose reported. The subject of Parish Councillors attending Planning Site meetings was discussed. The Association will pursue this, despite objections. Regarding the possibility of Parish Councils taking over some functions from the District Council, it was stated that very little money is allotted for street cleansing and if Parish Councils take over this, they would have to subsidise the service.

The numbers of Drink/Drive prosecutions during the last Christmas period were among the lowest in the Country.

A District Councillor will come to a Parish Council meeting and speak on the subject of Street Cleaning.

On the subject of Street Cleaning, Mr Woodward reported that the Scarab visits Hinton St George and Merriott every Friday. The Clerk was asked to write asking why, if this is the case, does Winsham very rarely see the Scarab in action in the Village.

146. Burial Fees.

The Clerk reported that there had been some confusion on fees for the late Mrs D Dommett and Mr L Hoare. The fees had now been corrected and it was agreed that a current list of fees should be forwarded to H Bishop and Sons.

147. Grass Cutting.

A quotation received from B E Powell & Sons. Mr Tony Parfoot has not quoted. The Clerk had asked the Direct Labour Organisation to quote a price and when this is to hand, Mrs Loaring and Mr Slade will decide which quotation to accept.

Mrs Fowler suggested a letter should be sent to the TOC H, Chard Branch informing them that the tree they had planted in the Winsham Cemetery had died.

148. Receipt and Payments.

It was resolved to pay the following:

Recticel Sutcliffe Ltd for Play Equipment £166.59p.

Hire of Jubilee Hall £30.00p.

Supplement to the Local council Administration £5:10p

Balance: Current Account £240.59p.

Deposit Account £824.35p.

Regarding changing Bankers, it was decided to leave the change to the new Parish Council.

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149. Correspondence.

Received:

Maintenance Grant Forms. These will be completed by Mr Smart and the Clerk,

A letter from Mrs Loaring. As she had now joined the meeting, she gave the contents of the letter verbally. She thanked all the Councillors for their help and attendance during the past 4 years. She thanked Mr Fisher for his help and for attending nearly all the meetings. She also thanked the Clerk for his help.

A letter from Mr Paddy Ashdown MP re: Winsham Sewerage Works and a reply

from South West Water. This was discussed and Mr Fisher said the Works were misplaced from the start. He asked for copies of the letters and said he would contact the Authorities.

150. District Councillor's Report.

Mr Fisher said the Planning Application for a bungalow on land adjoining Malthouse, Court Street, Winsham had been refused.

Concerning works at Whatley Bottom. He will chase a satisfactory answer to the Parish Councillor's comments.