



Winsham Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 5th January 2022

Present: Cllrs S. Love (Chair), K. Fowler, J. Hill, S. Weller & L. Miller

In attendance: Clerk to the Council R. Richards, District Councillor Sue Osborne and 3 residents.

Retired County Councillor Linda Vjeh popped in to express her thanks for the gift given to her by WPC

4375 To Receive Apologies for Absence and to Approve the Reasons given (LGA 1972 s85(1))

Cllrs Beentje, Clampett and Everard, reasons given were approved.

4376 To receive any Declarations of Interest – None received

4377 Approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting Held on 1st December 2021 (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1))

Resolved: Members approved the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 1st December 2021

Proposed: Cllr Weller **Seconded:** Cllr Miller **Vote:** 5-0-0

4378 Members to fill the council vacancy by co-option

The vacancy was filled by Jonathan Harding by a majority vote

4379 Outstanding Items Update

- a) Pooles Lane pot holes – No update at present
- b) Small Improvement Scheme (S.I.S.) - Highways Safety – Concerns were raised that the consultation had not yet been made public. **Action:** Clerk to chase Highways.

4380 Planning Matters

- a) Members to resolve Applications received
 - Application Reference: 21/03055/FUL
Applicant: C & R Wachsmuth
Location: The Old Farm House Down Lane Purtington Chard TA20 4DH
Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land to additional domestic curtilage/garden. Construction of bridge and formation of vehicle driveway. Erection of detached garage/store/pumphouse.
Observations Required by: 7th January – Extended to 19th January 2022

Resolved: Members resolved to object to the application on the grounds of the risk of flooding, the hedge having already been removed, the restricted byway having already been altered, foundations have been laid and utilities installed prior to the application and the irreparable damage that has already been done to the landscape. They also want the covenants on the land looked into.

Proposed: Cllr Weller **Seconded:** Cllr Hill **Vote:** 5-0-0

4381 Finance

Proposals:

- a) To note the schedule of cheques totalling £,3037.27
- b) To approve the bank reconciliations for 2nd December 2021

Resolved: Members noted the schedule of cheques **Proposed:** Cllr Hill **Seconded:** Cllr Fowler **Vote:** 5-0-0

Resolved: Members approved the bank reconciliations **Proposed:** Cllr Fowler **Seconded:** Cllr Miller **Vote:** 5-0-0

- c) Members to approve the 3rd Quarter Spend against Budget – Held over for approval at February meeting
- d) Members to approve the draft budgets for 2022/23 – Held over for approval at February meeting
- e) Members to approve the transfer of £4,000 from the Reserve Account to the Current Account

Resolved: Members approved the transfer **Proposed:** Cllr Hill **Seconded:** Cllr Miller **Vote:** 5-0-0

4382 Document Review

Members to review and adopt the following policies:

- a) Social Media Policy
- b) Winsham Cemetery – Fees & Policies

It was agreed that both policies need small amendments before they can be adopted.

4383 Members to confirm changes to Allocated Responsibilities

Action: Clerk to send current list to all councillors for consideration

4384 Members to consider changing the day of council meetings so they can be held in the main hall

It was agreed to leave the meeting day at a Wednesday. **Action:** Cllr Weller to ask the Jubilee Hall committee if it will be possible to move the table football to give more room for social distancing.

4385 Members to agree moving the March meeting to the second week of March

Resolved: Members resolved to move the meeting to Wednesday 9th March 2022

Proposed: Cllr Hill **Seconded:** Cllr Fowler **Vote:** 5-0-0

4386 Update on the Balsom Close meeting with the County and the developer to sign off the car park and transfer the land to the Parish Council

Action: Clerk to contact the developer to request a site meeting and find out the date for tarmacing of the car park. It was agreed that we also need John Hammond to attend.

4387 Members to discuss celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Action: A date was set for a Subcommittee meeting to be held with Cllrs Fowler, Clampett, Love and Miller.

4388 Items for Report

a) Parish Assets:

- ◆ Cemetery and Churchyard – Dividing the compost area into three sections was discussed.

Resolved: Members resolved to purchase the materials required **Proposed:** Cllr Miller **Seconded:** Cllr Hill **Vote:** 5-0-0

- ◆ Lower Recreation Ground – Members discussed the hedge and safety work required
 - ◆ Bus Shelter – **Action:** Clerk to report to SSDC that two elderly residents have recently fallen at the corner of Davies Close
 - ◆ War Memorial – No update available
 - ◆ Seating, Signage and Bins – **Action:** Clerk to chase up why the dog waste bins have not been emptied.
 - ◆ Telephone Box – Moisture absorbing products are being used to try and reduce the condensation
 - ◆ Allotments – Splitting Plot 4 was discussed as was the ongoing work of the Garden Group tidying up the village
 - ◆ Defibrillator – Fitting a second defibrillator in the village to be followed up
- b) Web Sites – No further progress on this
- c) Public Rights of Way – Part of Fore Street is hampered by an overgrown buddleia which needs cutting back. Members discussed filling the footpath CH30/1 from Pooles Lane to Ammerham
- d) Grass Cutting Report – Nothing to report
- e) Environmental Issues – Nothing further to report other than Balsom Close nature area
- f) Highways and Bus Services – Both drains outside of Bakersfield are completely blocked. Chase Highways.
- g) Reports from member representatives on outside bodies:
- ◆ Jubilee Hall – nothing to report
 - ◆ Winsham Recreational Trust – CCTV now in operation, children's party went extremely well and the bar is doing well. An Environmental Health Inspection is due to be carried out by SSDC on January 19th
 - ◆ Winsham Community Resource Centre – Nothing further to report
- h) Clerk's report and correspondence – see Agenda Notes
- i) Training

4389 Confidential Items

Proposal: Under Standing Orders 3d and 10xi the Parish Council resolves that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted (legal, personal or commercial), the press and public be excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

4390 Legal Proceedings - Members to review progress of any legal proceedings and associated matters

4391 Date of the Next Meeting – Wednesday 2nd February 2022

Meeting Closed at: 9.19pm