

# **Winsham Parish Council**



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held at The Jubilee Hall on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllrs A Simkins, S Davie, N Eastick, J Bell, D Clark and D Wallbridge In attendance: Mrs Teresa Pinder, Clerk to The Council; County Councillor Linda Vijeh, and 7 residents.

#### 3634 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND APPROVE REASONS GIVEN (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

Cllr B Lewsey has resigned from the Parish Council so was not present.

Cllr P Williams will also be resigning from the Parish Council and was not present.

#### **3635 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received.

# **3636 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2018** (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1))

**Resolved**: The minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018 were approved as a correct and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr S Davie Seconded: Cllr J Bell 6-0-0

#### **3637 PLANNING MATTERS**

#### a) Applications: Application No: 18/02078/OUT Applicant: Mrs B Jeffery Proposal: Outline application for the erection of 1 No. Dwelling and associated parking with all matters reserved except access. Location: Land Rear of Garden House, Back Street, Winsham, Chard, Somerset **Resolved**: Recommend Refusal with the following concerns: The size of the building in relation to the plot. The lack of a 5 metre wide access. Clarity about the parking provision is required. Proposed: Cllr S Davie Seconded: Cllr N Eastick 5-1-0 b) Planning determinations received from SSDC Planning determinations received from SSDC were available to view at the meeting. c) Plans and determinations received after the posting of the agenda Application No: 18/02395/FUL Applicant: Mr Daniel Burlington Location: May Cottage, 3 Fore Street, Winsham, Chard, TA20 4DY Proposal: The erection of single storey rear extension Resolved: Recommend Approval Proposed: Cllr S Davie Seconded: Cllr J Bell 6-0-0 Application No: 18/02396/LBC Applicant: Mr Daniel Burlington Location: May Cottage, 3 Fore Street, Winsham, Chard, TA20 4DY Proposal: The erection of single storey rear extension **Resolved**: Recommend Approval

Proposed: Cllr S Davie Seconded: Cllr J Bell 6-0-0

#### 3638 FINANCE

Proposal:

- (a) To note the schedule of cheques.
- (b) To approve the bank reconciliations as at  $2^{nd}$  August 2018.

**Resolved**: The Members:

- a) Noted the schedule of cheques numbered 322418 to 322423 and direct debit totalling £799.31. The cheques were signed by Cllrs S Davie & N Eastick.
- b) Approved the bank reconciliations as at 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2018.
  Proposed: Cllr J Bell Seconded: Cllr A Simkins 6-0-0

#### 3639 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN (AGAR)

Proposal: Following receipt of the External Auditor Report and Certificate 2017/18, members to consider what, if any, action is required.

**Resolved**: The Members agreed that no action needs to be taken. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for her diligence and attention to detail in this regard.

#### **3640 WINSHAM PLAYING FIELDS TRUST**

Proposal: To approve:

- a) The Members of the Parish Council and Trustees of Winsham Playing Fields Trust will review the future of the lease for the benefit of all parties.
- b) The Trustees are minded to enter into discussions with the Parish Council with a view to passing back the lease, provided the future of the Sports and Social Club and the Football Club is assured.
- c) Four Councillors to be appointed to a new Working Group called Winsham Playing Fields Working Group. The aim of the Working Group is to consult with South Somerset District Council (SSDC), the Parish Council's appointed Solicitor and any other bodies it thinks relevant, to ascertain the best way forward. In accordance with Winsham Parish Council's Terms of Reference for Working Groups, parishioners may be considered to be included in the Working Group. Their observations and recommendations to be brought to future meetings for approval by full council.
- d) The appointment of a solicitor for advice.
- e) Members of Winsham Parish Council and Trustees of Winsham Playing Fields Trust to attend a Training Event (Parish Councils, Village Halls, and Recreation Grounds – understanding the differences and how they can support each other), being held on 26<sup>th</sup> September at Long Sutton Village Hall by the Community Council for Somerset and to approve payment.

#### Resolved: The Members:

- a) Agreed that the Members of the Parish Council and Trustees of Winsham Playing Fields Trust will review the future of the lease for the benefit of all parties.
  - Proposed: Cllr J Bell Seconded: Cllr D Clark 6-0-0
- b) Agreed to request confirmation from the Winsham Playing Field Trust, the names of the current Trustees by the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

Proposed: Cllr D Clark Seconded: Cllr J Bell 6-0-0

- c) ClIrs D Clark, J Bell, A Simkins, S Davie and N Eastick were appointed to a new Working Group called Winsham Playing Fields Working Group. The aim of the Working Group is to consult with South Somerset District Council (SSDC), the Parish Council's appointed Solicitor and any other bodies it thinks relevant, to ascertain the best way forward. In accordance with Winsham Parish Council's Terms of Reference for Working Groups, parishioners may be considered to be included in the Working Group. The Working Group's observations and recommendations to be brought to future meetings for approval by full council. Proposed: ClIr D Clark Seconded: ClIr J Bell 6-0-0
- Agreed to appoint a solicitor for advice.
  Proposed: Cllr D Clark Seconded: Cllr N Eastick 6-0-0
- e) Agreed that ClIrs A Simkins, S Davie, N Eastick J Bell, and D Clark together with the Clerk would attend the Training Event (Parish Councils, Village Halls, and Recreation Grounds Understanding the differences and how they can support each other) being held on 26<sup>th</sup> September at Long Sutton Village Hall by the

Community Council for Somerset. The Members agreed that the cost of this training, being £15 per person would be paid by the Parish Council.

Proposed: Cllr J Bell Seconded: Cllr S Davie 6-0-0

#### 3641 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR COMMEMORATIONS

Proposal: Members to

- a) Consider where most appropriate to display the silhouettes.
- b) Liaise with the Women's Section of the Royal British Legion regarding attendees of the event.
- **Resolved**: The Members:
  - a) Agreed to place the silhouettes at the following locations: Within the Church Yard, subject to approval by the PCC, and by the War Memorial.

Proposed: Cllr S Davie Seconded: Cllr A Simkins 6-0-0

 b) Agreed that ClIr A Simkins will liaise with the Women's Section of the Royal British Legion to obtain the numbers of residents wishing to attend the event, in order to arrange the catering. The Members also agreed that ClIr S Davie would be leading on this item forthwith.
 Proposed: ClIr J Bell Seconded: ClIr A Simkins 6-0-0

#### **3642 COUNCILLOR SURGERIES**

Proposal: Members to consider whether to continue Councillor Surgeries in the future. **Resolved**: The Members decided to suspend the Councillor Surgeries until further notice. Proposed: Cllr D Clark Seconded: Cllr A Simkins 6-0-0

#### 3643 POLICY DOCUMENT REVIEW

Proposal: Members to review and adopt the following policies

- a) Bullying and Harassment Policy (no change)
- b) Community Engagement Policy (changes in red)
- c) Equality Policy (no change)
- d) Complaints Procedure (no change)

**Resolved**: The Members reviewed and adopted the following policies

- a) Bullying and Harassment Policy (no change) Proposed: Cllr J Bell Seconded: Cllr S Davie 6-0-0
- b) Community Engagement Policy (a couple of changes) Proposed: Cllr A Simkins Seconded: Cllr J Bell 6-0-0
- c) Equality Policy (no change) Proposed: Cllr A Simkins Seconded: Cllr J Bell 6-0-0
- d) Complaints Procedure (no change) Proposed: Cllr S Davie Seconded: Cllr J Bell 6-0-0

#### **3644 ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE**

Proposal: Members to agree to contact the School regarding registering the School as an Asset of Community Value. **Resolved**: The Members agreed to again contact the School regarding registering the School as an Asset of Community Value. The Clerk will forward the relevant link/paperwork to Cllr J Bell who will then contact the School in this matter.

Proposed: Cllr S Davie Seconded: Cllr D Clark 6-0-0

#### **3645 CIVIC VOICE – CONSERVATION AREA**

Proposal: To consider applying to Civic Voice in their "Favourite Conservation Area".

**Resolved**: The Members agreed that Cllr A Simkins will apply to Civic Voice in their "Favourite Conservation Area" by nominating Winsham.

Proposed: Cllr A Simkins Seconded: Cllr J Bell 6-0-0

#### **3646 COUNCILLOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

Proposal: To review the councillor responsibilities. **Resolved**: The following amendments were made to Councillor Responsibilities: Parish Environmental Warden – now to be Cllr D Clark Finance & Precept Group – Cllrs J Bell and D Wallbridge added to the group Proposed: Cllr A Simkins Seconded: Cllr N Eastick 6-0-0

#### 3647 CONSULTATION – FUTURE OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE

Proposal: Members to consider responding to the Future of Adult Social Care Consultation, with responses to be sent to the National Association of Local Councils for a joint response.

**Resolved**: The Members nominated Cllr A Simkins to respond to the Future of Adult Social Care Consultation on behalf of the Parish Council.

Proposed: Cllr N Eastick Seconded: Cllr A Simkins 6-0-0

#### **3648 PARISH PLAN REVIEW**

Proposal: To consider a suitable time frame and Working Group to review the Parish Plan and appoint councillors appropriately.

**Resolved**: The Members agreed to discuss the Parish Plan at the next meeting but decided not to form a new working group at the present time.

Proposed: Cllr J Bell Seconded: Cllr A Simkins 6-0-0

#### **3649 PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCE**

Proposal: Members to consider whether to obtain a quotation to repair/rebuild the walls around the Churchyard and the Lower Rec in order that our insurance company can quote a revised premium. It must be borne in mind that theft, vandalism or vehicle impact would be insured but there is no cover for wear and tear or due to gradual deterioration of the wall.

**Resolved**: The Members agreed that Cllr N Eastick will ask a contractor for a quotation to repair/rebuild the walls around the Lower Rec and the Churchyard for insurance purposes. Once the quote is received, the Clerk will then contact the Insurance Company for a revised premium, which will then be brought back to a future meeting for consideration.

Proposed: Cllr J Bell Seconded: Cllr A Simkins 6-0-0

#### 3650 OUTSTANDING ITEMS UPDATE

Proposal: To receive updates, as required, on the following outstanding items:

- a) Action Plan Review
- b) Land Registry of Parish Council's Land Assets
- c) Letter to SCC CEO regarding obstructed footpath CH30/7
- d) Assets of Community Value School
- e) Networking Event Chard Business Voice
- f) Cemetery Tidy Up

Updates were given on the above.

### **3651 ITEMS FOR REPORT**

- Parish Assets:
  Cemetery, Upper Rec/Lower Rec, Resource Centre, Bus Shelter, War Memorial, Seating, Signage and Bins Nothing to report
- b) Web Sites, Welcome Pack The current documents contained in the Welcome Pack will be sent to Cllr A Simkins for review.
- c) Public Rights of Way Nothing to report
- d) Grass Cutting Report

Due to the dry summer this year, there were less grass cuts than usual.

- e) Highways and Bus Services Nothing to report
- Reports from member representatives on outside bodies: Jubilee Hall
   Winsham Playing Fields/Sports and Social Club
   Winsham Community Resource Centre
- g) Clerk's report and correspondence see Agenda Notes.

- h) Parish Council Newsletter
- i) Councillor Surgeries Already discussed
- j) Training Already discussed

### 3652 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

Following discussion, it was agreed (subsequently confirmed) that the date of the first Winsham Playing Fields Working Group Meeting will be Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00 pm at the Bell Inn, Winsham.

## 3654 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2018

The Meeting closed at 9.50 pm