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Welcome to the second 'official' newsletter from Winsham Parish Council. Looking back at the Christmas tree 'switch on' event, I hope you will all join me in thanking the volunteers involved in making it happen. I hope also that those who had 'real' trees were able to recycle them at the annual drop off point by the Resource Centre (the old 'Band Hut').

Speaking of volunteers! If you value something in the community, please step forward and make yourself known. Giving just one hour a month could make a huge difference. Get in touch or pop along to the cause that interests you for info on how you can participate.

The Parish Council would like to extend special congratulations to John Sullivan, for receiving the Chairman's Award at the Somerset County Council awards last year.

Thank you to everyone who completed the housing survey. Unfortunately, we go to press with the newsletter before the results come in, which we expect to receive in mid-February. Watch this space and our website for further information.

Each newsletter we'll turn our spotlight onto a separate community organisation and their latest news. For this issue, we look to the Community Shop & Post Office.

Finally, please join me in welcoming Dave Clarke as the latest Parish Councillor to join the ranks. Congratulations Dave, we all look forward to working with you. As I type this we have a vacancy for one last councillor, so hopefully by the time you receive this newsletter the space will have been filled – if not, do please get in touch using our contact details and let us know you are ready to serve!

Kind regards



Jason Stevens

Chairman, Winsham Parish Council

John Sullivan receiving The Chairman's Award



Winsham Parish Council Mission Statement

"The Parish Council seeks to foster true community spirit. We aim to encourage full co-operation between councillors - parish, district and county, and to residents and local businesses, thereby promoting a better quality of life for all residents and visitors alike, whilst improving local relationships to the betterment of all in Winsham Parish.

The Parish Council's Core Values are: Open, Inclusive, Representative and Fiscally Sound."

Winsham Village Shop

POST
OFFICE

We have received over **£309,000** worth of applications for community shares in Winsham Shop, which means our target of £350,000 is well within reach. This is an amazing achievement and confirms how important the Village Shop is to the community - well done Winsham!

The share option is open for the foreseeable future, so there is still an opportunity to invest and potentially benefit from the 30% tax relief from HMRC.

Our change of use Planning Application for The George was submitted just after Christmas and this is now in the process of consideration by the relevant authorities. So do please keep an eye out in the shop and Joint Parish Magazine for information on how you can support the application – whether that is at public meetings or by writing a letter of support. The more support we have, the more we demonstrate the strength of opinion and how much the village wants these changes to be accepted.

The community shop is important to us all!

Cllr Rita Miller

(on behalf of Winsham Shop Committee).

of Winsham parish the ability to save money on their oil purchases.

For full information visit the 'News' tab at www.winshamparishcouncil.org.uk

Do You Know Someone Who Deserves Special Recognition?

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting in May, the Parish Council will give a Community Service Award to member(s) of the community who deserves Special Recognition.

Send us the name, address and phone number of the person (or persons) you are nominating, and include a statement of up to 300 words (but no less than 50) of why you think they should receive the award.

Alternatively, you can print off and complete the form that is on the parish council website.

The deadline for submissions is 31st March 2018. Send your nomination/s to winshampc@hotmail.co.uk or **Winsham Parish Council, c/o Jubilee Hall, Church Street, Winsham Chard, Somerset, TA20 4HU.**

Jubilee Hall Lottery 2018



The money raised by the Jubilee Hall Lottery is a vital contribution to the cost of running and maintaining our lovely 130-year-old hall for the benefit of everyone in the Parish.

Each £10 annual ticket enters you for twelve monthly draws:

- A first prize of **£25**
- A second prize of **£10**
- Third prize is an **extra entry into each draw** for the remainder of that year
- There is also a special **Christmas bonus prize of £50** in the December draw

Winners will be notified and the results will also be published on the Parish Web Site and on the Jubilee Hall notice board.

Tickets can be purchased from Winsham Shop from

Community Oil Scheme



Somerset Community Oil Scheme is a heating oil bulk buying scheme which covers the whole of the county.

The scheme is open to individuals, community groups and businesses and we're proud to offer the residents

Monday 15th January 2018. The closing date for getting your tickets is Saturday, March 31st.

The first draw - for January, February and March - will be held at the Jubilee Cafe on **Thursday 19th April**.

John Sullivan, Chairman, Jubilee Hall Management Committee

Annual Parish Meeting



Coming in May is the Annual Parish Meeting, organised by the Parish Council.

As always, it is an interesting evening where you get to listen to short presentations from different parish organisations. And, invariably, the various presenters also offer opportunities for the audience to put questions to them.

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Jason Stevens, will also be presenting a report, along with publishing a Financial Statement.

All in all, it's a good opportunity to increase your knowledge and understanding of Winsham Parish, and particularly useful to people who have recently moved into our community to meet people and learn about what makes the parish 'tick'.

If all this isn't incentive enough, on the tables are free wine, soft drinks and snacks!

You can view last year's annual report and the presentation on the Parish Council Website.

Annual Parish Meeting - Tuesday 15th May at 7pm, in the Jubilee Hall.

New Street Furniture

GRIT BIN

A new Grit Bin has been purchased for installation by the side gate of Winsham Primary School. The bin will contain a mixture of salt and grit and provides a useful means of self-help in the community. Grit Bins are intended for use on the public highway and not on private drives and paths.

DOG BIN

To help keep our community clear of dog fouling, a new dog waste bin has been purchased. This is to be sited on Colham Lane near to the entrance at Hollowells.

Tell us your thoughts...



We're keen to find out how you would like to receive and view the Winsham Parish Council Newsletter.

So, if you would like to receive your own copy, printed or digital, or if you have any suggestions regarding its format, please do let us know. You can reach us on Tel: **01460 30441** or email: **winshampc@hotmail.co.uk**

Once we've collated the feedback we'll look to produce the Newsletter in the most relevant format. Printed copies will remain in key locations throughout Winsham village.

Planning Considerations - Help Sheet



What powers does Winsham Parish Council have with respect to planning applications?

Winsham Parish Council is consulted by the relevant Planning Authority (which is usually South Somerset District Council) on all planning applications. Any views expressed by the Parish Council will be taken into account by the Planning Authority before a decision is made, providing the points made are relevant to the determination of a planning application.

The final decision is made by the Planning Authority, not the Parish Council.

Winsham Parish Council will only comment on what

are known as “material considerations”. Issues, for example, such as boundary disputes between neighbours or loss of views will not be considered.

Do parish councils grant planning permission?

Town and parish councils are not Planning Authorities. Town and parish councils are only statutory consultees in the planning process.

This means that they only have the right to be informed of planning applications within the parish.

They cannot approve or reject planning applications. They can only comment on planning applications in the same way that individuals can comment.

The decision whether this is granted rests solely with the planning authority and its own deadlines for decision making.

How do parish councils comment on planning applications?

Parish councils can only agree to comment on planning applications in properly called council or committee

meetings which the public can attend.

The comments agreed in the council meeting are submitted in writing, by the parish clerk, to the relevant planning authority.

The process is exactly the same as that of an individual wishing to comment on a planning application.

For more information and help regarding planning applications take a look at the ‘Help Sheet’ in the News section of our website:

www.winshamparishcouncil.org.uk

Forthcoming Events



Parish Council Meetings	First wednesday of every month 7:30pm at the Jubilee Hall Meeting dates can be viewed on the Parish Council website - winshamparishcouncil.org.uk
Winsham's Annual Parish Meeting	Tuesday 15th May, 7pm, Jubilee Hall
Winsham Street Fair	Saturday 30th June

Parish Council Surgeries

Day	Date	Time	Location	Cllr 1	Cllr 2
Saturday	17/02/2018	12pm - 2pm	The Bell	Cllr Dave Clark	Cllr Trevor Harris
Saturday	17/03/2018	1pm - 2pm	The Bell	Cllr Jason Stevens	Cllr Rita Miller
Saturday	14/04/2018	1pm - 2pm	The Bell		
Saturday	19/05/2018	1pm - 2pm	The Bell		
Saturday	16/06/2018	1pm - 2pm	The Bell		
Saturday	14/07/2018	1pm - 2pm	The Bell		

No August surgery

If you have any comments or concerns about issues which affect the Parish, please contact:

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