

Winsham Parish Council

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held at The Jubilee Hall on Wednesday 11th January 2017 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllrs M Haggard, R Miller, J Stevens, S Davie, R White, D Wallbridge, and A Simkins

In attendance: Mrs Teresa Pinder Clerk to The Council, District Councillor Sue Osborne and 3 residents.

Public Forum

Mr & Mrs Tett very kindly handed over a cheque to Winsham Parish Council, this being the closing balance of the Winsham Coronation Band account of £550.00. The councillors thanked the Band Members for their generous donation. An item will be on the agenda for February 2017 to decide on the most appropriate and best way to use this money.

3183 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND APPROVE REASONS GIVEN (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

Apologies were received from Cllr N Eastick due to family reasons and Cllr T Harris due to work commitments. The reasons were approved by Council.

3184 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr R Miller declared a personal interest in item 10 Winsham Shop and the Bell, being on the Board of Winsham Shop.

Cllr S Davie declared a prejudicial interest in item 12 regarding the Cemetery Run-off and hard standing quotation.

3185 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 7TH DECEMBER 2016 (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1))

Resolved: The minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 7th December 2016 were approved as a correct and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr S Davie Seconded: Cllr R Miller 6-0-1

3186 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Applications
None.
- b) Planning determinations received from SSDC
Decisions were available to view at the meeting.
- c) Plans and determinations received after the posting of the agenda
None.

3187 FINANCE

Proposal:

- a) To note the schedule of cheques.
- b) To approve the spend against Budget as at 31st December 2016

Resolved:

- a) The schedule of cheques numbered 322268 to 322271 totalling £368.38 were noted.
This month the cheques were signed by Cllrs R Miller & A Simkins.
- b) The Members approved the spend against Budget as at 31st December 2016.

Proposed: Cllr R Miller Seconded: Cllr R White 7-0-0

3188 BUDGET 2017/18

Proposal:

- a. To approve the Budget for the financial year 2017/18.
- b. To approve an increase in precept of £6.45 per household, based on the Band D average, for the financial year 2017-18.

Resolved:

- a) The Members approved the Budget for the financial year 2017/18.
Proposed: Cllr R Miller Seconded: Cllr S Davie 7-0-0
- b) The Members approved an increase in precept of £6.45 per household per year, based on the Band D average, for the financial year 2017-18. The Precept Notification Form was duly signed.
Proposed: Cllr J Stevens Seconded: Cllr D Wallbridge 7-0-0

3189 WINSHAM CEMETERY FEES

Proposal: To review Winsham Cemetery Fees for the financial year 2017/18 and consider whether an increase is required.

Resolved: The Members agreed to not increase the Cemetery Fees for the financial year 2017/18.

Proposed: Cllr J Stevens Seconded: Cllr A Simkins 7-0-0

3190 SHARED ACCESS

The Members received an update on negotiations from the Working Group regarding the possibility of this company installing equipment at the Sports Field.

3191 PARISH PLAN REVIEW

The Members received an update on the current position.

Proposal: To appoint Members to three working groups:

- a) To investigate Youth club facilities and opportunities
- b) To investigate the possibility of a MUGA
- c) To investigate further options on dog fouling & speeding

Resolved: The Members appointed the following councillors to the working groups:

- a) Cllrs S Davie and R White were appointed to investigate Youth Club facilities and opportunities
- b) Cllrs S Davie, R White, J Stevens, and A Simkins were appointed to investigate the possibility of a MUGA
- c) Cllrs T Harris and M Haggard were appointed to investigate further options on dog fouling and speeding.

All three working groups will report initial findings in April 2017.

3192 WINSHAM SHOP AND THE BELL

The Members received an update on the current position.

3193 LOWER REC REPAIRS

Proposer: Cllr S Davie

Proposal: To approve the repairs to the play equipment in the lower rec.

Resolved: The Members approved the quotation for the repairs to the play equipment in the Lower Rec from Playdale Playgrounds Ltd.

Proposed: Cllr S Davie Seconded: Cllr M Haggard 7-0-0

Cllr S Davie left the room

3194 CEMETERY – WATER RUN OFF AND HARD STANDING QUOTATON

Proposal: To approve the quotation to install water run-off and hard standing area in the Cemetery by the water butt.

Resolved: The Members approved the quotation to install a water run-off and hard standing area in the Cemetery by the water butt from Stuart's Garden Machinery Ltd.

Proposed: Cllr M Haggard Seconded: Cllr R Miller 6-0-0

Cllr S Davie returned to the room

3195 GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

Proposal: To confirm that Winsham Parish Council is an eligible council to use the General Power of Competence.

Resolved: Winsham Parish Council Members confirmed that it is an eligible council to use the General Power of Competence. This will remain in place until the year of the next elections, being May 2019, when the Power will need to be reconfirmed. The Council will also confirm in its future minutes if it becomes ineligible (i.e. less than one third of its members are not elected, or a change of Clerk that is not qualified).

Proposed: Cllr J Stevens Seconded: Cllr A Simkins 7-0-0

3196 GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

Proposal: To consider joining the Great British Spring Clean in taking part in this cleanup initiative between the 3rd to 5th March 2017.

Resolved: The Members agreed in principle to the Great British Spring Clean, although decided to not take part in the initiative as it was felt that the Parish is in good order.

Proposed: Cllr R Miller Seconded: Cllr A Simkins 7-0-0

3197 SSDC STREET TRADING POLICY CONSULTATION

Proposal: To agree on a response to SSDC's Street Trading Policy Consultation.

Resolved: The Members agreed on a response to SSDC's Street Trading Policy Consultation. Winsham Parish Council concurs with SSDC's Street Trading Policy.

Proposed: Cllr R White Seconded: Cllr S Davie 7-0-0

3198 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Proposal: To approve:

- a) To agree on a date for the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting.
- b) To appoint a Member to help organise the Annual Parish Meeting for 2017.

Resolved: The Members:

- a) Agreed the 10th May 2017 will be the date of the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting.
- b) Appointed Cllr M Haggard & D Wallbridge to help organise the Annual Parish Meeting for 2017. Cllrs M Haggard & D Wallbridge will meet with the Clerk on Tuesday 17th January at 2.30pm in the Parish Office to take matters forward.

Proposed: Cllr S Davie Seconded: Cllr R Miller 7-0-0

3199 APRIL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Proposal: To amend the date of the April meeting from Wednesday 5th April 2017 to Wednesday 12th April 2017.

Resolved: The Members agreed to change the date of the April Parish Council Meeting from Wednesday 5th April 2017 to Wednesday 12th April 2017.

Proposed: Cllr R White Seconded: Cllr S Davie 6-0-1

3200 POT HOLE REPAIR, POOLES LANE

Proposal: To either nominate a volunteer to repair the two potholes in the footpath leading up from the end of Pooles Lane to the cemetery, or seek an alternative suggestion for their repair.

Resolved: The Members agreed to obtain quotations to repair the two potholes in the footpath leading up from the end of Pooles Lane to the Cemetery. A separate quote will also be obtained to repair potholes in the Sports Field entrance.

Proposed: Cllr J Stevens Seconded: Cllr R Miller 6-0-1

3201 CHURCH STREET LYCH GATE

Proposal: To repair or replace the worn and damaged flagstone underneath the lych gate on Church Street.

Resolved: The Members agreed to obtain a quote to "repair" the worn and damaged flagstone underneath the lych gate on Church Street.

Resolved: Cllr S Davie Seconded: Cllr M Haggard 7-0-0

3202 BT PHONE BOX

In the eventuality of an unsuccessful bid to retain the telephone, and the subsequent Adopt a Kiosk application, the proposals are:

- a) To agree to set up an online survey, sent via the e-letter, to ask parishioners on what they'd like to see happen with the Telephone Box in Winsham Village.
- b) To ask the Shop to have a suggestion box for the same survey.
- c) To agree what options to put on the survey. Suggested items are: Book exchange, flower display, art exhibition, temporary café, temporary pub, temporary snack shop, to re-house the defibrillator, other (suggestion box provided)

- d) To nominate Cllr J Stevens to collate the results of the online survey and Cllr R Miller to collate the shop survey results and report back at the next Council Meeting

Resolved: In the eventuality of an unsuccessful bid to retain the telephone, and the subsequent Adopt a Kiosk application the Members:

- a) Agreed to set up an online survey, sent via the e-letter, to ask parishioners on what they'd like to see happen with the Telephone Box in Winsham village.
 - b) Agreed to ask the Shop to have a suggestion box for the same survey.
 - c) Agreed on what options to put on the survey. These being: Book exchange, flower display, art exhibition, temporary café, temporary pub, temporary snack shop, to re-house the defibrillator, do nothing, other (suggestion box provided)
 - d) Agreed to nominate Cllr J Stevens to collate the results of the online survey and Cllr R Miller to collate the shop survey results and report back at the next Council Meeting.
- Proposed: Cllr A Simkins Seconded: Cllr R White 7-0-0

3203 OUTSTANDING ITEMS UPDATE

Proposal: To receive updates on the following outstanding items:

- a) High speed broadband update
- b) HM Land Registry of Parish assets
- c) Parish magazine article

Resolved: The Members received updates on all the items listed.

3204 ITEMS FOR REPORT

- a) **Parish Assets:**
 - Cemetery, Upper Rec/Lower Rec, Resource Centre, Bus Shelter, War Memorial, Seating, Signage & Bins**
A resident has very kindly offered to donate two benches to the Parish Council for its use as the Parish Council sees fit, which the Parish Council very kindly accepted. An item will be put on the agenda for February to discuss the best location for the benches.
A quote for the gardening works in the parish from Tom Harris Gardening Services was approved.
- b) **Web Sites, Welcome Pack**
Nothing to report
- c) **Public Rights of Way**
Obstructed footpath CH30/1 is still being investigated by Area Warden, Les Braunton, of Somerset County Council.
- d) **Grass Cutting Report**
The Clerk will write to the current grass cutting contractor to confirm costs for the current year.
- e) **Highways and Bus Services**
A resident made a suggestion regarding the bus service in that Winsham Parish Council considers asking, through the County Councillor, to arrange a meeting with a representative from Winsham Parish Council and the Transport Officer to discuss how their services can be improved.
Cllr A Simkins will bring this to the attention of the County Councillor, Linda Vijeh.
- f) **Reports from Member Representatives on Outside Bodies**
Nothing to report.
- g) **Clerk's report and correspondence**
Nothing further to report.

3205 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

None.

3206 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2017

The meeting closed at 21.59 pm

Signed: Chairman Date: 1st February 2017