



Winsham Parish Council Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 2nd August 2023

Present: Cllrs S. Love, K. Fowler, H. Beentje, S. Weller, and G. Earl

In attendance: Clerk to the Council R. Richards, PCSO Gareth Allington and one resident

0245 To Receive Apologies for Absence and to Approve the Reasons given (LGA 1972 s85(1))

Apologies were received from Cllrs Everard, Harding, Adams, and Vickers and accepted

0246 A Dispensation request for Cllr J Everard for a period of 4 years to be considered

A dispensation is being sought to cover all matters relating to Winsham Recreational Trust including voting for the maximum period of four years from 5th July 2023 to 31st May 2027

Resolved: Members and the Clerk approved the request for a dispensation received from Cllr Everard on the grounds that without a dispensation no member of the Council would be able to participate on the matter

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

0247 To receive any Declarations of Interest – None received

0248 Approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 5th July 2023 (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1))

Resolved: Members approved the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 5th July 2023

Proposed: Cllr Weller **Seconded:** Cllr Fowler **Vote:** 4-0-1

0249 Outstanding Items Update

- a) Update on the Enforcement Notice at the Old Farmhouse, Purtington

We have recently been advised by the planning inspectorate that the appeal against the enforcement has been withdrawn. **Action:** Clerk to chase Somerset Council Planning Enforcement Team to see what is happening on this.

- b) Update on the concerns raised over the available space for Plots L 1, 2 and 3 in the cemetery

This has now been resolved following a meeting at the cemetery with the parties concerned. It was agreed that there is only enough space for one plot where Plots L1 and L2 should be. Thankfully a compromise was reached resulting in a new plot being reserved in Row M.

0250 Planning Matters

- a) Members to resolve Applications received

- Application Reference: 23/01672/S73A

Proposal: S73A Application for amendments to planning permission for; The erection of a dwellinghouse and detached double garage to allow for the variation of Condition 03 of outline permission 17/03908/OUT and Condition 01 of reserved matters 19/02711/REM

Location: Land Os 7216 Part Church Street Winsham Chard Somerset TA20 4JY

Applicant: Mr Richard Frecknall

Comments Required by: 15 August 2023

Resolved: Members resolved to support the Planning Application 23/01672/S73A with an observation to be added that Highways need to re-evaluate the access to the site which is on a blind bend

Proposed: Cllr Beentje **Seconded:** Cllr Love **Vote:** 5-0-0

- b) Application Decisions received –

23/01451/HOU Lynch House Down Lane Purtington TA20 4DH – Permitted with conditions

0251 Finance

Proposals: To note the schedule of cheques as contained in the August list of Payments and approve the bank reconciliations for 2nd July 2023

Resolved: Members noted the schedule of cheques and approve the bank reconciliations

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

0252 Document Review

Proposal: Members to review and adopt the following policies:

- a) Grant Awarding Policy – No change
- b) Complaints Code of Practice – No change
- c) Community Engagement Policy – No change

All documents have been checked for website accessibility

Resolved: Members adopted all three policies **Proposed:** Cllr Love **Seconded:** Cllr Beentje **Vote:** 5-0-0

0253 Members to review and agree the updated Asset Register

Two minor amendments to be made before it can be agreed

0254 Members to Quarterly review of Risk Management Scheme – Postponed until September

0255 Members decide if they should register Pooles Lane with Land Registry

Proposal: The Council take no action as we hold the deeds **Proposed:** Cllr Beentje **Seconded:** Cllr Love 5-0-0

0256 Update on the Lower Recreation Ground

Annual Inspection report has been carried out and the findings need to be considered in full before the next meeting. Options for fencing were discussed. It was suggested that a commitment is made by a number of councillors to highlight the areas that need addressing in regards to health and safety and to look at what new equipment needs to be purchased. A deadline should be imposed to make sure this is not delayed any further.

Action: Cllr Fowler to measure the safety surfacing to enable to Clerk to get quotes.

Action: Working Group; Cllrs Fowler, Adams and Weller to prepare a plan for the October meeting.

0257 Members to discuss the vandalised bin at Davies Close

Update Asset Register. **Action:** Clerk to make a complaint to the Police and get prices for ground fixing bins

0258 Members to review the entrance to the club which land registry shows as part of the highway

This relates to the gravelled area at the entrance to the Upper Rec. Postponed until the September meeting so that further information can be obtained.

0259 Items for Report

- a) Parish Assets:
 - ◆ Cemetery and Churchyard – Quote to be obtained from Powells to empty the grass cutting bin
 - ◆ Bus Shelter – Nothing to report
 - ◆ War Memorial – **Action:** Cllr Beentje to publish a vote of thanks in the Parish Magazine for all donations. The possibility of a plaque to observe the date the repairs were carried out was discussed.
 - ◆ Seating, Signage and Bins – Upper rec dog waste bin is full again. **Action:** Clerk to obtain a price for an additional bin for the Upper Rec
 - ◆ Telephone Box – Still looking good
 - ◆ Allotments – All looking good
- b) Defibrillator – First Aid training by members of the WRT resulted in the opportunity of a purchasing a defibrillator at a discounted rate. **Action:** Cllr Love to obtain a quote. It was commented that Abri don't have a problem with one being fitted to the Community Centre at Davies Close but they will not fund it.
- c) Web Sites – Nothing to report
- d) Public Rights of Way – No report
- e) Grass Cutting Report – More than happy with the service provided by Powells

- f) Gardening Group – No report
- g) Environmental Issues – Two dumped tyres were reported by Cllr Beentje and have been cleared
- h) Highways and Bus Services – £2 bus fare is still running
- i) Reports from member representatives on outside bodies:
 - ♦ Jubilee Hall – AGM is being held 15th August 2023
 - ♦ Winsham Recreational Trust – Cllr Love reported they are continuing to move forward with more and more enquiries for hire. Plans for the Big fun day on Sunday 27th August are going well. Approval for the patio doors, these are being delivered in August and should be in situ before the Fun Day. Football pitches have been offered to Crewkerne Town Council who are struggling for pitches. Thanks was noted for those who work behind the scenes that people don't see.
 - ♦ Winsham Community Resource Centre – Being used well
- j) Clerk's report and correspondence – see Agenda Notes
- k) Training – Cllrs Vickers and Earl to undertake Councillors Essential Training

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.

0260 Quotes for consideration and decision by Members

- a) Members to decide if they will accept a quote for the Lower Rec Fencing

A quote for Composite fencing has been obtained but this would be too expensive. Cllrs to meet with residents of 1 Western Way to discuss the options available.

- b) Members to decide on quotes for repairs to wet pour surfacing in the Lower Rec – See Item 0256

0261 Date of the Next Meeting – Wednesday 6th September 2023

Meeting Closed at 9.09pm

Minutes approved by Winsham Parish Council on: 6th September 2023 – Minute No. 0264

Signed: Chairman