



## Winsham Parish Council

### Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting on the 16th April 2025

#### 0574 Attendance and apologies

**Present:** Cllrs Everard, Love, Fowler, Beentje, Harding, Earl, Rich, Beer and Mrs Richards (Temporary Clerk);

**Apologies:** Cllr Mode

#### 0575 Declarations of Interest – Cllrs Everard and Earl both declared an interest in item 0550a and Cllr Beer declared an interest in item 0554

#### 0576 Minutes of the previous council meeting

RESOLVED by majority to approve the minutes as a true record of the previous meeting, which were signed by the Chair. Noted 1 abstention due to absence at the last meeting.

#### 0577 Planning Matters

- a) New applications:
  - i) 25/00739/S73A - Land Rear Of The Bell Inn Church Street Winsham TA20 4HU - S73A application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) of approval 23/01411/FUL for Erection of a detached multi-generational dwelling with detached garage/carport  
RESOLVED unanimously to support the application
- b) Planning updates and enforcement issues
  - i) 25/00753/NMA - 24/02993/COL - Non Material Amendment to approved application 25/00059/S73A to add a window to first-floor ensuite. - Land Os 7216 Part Church Street Winsham TA20 4JY - Application Permitted

#### 0578 Financial Matters

- a) To receive the latest financial report: The latest report with reconciliation to 02/04/25 was circulated in advance of the meeting. Councillors were happy that the report is a good representation of the year.  
ACTION: Clerk to check the payments to Vision ICT.
- b) Payments: RESOLVED unanimously to approve the schedule of cheques as contained in the list of payments with the addition of two cheques for Inspect & Repair. Cllr Beer to check the quote from Inspect and Repair against the invoice to make sure all work has been carried. ACTION: Clerk to send Cllr Beer a copy of the quote. The first cheque for Inspect and Repair will only to be sent once confirmation has been received that all work has been completed.

#### 0579 Document and policy reviews

- a) Financial Regulations
- b) Risk Assessment

RESOLVED unanimously to adopt both policies

#### 0580 To consider request for use of the Lower Recreation Ground by the Winsham Horticultural Society on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2025

RESOLVED unanimously to permit use of the Lower Recreation Ground by WHS subject to the appropriate insurance.

#### 0581 To consider organising refurbishment of the fingerpost at the Church Street/Back Street junction following community fundraising

The majority of the funds have been raised via GoFundMe. ACTION: Clerk to apply to CPRE for the balance required.

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**0582 To consider arrangements for the 2025 annual play area inspection**

RESOLVED unanimously to accept the quote from The Play Inspection Co

**0583 To review and consider the quotation for Somerset Council to empty parish council owned waste and dog waste bins for 2025/26**

The quote received does not represent the requirements of the PC. ACTION: Clerk to contact Somerset Council to ask for a new quote just to empty one additional Dog Waste Bin at the Upper Rec.

**0584 To consider arrangements for the 2025 Annual Parish Meeting**

It was suggested that a physical meeting is not held this year. All organisations will still be invited to submit a report for publication.

**0585 To receive updates and agree any actions on the following areas:**

- a) Parish Assets:
  - ii) Cemetery and Churchyard – Cllr Beentje has started moving the soil/compost in the bins.
  - iii) Lower Recreation Ground – Nothing to report
  - iv) Upper Recreation Ground – 160 whips have been planted in the gaps in the hedge. Five trees have also been planted near the oak tree. The position of one tree that was planted close to the pitch was discussed and the loss of a crab apple tree.
  - v) Bus Shelter – The bus stop opposite, which is owned by Highways, has been cleaned up by local residents.
  - vi) War Memorial – Photos have been taken and sent to the Clerk. ACTION: Clerk to get in touch with the contractor to address the issues.
  - vii) Seating, Signage and Bins – Costing for replacement plastic slats for seats is being investigated.
  - viii) Telephone Box – New storage boxes have been purchased.
  - ix) Allotments – ACTION: Cllr Love to liaise with the school as to whether they still want a plot.
  - x) Winsham Community Resource Centre – Quotes for the door repairs are still outstanding. The basket for the beacon is in the WCRC. ACTION: Cllr Earl to source a post.
- b) Defibrillator – Nothing to report
- c) Web Sites – Nothing to report
- d) Public Rights of Way – The height of a wire that goes up over a gate and across the footpath from the Cemetery towards Forde was discussed.
- e) Grass Cutting Report – First cut has been done and everything looks good
- f) Gardening Group – Nothing to report
- g) Environmental Matters – Nothing to report
- h) Highways and Bus Services – Nothing to report
- i) Reports from member representatives on outside bodies:
  - i) Jubilee Hall – They are hoping to hold a volunteer working party one weekend and lottery ticket sales are going reasonably well and a different payment method is being considered.
  - ii) Winsham Recreational Trust – Marquee is up now and a few small repairs are required. Lots of ongoing events happening and it looks like the Football club are interested in coming back. There is a container arriving in the next two weeks for storage of items in one of the sheds and changing rooms. Entertainment on Easter Sunday includes an Easter Egg Hunt, BBQ and music.
- j) Training – Nothing to report
- k) Clerk's report and correspondence – There was no report in the absence of the Clerk.
- l) Outstanding items not covered by another agenda item - None

**0586 Proposals for items for the next meeting.**

Motions for inclusion on the next agenda should be submitted by members to the Clerk in line with the councils adopted standing orders.

**0587 Date of upcoming meetings:**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025 – ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

**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.

**0588 Members to consider quotes received**

- a) To consider quotes for grass cutting and grounds maintenance for 2025/26  
ACTION: Clerk to distribute quotes to councillors as soon as possible so that an extraordinary meeting can be called to approve a contractor.

Meeting Closed at: 8.55pm

Minutes approved by Winsham Parish Council on: 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025 – Minute No. \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: ..... Chair

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