



Winsham Parish Council Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting Held on the 9th June 2025

0607 Attendance, Apologies for Absence, and to Approve the Reasons given (LGA 1972 s85(1))

Present: Cllrs Love, Mode, Beentje, Earl, Rich, Beer and Mrs Larsson (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs Everard and Fowler. **RESOLVED** to accept the reasons given.

0608 To receive any Declarations of Interest

None.

0609 To consider implementation of height and entry restriction measures at the Upper Recreation Ground entrance

Due to awareness of potential risk of unauthorised access and encampment at the recreation ground, councillors considered installation of a height restriction entry barrier, limiting entry to vehicles under 2.1 metres. Other methods had been considered but were deemed to be either cost or resource prohibitive.

Lengthy discussion was held with regards to the likeliness of unauthorised encampment and the effects of this on the local community as well as the effect on residents of implementing restrictions to access.

At the time of the meeting a single quote had been obtained and it was noted that the Winsham Recreational Trust had agreed to contribute 50% of the cost of height restriction barrier.

Councillors did not reach any agreement at the meeting but it was agreed to seek further quotes for consideration at the next meeting and hold further discussion, hopefully with additional councillors present. **DEFERED** to the next meeting.

0610 To discuss and clarify the position of the Parish Council regarding the Annual Parish Meeting

Following request at the last meeting to clarify the position regarding an annual parish meeting, the Somerset Association of Local Councils (SALC) were consulted and confirmed that there was no legal duty on the council to call the annual parish meeting and that the only requirement is that the chair presides if present.

Although confirmed that there was no legal duty on the council, after lengthy debate councillors agreed that as some residents had made request that a meeting be held, and it was unlikely to be called by 6 electors as the legislation allows, that the council would look to make the arrangements to hold an APM immediately before the scheduled July council meeting, to be held at 6.30pm. Enquiry will be made regarding availability of a suitable venue and the clerk will contact local organisations to advise of the opportunity to attend and present if desired. The council acknowledge that this is later than the prescribed period to hold an APM, but felt it was the most appropriate action. **RESOLVED** to organise an Annual Parish Meeting on the 16th July 2025 at 6.30pm.

0611 Date of the Next Meeting – Wednesday 18th June 2025

Minutes approved by Winsham Parish Council on: 18th June 2025 – Minute No.

Signed: Chair