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Minutes of meeting of Parish Council held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2009 at Winesham Village Hall.

Present: Mr.Lightfoot, Mr.Rush, Mr.Cotton, Mr.Noble, Mr.Hindle, Mr.Coe, Mrs.Shaw, Mr.Laughlin. Also present: PC Debbie Howgego.

1. Apologies received from Mrs.Camp, Mrs.Reynolds, Mr.Tyrrell, Mr.Nicol, Mr.Bellfield and Mr.Hudson. Mr.Lightfoot also welcomed PC Howgego to the meeting. There was one member of the public, Sarah Bailey.
2. The minutes from the previous meeting on 19.11.08 were approved unanimously.  
Matters arising: a) Clerk still chasing sand storage bins.  
b) Swilland Bring Site. SCDC have asked for ways of limiting unreasonable noise and the clerk will put a reminder notice in the newsletter about the times for dropping off bottles.
3. Declarations of prejudicial interest: Mr.Cotton/Clerk's salary, Mr.Rush as landowner with ref to LDF report.

4. **Finance:** Mr.Cotton had already sent a report on the recent Finance Committee meeting to all members of the council. He said that the majority of the current year '08 expenditure had been unbudgetable and it would be sensible to expect '09 to be similar. Our income was basically the precept; and the recommendation was for the budget to be broadly the same as this year's expected outcome, and for the precept for '09 to remain at £10,000. Approved unanimously.

Following on from the discussion at the last Council meeting, Mr.Rush had prepared some outline suggestions for various repairs/projects etc. It needed to be borne in mind, that in taking any of the 'projects' forward, someone would need to be found to lead each project and we would need to prove that there is a demand from the village, particularly for higher expenditure ideas. Mr.Lightfoot thanked Mr.Rush for his outlines and asked that he and his group press on with costings proposals, issues etc. Mr.Rush highlighted that the changing rooms at Winesham School (used by Wasps) and the Play area and its maintenance are two which particular need attention. Mr.Rush will get feedback from other village organisations and develop this further at the March parish council meeting. It was also suggested that it would be a good idea to test opinion at the APM on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

It was agreed to carry forward various charity grant applications pending more information.

Mr.Cotton left the meeting at this point while the clerk's salary was discussed. NALC announced new pay salary scales for '09, backdated to April '08. The clerk will receive £9.134 per hour for 40 hours every two months i.e. £395.80 x 6. It was agreed unanimously that the nationally agreed backdating, ie the amount owing since April 08 should be added to this month's salary.

The following payments were approved:

a) Clerk's salary	£365.31	
b) W.Archer Oct/Nov/Dec	£ 60.00	
c) REJB& Co Playarea repairs	£350.07	R
d) REJB& Co Sept,invoice/inspection	£ 72.42	R
e) SBS Computers IT update clerk.	£365.00	R
g) VHMC – '08 bookings	£120.00	R
h) VHMC – repairs	£660.00	R
i) SCC Grass cutting Winesham School '08	£639.29	
j) Holmes Plant and Construction- Hall Lane	£1127.00	

5. County Councillor and District Councillors report.  
None received from Mr.Bellfield, Mr.Hudson reported that the planning application for a green burial ground in Tuddenham which had caused considerable unrest recently has been turned down by SCDC. He also reported that there has been no trouble recently at the premises in Weyland Road – this was confirmed by PC Howgego and Mr.Noble.
6. Police Report. This had previously been circulated to members of the council.  
Speedwatch: Mr.Lightfoot reported that we have written giving the main speeding spots which we would like monitored in the village.  
There was discussion following a report that a week ago a cat had been killed in a resident's garden in Weyland Road by a pack of hounds with the Easton Harriers. Concern was expressed about the lack of control of both horses and dogs on the highway (they had come across the road ). The clerk was asked to write to the Master of the Easton Harriers expressing our concern. There would also be mention of the need for a sensitive approach to using the land for hunting particularly in the very wet weather which we have been experiencing.
7. Highways:  
SORR: Mr.Noble had nothing to report.  
Speeding: Mr.Lightfoot has written again following another accident on Rose Hill on Christmas Eve . We are still hoping for a 40 mph sign there.  
Hall Lane: the repairs have been completed.  
Mr.Hindle has sent a complaint about the drains from above Red House Farm and the resulting river which runs down Tuddenham Lane when it rains.  
The **clerk** was asked to contact Booths Macadam about a bad pothole at the entrance to the recreation ground in Winesham about which she has received a complaint.  
Mrs.Shaw also mentioned a bad pothole in the lane outside Mr.Wasps farm in Swilland.
8. Footpaths: Mr.Hindle reported that the repair of the damaged handrail on the footbridge mentioned at the previous meeting is in hand. He also reported that the sleeper footbridge in Cockfield Hall Lane has collapsed. He has asked for a change of sign at the end of Wash Lane. The mower is being serviced at Tomlinsons Groundcare – this will be covered by P3.
9. Trees/Hedgerows. Nothing to report from Mrs.Reynolds. The clerk had received a request from Mrs. Martin who has completed the Swilland review that the Parish Council finance framing the map so that it can be hung in the Village Hall.  
Mrs.Shaw would check that the VHMC were in agreement and get back to the clerk.
10. Planning: minutes of the meeting held on 15.12.08 had already been circulated.
11. PFMC: there is to be a meeting on Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> January.  
Playarea: Mr.Rush has continued to check the facility regularly. He said that the floor tiles are in urgent need of pressure washing and **Mr.Coe** agreed to see to this.  
The **clerk** is still trying to organise the emptying of the bin by the play area by SCDC as part of their normal remit. So far there has been no response.  
Mr.Rush reported that the fence between the car park and the play area is in need of repair. The **clerk** would see to this.
12. VHMC: Mr.Lightfoot apologised for possibly misleading the council at the last

meeting when it was assumed that the bill received for repairs was the total one. This was not the case and a further £660 (2 further invoices) has since been paid. The Parish Council have been sent minutes of the last meeting held by the VHMC. There is a vacancy for the Booking's clerk and it is to be advertised in the newsletter. Mr.Lightfoot reiterated his hopes for improved VHMC communication with the council.

13. Website. Mr.Laughlin reported that this is up to date.  
Mr.Cotton reported that there is a new Freedom of Information Act which the council must formally adopt. A copy will be given to Mr.Laughlin for inclusion on the website.
14. SALC: there was nothing to report. The scheduled meetings for SALC in 09 are: March 9, June 8, 31 August and 16 November. Please can councillors make a note in their diaries of these dates and offer to attend.  
Mr.Rush had attended the recent Liaison meeting. The LGR are urging that we respond to whatever decision is taken on Feb.13<sup>th</sup> and are planning an Extraordinary Meeting after the announcement.
15. Local Development Framework report: Mr.Rush started by thanking Mr.Lightfoot For the immense amount of work he had done on this report.  
Mr.Lightfoot then outlined the content of the documentation and the implications for future development in our area.  
After supporting the proposed definitions for settlements, the discussion moved on to the important question of whether Winesham should qualify for the new definition of Key Service Centre as it's key facilities are now marginal, or demote itself to a Local Service Centre status, ie along with Swilland. With one abstention, the Council agreed that Winesham should hold KSC status with Swilland an LSC: it was also agreed that the village envelope boundaries should stay as they are. Maps were in the Consultation documents showing 7 sites in the village which might be suitable for development in the future. Mr.Lightfoot went through these asking for the Council's view on their suitability. All of the above views will be collated on the requisite forms and sent back to the LDF team.  
Mr.Lightfoot had also received the documentation from the Panel responsible for "Planning for Gypsy/Traveller accommodation in the East of England" which has just been submitted to the Secretary of State – and noted that there is an acknowledged requirement for 31 new pitches to be found in the SCDC boundary.

16 .The next meeting is on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30, and the APM on 22 April.