

Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Annual Parish Meeting held in the ^{Parish Office} Manor Grange Community Room Winterborne St Martin, on Thursday 18th May 2017.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Present at the meeting were 34 members of the parish who signed the attendance sheet together with 7 members of the Parish Council and the County and District Councillors.

1. CHAIRMAN.

It was proposed by Mrs D. Wiltshire and seconded by Mr J. Walker that Mr M. Hall be nominated as Chairman for the meeting. There were no other nominations. Mr Hall accepted the nomination and took the chair.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence tendered on behalf of Mr P. Jeffery and Mrs A. Priddle.

3. MINUTES.

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Parish Office, Martinstown on Monday 23rd May 2016 were read.

Proposed by Mr D. Read and seconded by Mrs D. Wiltshire.

Resolved

That the minutes be signed as a true and correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING.

None considered.

5. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.

The chairman read a report of the work carried out by the Parish Council during the preceding year which had been prepared by the clerk.

Proposed by Mrs A. Bennett and seconded by Mr D. Read.

Resolved

That the report be received with the best of thanks.

6. AUDIT OF PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS.

BDO Stoy Haward LLB, the external auditors, had audited and issued an unconditional report on the Parish Council Accounts for the year ended March 2016. This was noted.

7. REPORT OF THE BLANCHARD CHARITY TRUST.

Mr Read informed that the trustees of the Trust had met during the year and considered applications for financial help from those in need and from groups. Application for help can be made to the chairman of the Trustees. Information about the Blanchard Charity Trust can be found on the web-site.

8. REPORTS FROM VILLAGE GROUPS.

- ❖ *The Village Hall.* The Village Hall continues to be well supported. As reported last year the need for more volunteers to help with the running of the hall would be welcome. Some repair and improvement work to the play-area is in hand and will be supported in this regard by funds raised from the Open Gardens Event which will take place on 17th and 18th June 2017.

9. PARISH COUNCILLORS ATTENDANCE RECORD MAY 2015 – APRIL 2016.

Number of meetings held was 7. The record of attendances was as follows: -

Mr Jeffery 6, Mrs Wiltshire 7, Mrs Bennett 5, Mr Read 7, Mr Hallett 5, Mrs Priddle 4, Mr Walker 6, Mr Whitty 1, Mr Gargrave 2. (Both resigned after three meetings).

DAW

Mr M. Hall 3, Mr M. Usherwood 4. (Both elected and eligible to attend 4 meetings).

10. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS J. DUNSEITH.

Mrs Jean Dunseith introduced herself as the newly elected County Councillor for the ward which included Winterborne St Martin. She had been made aware of some issues that concerned the village especially the speed at which vehicles were driven through the village along some stretches of the roads which had no footpaths. In this regard she planned to have a walk through the village to assess the situation and then contact the DCC Highways department to see what action could be taken to improve the situation. This might take the form of traffic calming measures. The new area highways inspector for the village is Mr Blair Turner.

11. REPORT FROM WEST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCILLOR MR R. FREEMAN.

Mr Robert Freeman, the West Dorset District Councillor for the ward reported that he was aware that the public bus service was still a problem and would do his best to support any action to improve the situation with the possible use of funds from section 106 money. He reported that the Martinstown Cricket Club had been awarded a grant from WDDC to help towards the building of an extension to improve the kitchen and toilet facilities at their ground at Ashton.

12. REPORT FROM PCSO S. PILCHER.

PCSO Sarah Pilcher reported on the neighbourhood policing scheme of which she was a member. The area covered was wide and extended to Sherborne. Dan Gent would also now cover her area and contact could be made with her on her mobile or in person when she was in the village. If problems arose that concerned the police then she advised that a telephone call to the 101 service to report the matter should be made.

13. REPORT FROM FARMERS TOM MARSH AND TOM KING.

Tom Marsh explained that problems with dogs let off the lead when walking along public footpaths adjacent to and crossing fields was a problem. Disease could be spread to animals from dog faeces leading to animals having to be slaughtered. He also explained that dogs could be harmed from chemicals etc used by farmers on the land and could also be harmed by animals grazing in the fields. He was also aware that some unauthorised access points had been made from gardens onto fields that bordered the property. This was illegal and if these access points were left open cattle could stray and cause damage. These access points should be stopped-up. He made people aware that letting dogs stray onto land was a criminal offence and in extreme cases could result in the dog being destroyed. Walkers should also be aware of machinery when walking on footpaths near working machinery. Dogs left to stray onto land could fall into slurry-pits. He was asked about heavy tractors and trailers travelling through the village and overrunning onto the grass verges and causing damage. This was a problem and was largely caused by contractor vehicles. He had no simple solution to solve this problem. Both Tom King and Tom Marsh were asked about overgrown footpaths and both suggested that if there was a problem then they should be informed direct and could then deal with the problem.

14. OTHER MATTERS RAISED.

a. The local speed-watch group had carried out some further on-the-ground monitoring of the speed at which vehicles were driven through the village on an ad-hoc basis. The police have and were also monitoring the speed at which vehicles were driven through the village and have taken appropriate action.

b. The lack of a footpath from Mallards Green area to the village was a problem.

c. In an effort to highlight the speed of traffic in the area it was suggested that all "near-misses" must be reported via the 101 telephone system. It was also suggested that speed humps might be introduced or traffic calming similar to that on Dorchester Road, Upwey.

e. Potholes in the carriageway should be reported to DCC.
These matters are being pursued by the Parish Council.

15. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The Chairman thanked those present for attending and closed the meeting at 8.58 pm

.....  Chairman.

Date 17 May 2018



2017 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WINTERBORNE ST MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council have commented on planning applications referred to them during the year since the last annual parish meeting. The Parish Council does not determine applications but merely makes comments. These are then forwarded to West Dorset District Council who makes the decision. Applications may be found on the Dorset-For-You website.

The speed at which vehicles are driven through the village continues to be a concern. A volunteer traffic monitoring group has from time-to-time been in operation to check the speed of vehicles travelling through the village and have reported those exceeding the speed limit to the police. The police also carry out random checks of the speed at which vehicles travel through the village and are able to levy fines for those breaking the limit. In the interest of safety the Parish Council urge all drivers to heed the speed limits.

The lack of footpaths in the village especially from Mallards Green into and from the village is a serious concern and we hope to meet the new local County Councillor to discuss the matter in the near future to see if any measures can be put in place to improve the situation.

The haphazard parking along the highway near McDonalds Restaurant is another problem that requires solving. The area falls within the parish boundary of Winterborne Monkton. The problem affects users of the C53 road generally residents of property in Winterborne St Martin and in an attempt to solve the problem a meeting has been held with a local representative of the Duchy Estates who agreed to discuss the matter with his colleagues. Sadly no response has been received to date. A further letter has now been sent to the secretary for the owner of the land seeking his help to resolve the problem.

During the year the Parish Council has rejoined the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils (DAPTC). This organisation keeps local councils abreast of changes in the law and other matters relative to Parish Councils.

In the need to keep people informed the Parish Council now have a website, created by Mr Graham Herbert, on which the business of the Council is reported. This can be accessed at anytime.

The Parish Council has replaced the fence around the bus waiting area at Mallards Green and will look to keeping the grass cut and the fence maintained. The Washing Pool, a listed structure, is to be repaired under the guidance of a specialist officer from the County Council. Temporary work has been carried out and the complete repair work will be carried out as conditions permit later in the year.

An entry into the Tidy Village competition was unsuccessful none-the-less an entry has been made into this year's competition. Help to keep the village tidy by picking-up litter and placing it in the litter bins will be appreciated and perhaps lead to a prize this year.