

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Office,
Winterborne St Martin on Monday 3rd February 1997.
The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm.

Present:- Mr J.O'Brien (Chairman), Mr D.Rickard, Mr P.Jeffery,
Mr A. Flowerdew, Mr C.Taylor, Mr J.Marsh, Mr A.D.King, Mr J.Godding,
Mr P.Bentley, Mr S.Slade (Clerk), and 8 members of the Parish.
Apologies were tendered on behalf of Mr R.Symes (County Councillor).

1.VOTE OF CONFIDENCE.

The Chairman advised members that he had received correspondence from a member of the Parish Council during the period since the last meeting the contents of which he felt criticised the manner in which he chaired the meetings. He felt it necessary therefore to seek a vote of confidence from members. Mr Rickard stated that he was the author of the correspondence referred to and voiced his concerns in the matter. Mr Godding proposed that members endorse their confidence in the Chairman and in his chairmanship of meetings. Mr Marsh seconded the proposal which duly carried with one exception.

2.MINUTES.

The minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 4th November 1996 having been circulated to all members were approved as a true and correct record and the minutes duly signed. It be noted that a proposal to amend item 9 failed to receive a seconder.

3.MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES.

a.The Millennium.

The Clerk seeking guidance in the matter of Heritage Lottery Funding from Mr Tweed of the DCC regarding works to improve the churchyards in the villages. Further information now available and the matter would be progressed.

b.Waste Watch Group....funding for bulbs.

The Clerk advised that he had received a grant of £30.00 from the Waste Watch Group for the purchase of bulbs. The bulbs had been purchased and planted. Thanks were accorded to Mr and Mrs Shaw and Mr J.Lunn for their help in planting these bulbs.

c.Martinstown Open Days 1996.

A final account in respect of this event still awaited.

d.Hidden Dip in B3159 Ashton to Upwey.

Letter sent to the County Surveyor concerning this matter and a copy sent to Inspector A. Freeman of the Dorset Police Authority. Replies awaited.

e.Southern Area Forum.

Two members had attended a meeting of this Forum on 21st November 1996 and highlighted certain matters which had been discussed. This was noted. A copy of the minutes of the meeting were handed to each member.

4.FINANCIAL MATTERS.

a.Payments received since the last meeting:-

- i. Grant from Waste Watch Group..£ 30.00
- b.Approval of payments since the last meeting was given as follows:-
- i. Bulbs£ 29.95
 - ii. Tree for Village Green.....£ 35.99
 - iii.Insulation for meeting room...£ 21.96
 - iv. Fuel for cutting churchyard...£ 12.50
 - v. Two months rates.....£118.00

A sum of £2921.34 now in the parish account.

Rating appeal in respect of Parish Meeting Room. The Clerk reported that he had met an officer of the Valuation Office on site and also reported that the Tribunal would be held shortly to consider the appeal unless the matter was resolved amicably beforehand. This was noted.

5. PLANNING MATTERS.

- a. Change use of Grove Barn.... Proposed change of use approved by WDDC with conditions.
- b. Possible development of land at Higher Park Farm for mixed development of housing and recreational.... A plan to hand which indicated a possible split between residential and recreational areas. Members agreed to meet in committee to consider the matter before replying to the agent.
- c. Erection of extensions at Pembroke, Lower Rew No objections.
- d. Convert garage to living accommodation at Purlands No objections.

6. LOCAL POLICING PLAN.

A letter from the Police Authority seeking comments from members on the Local Policing Plan for 1997/1998 was read. It was agreed that a response be made to the letter to include appreciation of the part which the Community Policeman, PC Roy Jackson, played in trying to keep crime under control in the area. Also comment to be made concerning the difficulty in obtaining answers to telephone calls made to the Police Authority, a need to have more regular speed checks especially when the 30 mph limit is in force and in the interest of road safety to promote the need to wear luminous or light coloured clothing at night and in times of poor visibility when walking or riding on public highways.

7. DCC PROGRAMME OF WORKS 1997/1998.

It was noted that this programme included resurfacing work at St Martins Field.

8. DCC TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME 1997/1998.

Nothing in this plan appeared to concern the Parish. This was noted.

9. DORCHESTER AND DISTRICT CRIME PREVENTION PANEL.

A letter of thanks to hand from the Chairman of this Panel for the grant given to them by the Parish Council. An offer to attend at a suitable location in the village to carry out a cycle marking and checking exercise was accepted by the Parish Council. The clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

10. DOG FOULING.

Members were appraised of the latest "Law" on this subject and were advised that the West Dorset District Council were currently undertaking an exercise to consider the most appropriate way to meet the regulations. They would be contacting Parish Councils in due course seeking their views. It was agreed that the subject would be discussed again at that time. In the meantime a further note would be placed in the Parish Newsletter seeking the co-operation of dog owners to use "poop scoops" in the interest of good public health. An approach would be made to the Headmistress of the Winterbourne Valley School enquiring if she would be willing to let an Officer of the WDDC talk to the pupils at the school on the subject.

11. WEARING AWAY OF HIGHWAY VERGES.

This topic was considered and the possible cause of the problem appeared to be careless driving by drivers of large goods vehicles. These vehicles were generally owned by companies who carried goods to the local farms.

After due consideration it was agreed that a suitably worded letter be forwarded to the particular companies seeking their co-operation to use smaller lorries for deliveries in the area. It was also recognised that the matter was one which affected the whole of the district and beyond. A request would be made that the subject be included on the agenda of the next Southern Area Forum.

12. FOOTPATH LIAISON OFFICER REPORT.

Mr Taylor had attended a meeting on the subject and had reported problems concerning the footpaths in the area. However these problems seemed not to be attended to by the appropriate authority. A general discussion ensued following which members agreed that Mr I. Shaw be co-opted to help Mr Taylor in an effort to seek the co-operation of the various landowners concerned to keep their lengths of paths clear and stiles repaired. A copy of the approved map to be placed on the notice board in the Parish Office. The possibility of creating new paths or making sensible diversions of others would be studied.

13. VILLAGE HALL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT.

Mr P. Ennals reported that a successful Artsreach Function had been held in the hall and further similar events were planned. A rumour that a possible extension to the hall was being considered was voiced but as yet this was simply a rumour. The report was noted.

14. OTHER MATTERS RAISED.

- a. Litter at Monkeys Jump Corner.... A litter pick-up to be organised on 5th April 1997 starting at the Village Green at 2.30 pm.
- b. Street nameplates Should there be two signs to indicate the street name? The Clerk to enquire.
- c. Possible regrading of "c" class road from the A35 Monkeys Jump Roundabout to the B3159. Enquiries to be made.
- d. Pedestrians Walking signs Can more be erected? The clerk to enquire.
- e. Parking on public footpaths especially near Park House Community Policeman to be asked to deal with the matter.
- f. Parking on public highway near the Barn House causing danger to road users Community Policeman to be asked to deal with the matter.
- g. Countryside Grants Enquiries to be made to see if such grants could be used to rebuild the stone boundary walls especially the wall along the Ridgeway.
- h. Emergency call out procedures A note to be placed in the Parish Magazine advising the contact telephone number in the event of power cuts etc.
- i. Note to be placed in the Parish Newsletter to advise that should any Parishioner wish to enter the Parish Room to study maps etc the key would be available at "Sunnypatch".

15. NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting would be held in the Village Hall on Monday 12th May 1997 and would commence immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting.

16. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The meeting was closed at 9.50 pm.

.....Chairman.

Date