

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 4th November 1996. The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm.

Present:- Mr J.O'Brien (Chairman), Mr D.Rickard, Mr P.Jeffery, Mr C.Taylor, Mr J.Marsh, Mr A.D.King, Mr J.Godding, Mr P.Bentley, Mr S.Slade (Clerk), PC R.Jackson (Community Policeman) and 8 members of the Parish.

Apologies were tendered on behalf of Mr A.Flowerdew.

### 1.MINUTES.

The minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 2nd September 1996 having been circulated to all members were approved as a true and correct record and the minutes duly signed.

### 2.MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES. .

a. Flooding on public highway . . . . The matter of flooding on the highway near Rew Manor had been investigated by the W.D.D.C. and they would continue to monitor the situation. This was noted.

#### b.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.

#### c.Best Kept Village Competition.

The Chairman attended the prize giving in respect of this competition at the Village Hall, Carey, Wareham on 19th September 1996 and was pleased to have received second prize in the category applicable to Martinstown. A cheque in the sum of £80.00 had been awarded together with a plaque. Judges commented on the general tidyness, well kept churchyard and village hall grounds and notice boards which contributed to the success in the competition.

#### d.Waste Watch Group....funding for bulbs.

The Clerk in contact with the Treasurer of this group regarding funds for the purchase of bulbs for planting in the parish.

#### e.Martinstown Open Days 1996.

A letter of congratulation sent to the secretary of this organisation who had telephoned a reply regarding the matter of a final account to the effect that he would advise the Parish Council of the final figure in due course.

#### f.Hidden Dip in B3159 Ashton to Upwey.

The Community Policeman had inspected the site and agreed that in his opinion there was a "blind spot" on this road which could be dangerous. Members had also viewed the site and agreed that there was a problem. It was resolved that a letter be sent to the DCC seeking action to have a sign erected advising of a "hidden dip" and a letter to be sent to Inspector A.Freeman seeking her support in the matter.

#### g.Cycle Routes.

Members received information on this subject and noted the situation. The DCC would be concentrating on improving cycle routes in the urban areas and as funds permitted would extend these to the more rural areas. Funds were available from Transgo an organisation which was working with the DCC. The position was noted.

### 3.FINANCIAL MATTERS.

a.Payments received since the last meeting:-

- i. Bank Interest .....f 48.34
- ii. Second half precept.....f800.00
- iii.Tidy Village competition.....f 80.00

b. The following were approved for payment:-

- i. CAB donation .....£ 50.00.
- ii. Village Hall Donation.....£ 50.00.
- iii. Parish Magazine Donation.....£ 50.00.
- iv. Crime prevention panel.....£ 25.00

A sum of £3109.34 in the parish account after payment of the current cheques.

d. The rent of The Parish Garage revised to £275.00 per annum and would be reviewed annually.

e. After due consideration it was resolved that the Parish Council precept for 1997/1998 be held at £1600.00.

#### 4. PLANNING MATTERS.

a. O/A erect 5 No dwellings at Park Farm .... Application approved by WDDC.

b. O/A to erect dwelling for agricultural worker at Ewelease Dairy... No decision as yet from WDDC.

c. Remove hedge and widen access at Turnpike Cottage .... Application approved by WDDC.

d. Erect Radio Mast at Greenacre, Rew .... Application approved by WDDC. It was noted that the mast would be a maximum of 40 feet high.

e. Land at Poundbury.... Change use and detailed application for phase 2. It was agreed that no comment be offered on these applications as they fell outside the parish boundary.

f. Proposed extension to Turnpike Cottage.... No adverse comments but materials to match existing.

g. Change use of Grove Barn.... Object to this proposal on grounds of possible noise nuisance, difficult access and untidy nature of this type of business.

h. Possible development of land at Higher Park Farm for mixed development of housing and recreational.... The agent to be asked for further information.

#### 5. REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF MEETINGS AND RELATED MATTERS.

After due consideration it was resolved that the meetings of the Parish Council be reduced to four per year. The meetings to be held on the first Mondays in February, May, September and November. Meetings to commence at 7.30 pm. It be noted that two members were opposed to the reduction in the number of meetings.

Members agreed that a Village Diary of Events be produced and published annually. Reports on the amenity planting in the parish and on footpath matters be given at each meeting. The Planning sub-committee to continue to deal with minor planning matters and a full parish meeting to be held to consider any major applications. The Emergency Planning Register to be updated and a copy maintained in the Parish Office. Regular reports to be made by Parish Council representatives on the various bodies in the Parish.

Items which Parish Councillors wish to be discussed or considered at a meeting to be lodged with the Clerk at least fourteen days before the meeting. Matters referred to by Parishioners at a particular meeting for consideration, if of a major nature and requiring research, to be held over for consideration at a future meeting as an agenda item. Minor matters to be dealt with as appropriate.

#### 6. OTHER MATTERS.

a. Next meeting of Southern Area Forum to be on 21st November in the Village Hall at 7.00 pm. Refreshments to be provided by the Parish Council.

b. The Footpath Liaison Officer to deal with correspondence concerning DCC policy on footpaths and also to attend a special meeting of local Footpath Liaison Officers.

c. A note to be forwarded to the Parish Newsletter regarding concessionary bus fares provided the date for making application for same had not lapsed.

7. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICEMAN.

P.C. Jackson was pleased to report that there were no serious problems in the area at this time nonetheless parishioners should continue to be vigilant and to report anything of an unusual or suspicious nature to him or the local police station. The damaged fingerpost sign at westend had now been replaced.

8. REPORT FROM VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE.

Members learned that a meeting of the committee would be held on the morrow and also that Artsreach would be performing Tolpuddle Man in the hall in the near future. Tickets were available at £4.00 each.

9. AGENDA 21.

A report on this subject was given which highlighted the results from two parishes who had taken part for a six month period as a pilot scheme. Twelve further parishes were now to take part. An invitation to be included as one of the twelve was declined. The report was noted.

10. NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting would be held in the Parish Office on Monday 3rd February 1997 and would commence at 7.30 pm.

11. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The meeting was closed by gavel at 10.10 pm.

.....Chairman.

Date .....

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