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Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St. Martin on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

Present: -

Parish councillors, Mr M. Hall, (Vice-Chairman in the Chair), Mr D. Read, Mr M. Usherwood, Mr J. Walker, Mrs A. Bennett, Mr N. Hallett, Mr P. Jeffery, Mr S. Slade (Clerk).  
Mr R. Freeman (District Councillor), Mrs J. Dunseith (County Councillor) together with one member of the public.

**Democratic Period commenced at 7.30pm**

Matters raised and responses given were:-

Mr Freeman reported that grant aid had been awarded to Martinstown Cricket Club from WDDC and from Section 106 funds.

He also was pleased to report an improvement in the time taken by WDDC to register and process planning applications.

**The Parish Council meeting commenced at 7.40 pm.**

Parish councillors present as recorded for the Democratic Period above.

Apologies tendered on behalf of Mrs D. Wiltshire and Mrs A. Priddle,

**Declaration of interests.**

Members were reminded that it was their responsibility to declare any interests, personal or prejudicial, in items set out on the agenda and to disclose pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in accordance with appendix A and Appendix B of the register of members interests in accordance with the Council's Code of the members registration of interests on any items set out on the agenda

**1. MINUTES**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018 had been circulated to all members.

Proposed by Mr D. Read and seconded by Mr M. Usherwood

**Resolved**

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

**2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES.**

**i. Bats Lane.**

The clerk had met with a representative of DCC and travelled around the village inspecting stormwater gullies and other highway problems. These have now been "logged" and will be dealt with accordingly. He had suggested that the problem with "over-run" along Bats Lane and the depositing of mud on the surface of the road might be improved if the road was restricted to "access only". This was not an option. Appropriate action will be taken to repair the verges and repair the carriageway surface where required.

**ii. SID Sign.**

An up-date of information concerning data obtained from the SID located at Mallards Green was provided. This indicated that vehicles were still being driven at speeds in excess of the 30mph limit. The sign has now been erected on the side of the road opposite Mallards Green. This will be for a six week period before being moved back to the Mallards Green side. The equipment will be checked to ensure that it is correctly collaborated and to establish if the total number of vehicles travelling along this road can be obtained from this equipment.

**iii. Parking on Village Green opposite Chantry Cottage.**

Mr Jeffery reported that he will continue to seek the views of others who regularly park their vehicles on this land regarding the possibility of charging for parking on this land. He will report back to a future meeting.

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iv Damage to Grass Verges.

DCC informed that damage to grass verges by over running vehicles was a problem all over Dorset. They do recover costs of any third party damage whenever possible from insurance companies and private individuals. Good evidence is required to show how and who caused the damage such as a Police report or photographic evidence and witness statements. If there is no hard evidence a discussion with those involved can take place to try to discourage them from causing this damage.

iv. C53 from the A35 to the junction with the B3159.

Dorset County Council had informed the Clerk that a Parish Council is unable to request the reclassification of a highway. Only the County Council have the power in this regard under the Highways Act 1980. The DCC review all roads within the network and would not support the reclassification request of the C53 road to a B class road.

**3. FINANCIAL MATTERS.**

***a. Payments since the last meeting***

DCC	Purchase of SID Post	£251.45 + £50.29 VAT
SSE	Electric	£103.36 + £ 5.11 VAT
S.Slade	Clerk	£482.10
HMRC	Tax	£120.60

***b. Receipts since the last meeting: -***

None received.

***c. Approval of accounts for payment.***

None required.

***d. Funds in the Parish Council Account.***

The clerk reported that the balance of £10,909.75 was held in the Parish Council Account. *Noted.*

***e. Income and Expenditure. (Balances at date of meeting and reconciled to bank statement No 7 dated 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018).***

Expenditure: - Grass cutting £350: Insurance £546.72: Electric £356.38: Repairs £66.85: HMRC £482.40: Clerk £1928.40, Hire of Office £20.00: DCC £400.00 (Traffic sensors). DAPTC £276.44: VAT £903.89: Purchase of Wreaths £38.00: Web-site £96.00. River cleaning £1219.00, SID £2560.00, SID Post £251.45.

Income: - Precept £5,500.00: VAT £271.55: Hire room £15.00: Rent garage/parking fee £880.00.

**4. PLANNING MATTERS.**

***A. Comments made on Planning Applications during the interim period since the last meeting.***

None reported.

***B. Matters considered at the meeting.***

i. WD/D/18 000047. Remove pylons and overhead cables, Bradford Peverell – Friar Waddon. No objections.

ii. WD/D/18/000317. Convert garage to bedroom and erect garage, Lane End, Martinstown. DT2 9JJ. No objection in principle but garage size appears excessive.

***C. Matters considered by WDDC***

i. WD/D/18/000045. Replace door and window and other minor work at Washingpool House, DT2 9LD. **Approved.**

ii. WD/D/18/000292. Erect log cabin, 10, The Terrace, Martinstown. **Approved.**

**5. CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED.**

i. It was reported that a complaint concerning the Planning Application granted for a mast erected at M.J. Fry premises at Grove Hill has been reported to the Ombudsman. The complaint has yet to be determined.

ii. A multi-faced work for Dorset County bell-ringers is being performed on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2018 to mark the centenary of Armistice Day. This will include bell ringing and singing and reference to local people who lost their lives during the First World War. Recorded interviews with bell ringers from the village and from surrounding parishes will take place. The Parish Council raised no objection.

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iii. WDDC is seeking the views of Parish Councils on the possibility of devolving some of the services that they provide at present to Parish Councils. The possibility of sharing some of these tasks with larger parish councils might be considered. More information will be required before a formal decision is made.

iv. A local resident had contacted the clerk regarding a proposal to place board cut-outs on the seats in the church to represent those who had died in the first-world war. He had been advised to contact the church authorities regarding this matter.

#### **6. FOOTPATH REPORT.**

The DCC footpath officer had been contacted regarding electric and barbed wire fences alongside of footpaths/bridleways in the parish. If these fences proved a problem they should be reported to him and he would take appropriate action.

A report that barbed wire fixed to a gate-post at the junction with the footpath from Stevens Farm Lane eastwards was dangerous will be reported to the DCC Rights of Way Officer by the Parish Council Footpath Officer. A manure heap on the footpath at the rear of Rylestone will be moved. Footpaths were generally OK and commensurate with the seasonal condition of countryside footpaths.

#### **7. COMMUNICATIONS.**

Viewing figures stay constant.

#### **8. PCSO MATTERS.**

PSCO Sarah Pilcher is now the lone representative covering the Parish not-with-standing she will continue to be available to deal with concerns that residents may have. New PCSI officers will write-up statements etc to relieve the pressure on the Police Community Support Officers. The PCSO team is now based in Weymouth. All accidents are recorded if the police attend. Individuals are encouraged to report accidents, fly-tipping etc. The 101 telephone system may be used in this regard.

#### **9. WASTE WATCH.**

Waste paper being taken to the Green Bins for collection is less therefore fewer funds are available for local groups to bid for such as the Martinstown Cricket Club and the Village Hall.

#### **10 VILLAGE HALL**

The work to provide improvements to the Children's Play Area has been suspended due to a problem with the contractor. It is hoped that the work will re-commence in the near future.

#### **11. BLANCHARD CHARITY.**

Proposed changes to the constitution of the Charity are being considered.

#### **12. COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH.**

No recent local speed watch had taken place since the last meeting but it is envisaged that the team will resume speed watch action in the near future.

#### **13. DAPTC MATTERS.**

The Vice-Chairman reported that he had attended a meeting relating to the protection of Data and will report on this subject at a future meeting.

#### **14. AMENITY MATTERS.**

i. It was agreed that a note will be placed in the Parish Newsletter to ask if any person or organisation would like to provide a bench seat on the Village Green to replace the one that had been removed. Conditions regarding maintenance will be required.

ii. The work to the Washing Pool cannot be carried out due to the high water level. The clerk was in contact with the officer at DCC regarding the grant that had been approved to carry out the work and had suggested that the information board approved might be erected in advance of the repair work. A response is awaited.

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- iii. Posters pinned to telegraph poles and sites other than on notice boards will be removed especially those that are out-of-date.
- iv. Mr Hall will clean the bus shelter as and when necessary.
- v. The clerk will contact the Dorset Waste Partnership to ask if they could provide “helping-hand” tools for use by volunteers in picking up litter in the area.

**15. FLOOD WARDEN MATTERS.**

Water in the stream continues to flow well but weed growth might need clearing in order to keep the water flowing and not backing-up. The situation is being monitored.

**16. NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

This will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 in the Parish Office starting at 7.30pm.

**17. APOLOGIES FOR NON ATTENDANCE AT THE NEXT MEETING.**

Mr M. Hall and Mr P. Jeffery tendered their apologies for the next meeting.

**18. CLOSURE OF MEETING.**

The meeting was closed at 9.05 pm.

.....Chairman

Date.....

