

Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St. Martin on Monday 24th July 2017.

Present: - Parish councillors Mrs D. Wiltshire, (Chairman), Mr M. Hall, Mr P. Jeffery, Mrs A. Bennett, Mr J. Walker, Mr D. Read, Mr M. Usherwood, Mr N. Hallett, Mr S. Slade (Clerk), Mrs J. Dunseith, (County Councillor), Mr R. Freeman, (District Councillor) and five members of the public.

Democratic Period commenced at 7.30pm

Questions raised and responses given were:-

- i. The condition of North Rew Lane still requires further work to make the surface up-to a standard of a BOAT, (Bridleway Open To All Traffic). Mrs Dunseith reported that she had contacted Mr Blair Turner at DCC who would be taking action to have the surface improved.
- ii. Why was there no sign to indicate the junction of North Rew Lane with the busy A35 road. The Highways authority had previously been consulted on this subject and informed the Parish Council that they would not be erecting such a sign.
- iii. Speed advisory signs in the area were too small and often obscured by overgrowing vegetation. Could larger signs be erected? DCC will be asked if this will be possible.
- iv. Various comments were made on the speed at which some vehicles were driven through the village especially in the Mallards Green area.

The Parish Council meeting commenced at 8.05 pm.

Present: - As recorded for the Democratic Period above.
Apologies tendered on behalf of Mrs A. Priddle.

Declaration of interests.

There were no declarations of interests.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 22nd May 2017 had been circulated to all members.

Proposed by Mr M. Hall and seconded by Mr M. Usherwood

Resolved

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

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES.

i. Speed of traffic through the village.

The Chairman reported in detail on matters concerning speeding traffic in the village and invited comments from members of the public on the issue. She thanked County Councillor, Jean Dunseith, for organising a "Ward Walk" with the objective of familiarising herself with the various traffic problems in the village. Following this event Automated Traffic Counters had been placed at two locations in the village. The data from this equipment indicated that more vehicles travelled in the Mallards Green area than along the road west of the Brewers Arms. In both locations many exceeded the speed limit. Various opinions were voiced on the matter of traffic calming including rumble strips, narrowing of road width, gates on the verges at the entry to the village, larger speed limit signs, additional road markings, Speed Indicator Device (SID). The cost of a SID, if required, would have to be met by the Parish Council at a cost in the region of £2,800.00 and would then be the responsibility of the council for insurance, maintenance and running costs. The data from the Automated Traffic Counters was reported and is also included on the web-site.

Dorset County Council had offered to provide a SID at Mallards Green for a period to collect further data concerning speeding traffic. The local group who operated a speed watch camera would be carrying out further monitoring of the speed of traffic in the area. It was agreed that the need to try to slow traffic in the area would be further considered at the next meeting.

M. Hall

ii. The Washing Pool.

The clerk had received two estimates for repair work to the Washing Pool both in the region of £2000.00. The work will have to be carried out when there is no water in the pool. He reported that some grant funding may be available but this will require a contribution from the Parish Council. An information board will cost an additional sum and will be erected in a position to be agreed in due course as part of the overall project.

3. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

a. Payments since the last meeting

K.Damen	Grass cutting	£100.00
HMRC	Tax	£120.60
S.Slade	Clerk fee	£482.10
Came and Co	Insurance	£546.72
SSE	Electric	£ 51.04 + VAT £2.55

b. Receipts since the last meeting: -

HMRC	VAT refund	£271.55
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c. Approval of accounts for payment.

DCC	Automated Traffic Counter	£400.00 + VAT £80.00
M.J.Fry	Removal of river rubbish	£299.00 + VAT £59.80

d. Funds in the Parish Council Account.

The clerk reported that the balance of £15,437.27 was held in the Parish Council Account and reconciled to the bank statement Number 98 dated 7th July 2017. *Noted.*

4. PLANNING MATTERS.

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

- i. Extensions and alterations at Rainbarrow Farm ref WD/ D/17/001149 Objection.
- ii. Telecom Base Station at M.J.Fry, ref WD/D/17/001504 No objection.

B. Matters considered at the meeting.

- i. None considered.

C. Matters considered by WDDC/DCC

- i. Alterations to Old Brewery Cottage ref WD/D/17/001729 Withdrawn.
- ii. Telecom Base Station at M.J.Fry, ref WD/ D/17/001504 Approved.
- iii. Erect poly-tunnel at Staremashe Cottage ref WD/D/17/001207 Withdrawn.
- iv. Use of materials for alterations at Staremashe Cottage ref WD/D/17/001565 Approved.

5. PARKING ALONG THE C53 ROAD NEAR McDONALD'S RESTAURANT.

The Land owner is not supportive of making additional land available for parking at this location.

6. CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED.

- i. The date of the Annual Parish Meeting in 2018 is 17th May. The venue is the Village Hall and the meeting will commence at 7.00pm.
- ii. National Grid held a public drop-in event on 20th July 2017 in the Martinstown Village Hall to update progress on their proposal to remove a section of overhead pylons in the area and replace them with underground cables. This was attended by many residents. A formal planning application will be submitted in due course for the proposal
- iii. A local transport group is already "set-up" in the village and Mr Jeffery was a member of this group. It appeared that a further representative from the Parish Council could be added to this group. Mr M. Hall indicated that he was willing to join this group and was duly appointed in this regard. Mr Jeffery considered that central government policy regarding transport would have to change before local services could be improved.
- iv. A report was given that another car had been driven off of the B3159 road just east of the junction with the road to Winterborne Monkton. The DCC will be informed and asked to provide better advanced warning of the bend.

Michael Hall

v. Information concerning the Merchant Navy Day on 3rd September 2017 was reported. It was agreed that the information in this regard would be placed on the Notice Board in the bus shelter.

7. FOOTPATH REPORT.

Mr Read reported that there were no serious problems with footpaths although the path from the Brewers Arms to the A35 needed clearing of long grass and side-growth. The clerk will write to the DCC regarding the footpath

8. COMMUNICATIONS.

The Parish Council web-site continues to be well read and appreciated.

9. PCSO MATTERS.

PCSO Sarah Pilcher continued to attend the village shop on a regular basis, other duties permitting, to talk to parishioners about problems they might have relating to the sphere of the police. These visits were helpful. She can be contacted at other times and details of her telephone number etc are published in the Parish Newsletter.

10. WASTE WATCH.

The Waste Watch collection of newspapers and magazines continues but the money received for these papers is likely to reduce. Thanks were accorded to the Waste Watch Group for providing funds for the purchase of the 30mph signs to be pasted onto household waste bins and elsewhere in the village.

11. VILLAGE HALL

The floor of the main hall is to be "sanded" during the week beginning 1st August 2018 and will be closed for a short period. £2500.00 had been raised from the Open Gardens Event and would be added to the funds for improving the Children's Play Area. The recent Artsreach Event had been a sell-out success.

12. AMENITY MATTERS.

- i. The litter bin at the southern end of Stevens Farm Lane is too small. Dorset Waste Partnership has been asked to provide a larger bin at this location. This will be "chased-up".
- ii. The clerk was authorised to spend up-to £50.00 on the purchase of daffodil bulbs for planting in the village in the autumn.
- iii. Parish councillors will carry out a tidy-up of Parish Council property on 1st August 2018. Meet at the Parish office at 7.00pm.
- iv. The clerk had obtained two estimates for the decoration of the bus shelter. The lowest was £275.00. After due consideration Mr Usherwood agreed that he would carry out the work at no cost for his labour. The materials would be paid for by the Parish Council.

13. FLOOD WARDEN MATTERS.

Thanks were accorded to those who had helped clear the South Winterbourne stream of summer weed growth. There are some areas which require clearing and a note will be placed in the Village Newsletter informing Riparian Owners of their responsibility regarding the clearing of the stream. The autumn clearing of the stream will be carried out by M. J. Fry. Members approved the estimate for this specialist work in the sum of £920.00 plus VAT.

14. NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

This will be held on 25th September 2017 in the Parish Office starting at 7.30pm.

15. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The meeting was closed at 9.30 pm.

Michael Hall Chairman

Date *25/9/17*