

Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St. Martin on Monday 26th July 1999.

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm.

Present:-

Mr J.O'Brien, (Chairman), Mr E.Aylott, Mr D.Rickard, Mr A.King, Mrs M.Hearing, Mr P.Jeffery, (7.55 pm), Mr N.Marsh, Mr S.Slade, (Clerk) together with 5 Parishioners.

Apologies tendered on behalf of :- Mr C.Taylor.

1. MINUTES.

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 24th May 1999 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. Millennium Celebrations the subject further discussed and representatives of each group in the village would be asked to attend a meeting on the 11th September to put the programme of events reported at the Annual Parish Meeting into action. Mr Aylott would organise the Bonfire on the 31st December 1999 / 1st January 2000 and would meet with those willing to help, at a special meeting which he would arrange. Mrs Hearing would continue her research for the Millennium Book and this would be now referred to as the "Martinstown Millennium Manifesto". Each organisation would be asked to write a section for the book which should not exceed 500 words but could also include two photographs. This must be handed in by the 15th of November 1999.

b. Junction of C53 with B3159 The Clerk had met representatives of the DCC on site on two occasions and the matter had been discussed. It was generally agreed that some improvement was required in the interest of road safety. The DCC representatives would prepare a plan to illustrate possible work and would report back in due course.

c. Standing Orders The Auditors commented that such Orders should reflect the needs of the particular Parish Council. A draft of these orders was to hand and it was agreed that the Chairman, Mr Rickard and the Clerk would discuss the draft and modify as necessary with a view to approval being given at the next meeting by the whole of the Council.

3. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

The following accounts paid during the interim period since the last meeting were confirmed:-

J.Lunn....grass cutting..... £ 60.00.

Insurance £ 297.26.

Rates £ 151.50.

A sum of £ 125.00 credited to the Parish Council Account by way of grant in respect of the work to extend the village hall.

A sum of £3,359.32 in the Parish Council account after payment of the above account.

Mr Lunn had advised that he could no longer carry out the task of cutting the grass in the churchyard or on the village green. The Clerk had asked Mr K.Damen to carry out the work. The cost would be similar but a one-off cut to return the churchyard grass to a reasonable condition would be required. This would cost £40.00. The action was agreed.

4. PLANNING MATTERS.

a. Alterations to the Monkey Jump Cafe The WDDC would be advised that the Parish Council were of the opinion that improvements to the access onto the B3159 should be included in the proposal. A landscaping scheme and a maximum of parking spaces to be included. The possibility of the purchase of additional land to the south of the site for parking to be suggested. Signs to be kept to a minimum with low illumination. The possibility of using signs to advise motorists when the site was full & also to indicate that lorries should not use the site.

5. CORRESPONDENCE.

- a. The presentation of the awards for the Best Kept Village Competition would be held on the 2nd September 1999 at Broadmayne Village Hall at 7.30 pm. The Chairman would attend to represent the Parish.
- b. Quarterly Police report. This was noted.
- c. The Dorset Bobby Appeal and the Crime Prevention Panel had requested financial help. Action was deferred for further information.
- d. Draft Milestones Statement Mr Taylor would be asked to comment on this document.
- e. A35 Communities Initiative The Clerk had attended a meeting at Charmouth at which problems with the A35 trunk road had been considered. A detailed list of these problems was being prepared. The request for a donation towards the running costs of the group was refused.
- f. A letter from a representative of one of the football teams in the village was read which asked for financial help with the cutting of the pitch at Bats Lane in time for the start of the season. After due consideration it was agreed that some financial help would be given to aid the first cut subject to receipt of an estimate for the work from a contractor. The team be also advised as how to proceed to get funding for future cuts which would include the possibility of help from the team with litter picking and hedge cutting.

6. LITTER PICK -UP.

It was agreed that an Autumn Litter Pick-up be arranged for the 11th September 1999. Starting at the Village Green at 2.30 pm.

7. FOOTPATH LIAISON OFFICER REPORT.

Mr Taylor had advised the Clerk that he had contacted the Footpath Officer at DCC and they would be taking action to have the path from the village to the A35 cut back.

8. AMENITIES REPORT.

Mr Marsh reported that work had been carried out to improve the uneven surface of the Village Green and hoped that the sand blinding would eventually bind the surface. It was reported that cars had been driven at speed over the green which loosened the surface of the gravel. The matter would be reported to the police. The area of the Village Green to the south of Fishers Barn would be studied with a view to improving the area and parking thereon. A litter bin had been obtained and would be positioned in the field at the rear of the Churchyard. The overgrown hedge on the east side of the path from the Brewers Arms to the A35 would be cut by machine but some initial help would be required to hand-cut the large branches. Volunteers would be asked to help with this work.

9. LOCAL AGENDA 21 REPORT.

Mr Rickard reported that a trail plan would be produced in the near future covering paths in the Parish. The possibility of providing a bus service to the Morningside Area had to be shelved as the Abbotsbury Bus was no longer available for use in the area.

10. OTHER MATTERS RAISED.

- a. The poor standard of grass cutting by DCC contractors was discussed especially the verges on the road from the B3159 at West End to Hardys Monument. The late cutting of grass in the village (urban cut) was reported to have been due to a misunderstanding concerning the length of time needed to ensure that the daffodils had properly "died-off". A letter had been sent to the DCC in the matter and an account in the sum of £25.00 had been rendered for cutting the grass at St Martins Field. This grass had not been cut at all. Mr Aylott had carried out the work in the interest of safety and amenity and was thanked for his efforts. A further letter would be sent drawing attention the poor standard of work and the damage caused to the reflectorised posts when the grass was cut along the Weymouth Road.
- b. The speeding of cars at St Martins Field was reported. The police would be informed and asked to take appropriate action.
- c. Damaged manhole cover at St Martins Field. Wessex Water would be asked to replace this cover which was believed to have been damaged by a Magna Housing Association vehicle.

11. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The meeting was closed at 9.10 pm

.....Chairman.

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