

Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St. Martin on Monday 26th February 2018.

Present: - Parish councillors, Mrs D. Wiltshire (chairman), Mr M. Hall, Mr D. Read, ~~Mrs A. Bennett~~,
Mr M. Usherwood, Mrs A Priddle, Mr P. Jeffery, Mr S. Slade (Clerk),
Mr R. Freeman (District Councillor), Mrs J. Dunseith (County Councillor) together with two members of the public.

Democratic Period commenced at 7.30pm

Matters raised and responses given were:-

Mr A. Knott, a representative of St Martins church was invited to address the Parish Council. He introduced himself and explained that the outreach group of the church was planning an event to be held on 7th May 2018 which would provide entertainment for and involve all sections of the community. He hoped that this could take place on the Village Green. Members of the Parish Council raised no objection to the proposal and agreed that provided the necessary insurance cover was in place and no nuisance was caused to others the event could go ahead on the Village Green. The Clerk will liaise with Mr Knott to agree precise details.

The Parish Council meeting commenced at 7.45 pm.

Parish councillors present as recorded for the Democratic Period above.
Apologies tendered on behalf of Mr J. Walker, Mrs A. Bennett and Mr N. Hallett.

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 22nd January 2018 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. Waste bin near Fishers Barn.

County Councillor Mrs J. Dunseith had obtained a lid for this bin which was now in position. Mrs Dunseith was thanked for her effort in this regard.

ii. Internal Auditor.

The clerk had attended a meeting with the new Parish Councils External Auditors and informed that documents concerning the next audit will be sent out in March. Parish Councils with an annual turnover of less than £25,000 can elect to have a less vigorous audit. Details will be sent out with the documents in March.

The Chairman informed that she had obtained two estimates from companies for auditing the Parish Council accounts.

Proposed by Mr Jeffery seconded by Mr Usherwood

Resolved

That the lowest quotation for this work in the sum of £252.00 plus VAT supplied by Darkin Miller is accepted.

iii. Bats Lane.

The clerk is to meet with a representative of DCC to discuss the matter of the use of the Lane by heavy vehicles that appeared to cause damage to the verges and deposit mud on the surface of the carriageway.

iv. SID Sign.

The Chairman provided information concerning data obtained from the SID located at Mallards Green. The date obtained indicated that vehicles were still being driven at speeds in excess of the 30mph limit. The sign will be in place on the Mallards Green side of the road for a total of six weeks before being moved to the opposite side of the road. Mr Usherwood will be responsible for erecting the SID and will complete a risk assessment before carrying out this work.

v. Parking on Village Green opposite Chantry Cottage.

Mr Jeffery reported that he had contacted several people who parked their vehicles on this area of the Village Green and informed them of the possibility being discussed by the Parish Council to charge a fee for vehicles that were parked on this land. He will continue to talk to others who regularly park their vehicles on this land and report back to a future meeting.

vi. Blocked gullies.

Blocked gullies located at various sites in the parish cause flooding on the highway. The clerk will be meeting an officer from DCC to point-out these gullies with a view to them being cleared on a regular basis. It was also noted that run-off water from fields and roadways abutting the highway contribute to this flooding problem.

vii. Access road to Rainbarrow Farm Biomass site.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would raise no objection to the surface of this road being concreted and the owner would be so informed.

3. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

a. Payments since the last meeting

Morelock signs Purchase of SID £2560.00 + £512.00 VAT

b. Receipts since the last meeting: -

None received.

c. Approval of accounts for payment.

An account had been received from DCC for the erection of a replacement post opposite the Mallards Green lay-by. The clerk will contact DCC to ascertain why the Parish Council had to pay for this post.

d. Funds in the Parish Council Account.

The clerk reported that the balance of £11,921.66 was held in the Parish Council Account. *Noted.*

e. Income and Expenditure. (Balances at date of meeting and reconciled to bank statement No 6 dated 9th February 2018).

Expenditure: - Grass cutting £350: Insurance £546.72: Electric £254.47: Repairs £66.85: HMRC £361.80: Clerk £1446.30, Hire of Office £20.00: DCC £400.00 (Traffic sensors). DAPTC £276.44: VAT £848.49: Purchase of Wreaths £38.00: Web-site £96.00. River cleaning £1219.00, SID £2560.00, 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.

WD/D/18/000045. Replace door and window and other minor work at Washingpool House, DT2 9LD. No objections.

WD/D/18/000099. Install dormer windows and other minor work at The Willows, Purlands Farm, DT2 9DS. No objections.

WD/D/18 000047. Remove pylons and overhead cables, Bradford Peverell - Chickerell. No objections.

C. Matters considered by WDDC/DCC

None reported.

D. Applications referred to the Planning Inspectorate for determination.

WD/D/17/000654 Refusal of planning application to erect dwellings at 2, Alington Place

WD/D/17/000158 Refusal of planning application to erect plant/machinery/food store at 6, Radio Station Cottages

5. CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED.

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.

6. FOOTPATH REPORT.

Some trees that had fallen onto the path from the C53 road towards Maiden Castle had been cleared. A report that an electric fence had been placed across a footpath without proper warning signs has now been resolved. Some large hedge trimmings were reported to be blocking some footpaths. The landowner will be asked to clear these trimmings.

7. COMMUNICATIONS.

Nothing to report.

8. PCSO MATTERS.

Nothing reported.

9. WASTE WATCH.

Nothing reported.

10 VILLAGE HALL

No matters reported.

11. BLANCHARD CHARITY.

The Charity had met and is considering changing its name to better reflect its image. Parish Council representatives may have to be re-elected and information in this regard will be provided in due course.

12. COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH.

No recent local speed watch had taken place. It was noted that the Police speed cameras had been present in the village on several occasions. No Excuse data was provided for information purposes.

13. DAPTC MATTERS.

The Chairman reported briefly on a recent meeting organised by DAPTC that she had attended. She informed that the subject of "Car Clubs", locally formed transport groups, might be of interest to those involved with transport in the village.

14. AMENITY MATTERS.

- i. One seat on the Village Green had to be removed for repair but it was found that it was beyond reasonable repair. It was agreed that if a benefactor came forward with an offer to replace this seat it would be accepted provided it was of a good quality.
- ii. The clerk reported that he had been contacted by a resident who was concerned at the amount of litter that appeared from time-to-time at various locations in the village. This person had picked up litter from the lay-by south of St Martins Field. The clerk reported that in the past councillors had taken on the responsibility of picking up litter from various locations in the parish in accordance with a schedule agreed by councillors. The matter was discussed and it was left that councillors would remove litter from the area on an ad-hoc basis. The resident who had removed the litter from the lay-by will be thanked for his efforts.

15. FLOOD WARDEN MATTERS.

Water in the stream is flowing well but rapid weed growth might need clearing in order to keep the water flowing and not backing-up.

16. NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

This will be held on 26th March 2018 in the Parish Office starting at 7.30pm.

17. APOLOGIES FOR NON ATTENDANCE AT THE NEXT MEETING.

Mrs D. Wiltshire and Mrs A. Priddle tendered their apologies for the next meeting.

18. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The meeting was closed at 9.05 pm.

.....Chairman

Date.....

