

Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Annual Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Winterborne St. Martin on Monday 12th May 1997.

The meeting commenced at 8.30 pm immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting.

Present:-

Mr A. Flowerdew, Mr J. O'Brien, Mr C. Taylor, Mr D. Rickard, Mr A. D. King, Mr S. Slade (clerk), Mr D. Crowhurst (County Councillor) together with 4 members of the Parish.

Apologies tendered on behalf of Mr P. Bentely and Mr J. Marsh.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Mr A. King proposed that Mr J. O'Brien be elected Chairman for the ensuing year and Mr C. Taylor seconded the proposal which was duly carried. Mr O'Brien took the Chair and thanked members for electing him and undertook to carry out the position of Chairman to the best of his ability and in the best interest of the Parish.

2. MINUTES.

The minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 3rd February 1997 having been circulated to all members were approved as a true and correct record and the minutes duly signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES.

- a. Hidden Dip in B3159 Ashton to Upwey DCC had added additional road markings in the vicinity of this hidden dip which would draw the attention of motorists to the hazard.
- b. Southern Area Forums The clerk advised that the format of these meetings would in future be slightly different and would take more note of problems from the Parish Council level rather than from the District or County level downwards.
- c. DCC programme of works 1997/1998 St Martins Field would be tarmacadamed in this financial year and attention would be drawn to the height of the dropped kerb to the Village Hall car park in the hope that this could be reduced to make access to the car park safer.
- d. Dorchester and District Crime Prevention panel Members of this panel would be carrying out a cycle coding exercise at the Parish Office on Saturday 17th May 1997 between 10.00 am and noon.
- e. Dog fouling An officer of WDDC would be visiting the Winterbourne School to talk to the children about the problem of dog fouling. A proposal for new byelaws to try to curb the problem of dog fouling on public places was now being considered and would be discussed at the next Environmental Protection Committee meeting of the WDDC.
- f. Street nameplates correspondence to hand on this subject which was considered. Members resolved to take no further action in the matter.
- g. Parking on public footpaths near Park House Community Policeman had asked the owners of Park House to advise their visitors to park off of the public footpath and preferably in the car park at the rear of the property.
- h. Countryside Grants Application forms to apply for a grant towards the cost of rebuilding field stone boundary walls available which would have to be submitted to WDDC before the end of June.

4. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Mr A. King proposed that Mr C. Taylor be elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. Mr A. Flowerdew seconded the proposal which was duly carried.

5. SUB-COMMITTEES.

It was agreed that the sub-committees as presently constituted should continue for a further term.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

- a. An invoice for the annual premium of Insurance for the Council was approved for payment in the sum of £281.07.
- b. Approval was given to the payment of a grant in the sum of £200.00 towards the repair of the Church Clock.
- c. The rateable value of the Parish Office had been reduced to almost half following a successful appeal by the clerk. This was noted with thanks.
- d. An account in respect of the Audit Fee for 1996 had been paid in the sum of £92.12. This was confirmed.
- e. An account in respect of electricity at the Parish Office had been paid in the sum of £59.60. This was confirmed.
- f. Half of the precept received in the sum of £800.00.

6. CLERKS SALARY FOR 1995/96.

The clerks salary was agreed to be increased by the rate of inflation until November plus all reasonable expenses. The matter would then be further considered.

7. PLANNING MATTERS.

- a. Application to erect dwelling on land to the east of Fairfield no objections subject to materials being agreed.
- b. Application to erect extension at 6, Blagdon Close no objection subject to materials matching existing.
The clerk declared an interest in these applications and took no part in the decision.
- c. Land at Higher Park Farm A special Parish Meeting would be held in the Village Hall on 7th July to hear the views of members of the Parish on a proposal to develop land at Higher Park Farm for residential and recreational purposes. The Parish Council would then meet in committee to formulate a formal reply. A copy of which would be placed on each notice board in the village and also forwarded for inclusion in the Parish Newsletter.

8. CORRESPONDENCE.

- a. Charity Collections....Correspondence in this matter was read and noted.
- b. Western Area Office DCC Notice given that the business formerly carried out at Bridport by the County Area Surveyor would now be carried out from Pulman Court, Dorchester.
- c. Rural Development Commission 1997 survey of Rural Services Chairman and Clerk to complete the survey form.

9. OTHER MATTERS RAISED.

- a. 'Bus service Morngate Caravan Park Enquiries to be made to find out which local 'buses stop at this site and to seek the views of the residents on the matter.
- b. Parking at Hope Terrace on the pavement area The Community Policeman to be asked to deal with the matter.
- c. School Governor, Winterbourne Valley School Members agreed that Mrs Wendy Hallett should continue as Parish Council representative Governor on the Winterbourne Valley School until the date of the next County Council election.

d. Village Directory The clerk to bring forward ideas for the next meeting on this subject and related matters such as details of each organisation in the village which could include a consultation sheet for each household.

10. DUTY ROTA FOR PARISH OFFICE OPENINGS.

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June 7th ... D. Rickard: July 5th ... C.Taylor: August 9th ... A.King
September 6th ... P.Jeffery: October 4th ... J.Godding:
November 1st ... P.Bentely: December 6th ... A.Flowerdew:

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January 10th ... J.Marsh: February 7th ... J.O'Brien:
March 7th ... S.Slade: April 4th ... C.Taylor: May 9th ... P.Jeffery:

11.CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The meeting closed at 9..55 pm.

.....Chairman.

Date.....