

Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Annual Parish meeting held on Thursday 17th May 2018

The Meeting commenced at 7.00pm

30 people were present at the meeting.

This included 7 members of the Parish Council, the County and District Councillors and the PCSO.

1. Chairman

It was proposed by Mr M Hall and seconded by Mr M Usherwood that Mrs D Wiltshire be nominated as Chairman for the meeting. There were no other nominations. Mrs Wiltshire accepted the nomination and took the Chair.

2. Apologies for the Absence

Apologies for absence tendered on behalf of Mr P Jeffery and Mrs Bennett

3. Minutes

Copies of the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held in the Manor Grove Communal room, Martinstown on Monday 18th May 2017 were provided to those present.

Proposed Mr M Hall

Seconded Mr J Walker

Resolved

4. Matters Arising

None considered

5. Annual report of the Parish Council

The Chairman read a report of the work carried out by the Parish Council during the preceding year highlighting the achievements and aims of the Parish Council. She urged parishioners to give serious consideration to standing for the Parish Council when elections were due next year. The changes in local government with the creation of two unitary authorities for Dorset will undoubtedly mean changes to the responsibility placed on parish councils. The situation will have to be carefully monitored. A copy of the report will be held on file and posted on the village website.

The report was received with thanks.

Proposed Mr M Usherwood

Seconded Mr N Hallett

Resolved

6. Audit of the Parish Council Accounts

BDO Stoy Hayward LLB, the external auditors, had audited and issued an unconditional report on the Parish Council Accounts for the year ended March 2017, this was duly noted.

7. Report of the Blanchard Charity Trust

The Chairman of the Trust informed those present about the Trust which was started in 1904. An application from the funds of the Trust can be made for consideration by the members of the Trust which aims to support hardship. Information about the Blanchard Charity Trust can be found on the website.

8. Reports from the Village groups

- a. **The Village Hall-** The village hall Chairman reported that the hall continues to be well supported. The Children's play area has been improved with new equipment. Fund raising for the hall is largely from the profit of Bingo and the 100 club.

- b. **Waste Watch**- The Waste Watch team continue to operate and obtain a price in the region of £40 per tonne for used papers. This money is used to support local groups. It would be helpful if plastic covers are removed from magazines before they are placed in the collecting bins.
- c. **Speed Watch**- Information regarding the SID sign at Mallards Green was provided. The speed was recorded in both directions although not displayed in both directions on the monitor. Data gained is available in the PC minutes on the website.

9. Parish Councillors attendance record May 2017 – April 2018

Number of meetings held- 8 The record of attendance was as follows:

Mr Jeffery-5, Mrs Wiltshire-6, Mrs Bennett-4, Mr Read-8, Mr Hallett-5, Mrs Priddle-5, Mr Walker-6, Mr Hall-6, Mr Usherwood-8.

10. Report from County Councillor Mrs J Dunseith

Mrs Jean Dunseith reported on her input concerning speeding traffic through the village. She had supported the provision of the Speed Indicator Device (SID) at Mallards Green. She was however disappointed that data obtained would not justify a SID camera at the west end of the village. She will do her best to support the village on matters of concern that relate to the DCC.

11. Report from West Dorset District Councillor Mr R Freeman

Mr Robert Freeman, WDD Councillor for the ward reported that when the new unitary authorities are in place next year one Councillor will represent a minimum of 3750 electors. To achieve this the ward boundary will be extended and will include Broadmayne and much of the Winterbourne Farringdon Parish Council area. Parish boundaries will not be changed.

12. Report from PCSO S Pilcher

PCSO Sarah Pilcher reported that scam telephone calls and uninvited door callers should be reported to the police via the 101 service. She reported that the Dorset Alert is a free service and is available by email and gives up to date information. If drivers of vehicles were observed using mobile phones whilst driving these may be reported via the 101 system.

13. Other Matters raised

- a. The local speed watch group will be reconvening in the future to carry out speed monitoring in the village.
- b. Vehicles parked haphazardly on the C53 road at McDonalds restaurant is still a serious concern. Action will be taken to enlist the support of the DCC, Winterbourne Farringdon Parish Council and the Duchy Estates to try to solve the problem.
- c. Although a local taxi-bus service into Dorchester is well supported by regular group of residents the Public transport service is very poor in the village. The Winterbourne Valley Transport group reported that they have written to the Duchy of Cornwall asking if they will give consideration to re routing the No 6 bus service, which they operate to Martinstown. The Group would like the support of the Parish Council in this regard. This will be given
- d. It was reports that the Book of Martinstown is in the process of being updated, the Parish Council had previously been requested to assist with the funding of the book, costs are to be provided.
- e. The speed and quantity of large vehicles, especially farm vehicles towing slurry tankers, that travelled through the village was raised by several people. These vehicles appeared to exceed the speed limit and over ran the verges in some places.

The Parish Council are aware of the problem which is also a problem in other areas. The matter will be considered at the next Parish Council meeting.

- f. A project to encourage children to take an interest in nature was being undertaken by officers of the Dorset AONB department. This included making bug hotels and river dipping. These tasks will be implemented with help from the AONB team.

14. Closure of meeting

The Chairman thanked those present for attending and closed the meeting at 8.38pm

Cllr Debbie Wiltshire (*Chairman*) _____

Date: 20th May 2019