

Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Annual Parish Meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St Martin, on Monday 11th May 2015.
The meeting commenced at 7.00pm. 4 members of the Parish were present together with 8 members of the Parish Council.

1. CHAIRMAN.

Mr P. Jeffery Chairman of the Parish Council was in the chair.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence tendered on behalf of Mrs A. Bennett.

3. MINUTES.

The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held in the Parish Office, Martinstown on Monday 12th May 2014 were read.

Proposed by Mr D. Read and seconded by Mr A. Whitty.

Resolved

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

4. MATTERS ARISING.

The implementation of a local speed camera scheme was discussed and two more people volunteered to take part. This required one more person before the scheme could be put-in-place.

5. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.

Mr P. Jeffery, chairman of the Parish Council, read a report of the work carried out by the Parish Council during the preceding year. Copies were provided for and handed out to those present.

Proposed by Mr D. Gargrave and seconded by Mr D. Read.

Resolved

That the report be received with the best of thanks.

6. AUDIT OF PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS.

BDO Stoy Haward LLB, the external auditors, had audited and issued a conditional report on the Parish Council Accounts for the year ended March 2014. The condition was that the LCTS should be included in the grant column and not in the precept column. No further action is required.

7. REPORT OF THE BLANCHARD CHARITY TRUST.

The Trust had again met on several occasions during the year and had awarded monies to various worthy causes all within the terms of the Charity. Capital funds were reasonable. Mr R. Corbett-Winder is the chairman of the charity.

8. REPORTS FROM VILLAGE GROUPS.

- ❖ *The Village Hall.* The Village Hall continues to be well supported. Solar panels had been provided as part of a Dorset County Council energy scheme which included five other similar public buildings. Shares in this scheme could be purchased. Help with the running of the hall would be welcome. A new chairman, Mrs J. Jones has been elected to replace her husband Mr V. Jones.
- ❖ *Artsreach.* This organisation continues to hold at least three visits a year to the village hall with a varied programme and these are well supported.

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- ❖ *Martinstown Cricket Club.* The club's new chairman, Mr D. Gargrave, reported that the club has an excellent facility at Lower Ashton and is well supported. There are at least 70 junior members. The ground is in good condition maintained by an enthusiastic team of volunteers. Plans are afoot to extend the pavilion to improve the kitchen arrangements and to increase the number of toilets. The first team is now in the Premier League playing teams from Dorchester and Weymouth. At the present time there is no girl's team but this could change in future.
- ❖ *Martinstown Mileaters.* This group continues to tramp the footpaths in the area and beyond and were almost stranded on a venture to Guernsey. Walkers of all abilities will be welcome to join the group.
- ❖ *Martinstown WI.* This group has again increased its membership with new-comers to the village and was planning events to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Women's Institute.
- ❖ *Waste Watch Group.* This group collects newspapers and magazines and the funds from sales of this paper are used to help village groups. More help with transporting the papers from the two collecting points in the village would be helpful. Two new containers have been purchased to replace the old freezer collection bins.
- ❖ *Public House, Farm Shop and Village Shop/Post Office.* These important village facilities continue to work well. The post office facility operating in the village shop is especially beneficial.
- ❖ *Garden and Craft Society.*
A show is planned for 12th September 2015 and entries for the various classes will soon be invited. All comers are encouraged to take part.

9. PARISH COUNCILLORS ATTENDANCE RECORD MAY 2014 – APRIL 2015.

Number of meetings held was 6. The record of attendances was as follows: -

Mr Jeffery 4, Mrs Hearing 5, Mrs Bennett 5, Mr Read 6, Mr Gargrave 5, Mr Barnes 4, Mr Whitty 3, Mr Hallett 5.

10. OTHER MATTERS RAISED.

The 30mph repeater signs, although of a small diameter, are correct for the class of road. A drainage gully at the south end of Bats Lane is often blocked by mud. The DCC highways manager will be asked to help keep the gully clear.

11. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The Chairman thanked those present for attending and closed the meeting at 7.47 pm

P. I. Jeffery Chairman.

Date 25/5/16