

**Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St. Martin on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016.**

**Democratic Period commenced at 7.30pm.**

Present: - Six members of the public together with the under-mentioned members of the Parish Council: -  
Mr D. Read, Mr N. Hallett, Mr P. Jeffery, Mrs A. Priddle, Mrs D. Wiltshire, Mrs A. Bennett, Mr J. Walker, Mr D. Gargrave and Mr S. Slade (Clerk)

Mr P. Jeffery, chairman, in the chair welcomed those present.

Matters discussed were as follows:-

- a. Magna Housing will be contacted and asked to paint the metal rails at the entrance to Manor Grove.
- b. North Rew Lane is in a very poor condition. The Clerk had met an officer from DCC on site who had agreed to purchase some "scalpings" to fill the worst areas. This is dependent on funding.
- c. Smoke from bonfires in the grounds of the Manor House was causing a nuisance to residents of neighbouring properties. The contractor involved would be asked to light his bonfire in a location so as not to cause a nuisance.
- d. The date of Parish Council meetings will be published in the Valley and Valence and on the website.

**The Parish Council meeting commenced at 7.35 pm.**

Present: - As recorded for the Democratic Period above.

Apologies tendered on behalf of Mr A. Whitty

**Declaration of interests.**

There were no declarations of interest.

**1. MINUTES**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015 had been circulated to all members.

Proposed by Mr D. Read and seconded by Mrs D. Wiltshire

**Resolved**

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

**2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES.**

None considered.

**3. FINANCIAL MATTERS.**

***a. Payments since the last meeting***

HMRC	Tax	£120.60
S. Slade	Clerk fee	£482.10
SSE	Electric	£ 80.15
D. Gargrave	Materials for repairs to office	£ 27.59

***b. Receipts since the last meeting: -***

HMRC	VAT refund	£576.82
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***c. Approval of accounts for payment.***

None presented.

***d. Funds in the Parish Council Account.***

The clerk reported that the balance of £14,056.92 was held in the Parish Council Account and reconciled to the bank statement Number 81 dated 8<sup>th</sup> January 2016. *Noted.*

***g. Standing Orders.***

The clerk drew attention to the Parish Council Standing Orders which required up-dating. After due consideration it was agreed that the clerk would up-grade the existing Standing Orders and provide each member with a copy at the meeting in January for consideration and adoption. The draft revision is still being prepared.

**4. PLANNING MATTERS.*****A. Comments made on Planning Applications during the interim period since the last meeting.***

Carry out treeworks at 16, Manor Grove. No objections.

***B. Matters considered at the meeting.***

Discharge section 52 agreement Morngate Park. Increase in use of access might cause a problem if the proposal is approved. The foul water drainage might be a problem.

***C. Matters considered by WDDC/DCC***

Form slurry lagoon at Clandon Farm. Approved by DCC.

Erect Garage at 2, Alington Place. Approved by WDDC.

***D. West Dorset District and Weymouth Aopted Local Plan.***

Names of members who wish to attend a presentation by WDDC on the adopted local plan will be forwarded WDDC by the clerk.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED.**

a. Mrs Wiltshire reported that the volunteers involved with the speed camera exercise were now trained and were operating at locations in the village. This will continue from time-to-time. The police were also more active in the area and were monitoring speeding vehicles on a more frequent basis. The C53 and B3159 roads were very busy at peak times as the route was a "rat-run" from Yeovil to Weymouth.

The painting of speed limit signs on the carriageway might help draw attention to the speed limit. DCC will be asked to consider this suggestion.

b. Water supply stop taps especially those located on the eastern area of the Village Green opposite the "Chantry" are difficult to access due to them being obscured by parked vehicles. It was suggested that Wessex Water be contacted by those concerned.

c. Poaching of deer in the area was reported and any evidence of such activity should be reported to the police.

**6. FOOTPATH REPORT.**

Footpaths were generally clear. Any problems should be reported to the Footpath Liaison officers.

**7. AMENITY MATTERS.**

a. The Public Bus Service through the village continues to exist albeit with a reduced number of journeys. A meeting is to be held with Oliver Letwin MP with the objective of gaining his support to keep a bus service operating through the village. The lack of a reasonable public bus service through the village has an adverse effect on parishioners and others who do not have cars or other means of transport. The 61 service is likely to be discontinued due to lack of funds.

b. The Dog Warden will be asked to take appropriate action to inform dog owners to act responsibly and "pick-up" mess left by their dog especially on the village green.

c. The village shop is open again and operates a limited post-office service. This facility must be supported in order that it can be viable.

d. Mr Read reported that the Waste Watch newspaper collection will be continuing for a further 3 month trial and will be reviewed after that period has elapsed. The amount paid for the newspapers will now be from the contractor involved and will not include a "top-up" from the local authority.

**8. FLOOD WARDEN MATTERS.**

The pipes taking water from pumps installed in property to take groundwater from the dwellings at times of high ground water levels in some instances discharged the water over public footpaths. This created a safety problem especially during cold weather. The matter is being investigated.

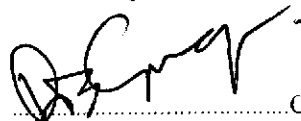
The stream clearance carried out by M. J. Fry with a follow up clearance by the SWCFAG has helped to keep water flowing and has reduced the risk of flooding. The need to keep gully grids clear is on-going and it will be appreciated if members of the public would remove any debris in this regard if it is safe to do so or contact the clerk if this is not possible.

**9. NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

This will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016 in the Parish Office starting at 7.30pm.

**10. CLOSURE OF MEETING.**

The meeting was closed at 9.25 pm.



Chairman

Date

4/4/16