

Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterbourne St Martin on Monday 25th June 2018.

Present: -

Parish councillors, Mrs D. Wiltshire, Mr M. Usherwood, Mr M. Hall, Mr P. Jeffery, Mr D. Read, and Mr S. Slade (Clerk).

Mr R. Freeman (District Councillor), Mrs J. Dunseith (County Councillor) together with nine members of the public.

Democratic Period commenced at 7.30pm

Matters raised and responses given were:-

- i. Mr and Mrs Hearing reported further on the proposed publication of an up-date of the 2000 Book of Martinstown which was being compiled. Those present were reminded that the previous issue had been funded via the Parish Council and would the Parish Council consider funding the revised issue. It was agreed that a business plan will be required before a decision is made in this regard. When this is available further consideration will be given to the proposal.
- ii. A further meeting had been held at the Washing-pool with officers from DCC. It appeared that the DCC might now organise and carry out the work to re-point the stonework. Further information is awaited.
- iii. Mrs Dunseith will be asked to take appropriate action to have the edging kerb and gully surround situated at the corner immediately east of the junction of the ~~CS3~~ road with the B3159 road repaired.
- iv. Grass growing on the visibility splay to the north of the Mallards Green access road requires cutting. Mrs Dunseith will be asked to ask DCC Highways department to carry out this work.
- v. It was reported that a dog in another village had died having eaten wild Hemlock. Some of this plant had been noticed growing in the South Winterbourne stream and had been removed and left on the river bank. A warning of the danger to animals that chew this plant will be published in the Valley and Vallance.
- vi. A resident expressed concern alleging that weed growth cut from the stream by Magna Housing had floated downstream and had blocked the section of stream bordering her property. She had tried to contact Magna officers to ask them to remove this material but had been unsuccessful and had removed this material at her own expense. The clerk will contact Magna.
- vii. The visibility to the east when exiting from Blagdon Close was obscured by an over hanging hedge. The hedge appeared not to be part of the village green land. The clerk had met on site with the assumed owner of the hedge and was awaiting further clarification.
- viii. The matter of speeding in the Mallards Green area was reported and speeds in excess of 60 mph had been recorded on the SID.

The Parish Council meeting commenced at 8.15 pm.

Parish councillors present as recorded for the Democratic Period above.

Apologies tendered on behalf of: - Mrs A. Bennett, Mr J. Walker 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 Annual Parish Council meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 30th May 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.

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2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES.

No matters were considered.

3. APPOINTMENT OF RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER.

Arising from the Internal Auditor report it was necessary to formally appoint a Parish Council RFO. Proposed by Mr Jeffery and seconded by Mr D. Read

Resolved

That the Parish Clerk, Mr S. Slade, be appointed the Parish Council Responsible Finance Officer.

4. INTERNAL AUDITOR REPORT FOR 2017/2018.

Members had received a copy of the Internal Auditors report for 2017/2018. The document was formally received and noted.

5. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

a. The Council approved the following schedule of payments: -

DAPTC course fee	£ 25.00	+ £85.00
DAPTC annual subscription	£ 238.54	
K. Damen grass cutting	£ 75.00	
Came and Co Insurance	£ 570.40	
Darkin Miller Audit fee	£ 528.36	(inc VAT).

b. Receipts since the last meeting: -

WDDC 1st part Precept	£2750.00
VAT refund	£ 903.89

c. Funds in the Parish Council Account.

The clerk reported that the balance of £14,247.70 was held in the Parish Council Account. *Noted.*

d. Income and Expenditure. (Balances at date of meeting and reconciled to bank statement No10 dated 8th June 2018).

Expenditure:- £993.

Income:- £4331.89.

e. Annual accounts.

Members had received a copy of the 2017/2018 amended annual accounts

It was proposed by Mr M. Hall and seconded by Mr P. Jeffery

Resolved

That the amended accounts of the Parish Council for the year 2017/2018 be adopted.

f. External Auditors Governance Report

Members completed Section 2 of the External Auditor Report.

g. Book of Martinstown.

Further consideration to the matter of funding the publication of the revised Book of Martinstown will be given when a business plan is provided. (See Democratic period item i above).

6. RISK ASSESSMENT.

The clerk briefly reported on this matter and informed that he had carried out an inspection of Parish Council property and noted that some repairs were required to the notice board at Mallards Green. In future he would report the risk assessment in September and February but would inspect property on an ad-hoc basis between these dates.

7. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.

The Annual Report of the Parish Council had been reported at the Annual Parish Council Meeting. Proposed by Mr M. Hall and seconded by Mr D. Read.

Resolved

That a copy of this report be pasted in the minute book.

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8. GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS.

Mr Hall gave an up-date on these regulations as they related to the Parish Council. Further information in this regard will be reported at the next meeting. In the meantime the Insurance Company will be asked if appropriate cover regarding Data Protection Legislation is covered under the Parish Council policy.

9. PLANNING MATTERS.

A. Comments made on Planning Applications during the interim period since the last meeting.
None reported.

B. Matters considered at the meeting.

- i. WD/D/18/001111. Erect livestock building and three stables on land at Monkton Lane. Members will visit the site and forward their comments to the clerk who will then formulate a response.
- ii. WD/D/18/001219. Construct Slurry Lagoon at Church Farm. Objection until further information available regarding the necessity for this lagoon.
- iii. WD/D/18/001172. Erect silage clamp at Church Farm. Objection until further information available before making a comment on this proposal.
- iv. Alterations to Goldcombe Farm Cottage. The proposal is only recently on the web-site. Observations to be forwarded to the Clerk on this proposal following which a comment will be made to WDDC.
- v. The clerk reported that he had had an enquiry regarding possible development of redundant buildings at Church Farm and outlined the proposal. Members noted this and some suggestions were made which will be communicated to the enquirer. Formal comments will be made should a planning application be submitted.

C. Matters considered by WDDC.

WD/D/18/000317. Erect garage etc at Lane End. Application approved.

D. Matters considered by the Planning Inspectorate.

WD/D/17/000654. Erect dwellings at 2, Alington Place. Appeal allowed.

WD/D/17/000158. Erect plant/machinery/food store. 6, Radio Station Cottages. Appeal dismissed.

10. CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED.

- i. A project known as "The Land of Bone and Stone" had limited funds available for projects to enhance and restore historical structures in the area. This would include work to the well near "Fairfield" or planting of wild flowers in suitable locations. A local group is in contact regarding planting wild flowers.

11. FOOTPATH REPORT.

Footpaths are generally in reasonable condition but overgrown in some areas. Some of the more popular routes have been cleared of long grass. The route from Clandon to Bats Lane is difficult to access. Appropriate action will be taken in this regard.

12. COMMUNICATIONS.

No report.

13. PCSO MATTERS.

Problems regarding speeding vehicles in the village may be reported to the PCSO as may the users of mobile phones by tractor drivers and others.

14. WASTE WATCH.

Less newspapers being re-cycled via the waste bin collection. Nonetheless the collection continues.

15 VILLAGE HALL

Noted that the grass around the hall had now been cut and the Play Area refurbishment completed.

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16. BLANCHARD CHARITY.

No report.

17. COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH.

No recent local speed watch exercise had taken place. In order to demonstrate that the speed of vehicles is within the limit it might be a good idea to invite complainants to take part in a future speed watch exercise. This will be considered.

18. DAPTC MATTERS.

Some discussions have taken place at a recent meeting updating members on the current improvements to the policies and strategy to prevent people becoming homeless.

19. AMENITY MATTERS.

- i. The bench seat on the Village Green to replace the damaged one that had been removed will be replaced shortly.
- ii. The ownership of the boundary hedge between 1, Blagdon Close and land forming part of the Village Green is being investigated. The clerk had now contacted the owner of the Village Green regarding this matter and investigations into the ownership are on-going.
- iii. A further meeting at the Washing Pool had been held with the clerk and representatives of DCC. The DCC will now consider carrying out the work as a training exercise in the art of lime mortar pointing. This work might extend to the Well near "Fairfield".
- iv. The "roundels" removed from sign-posts in the village had been handed to the DCC amenities team who will clean them then re-fix them in the correct locations.

20. FLOOD WARDEN MATTERS.

Riparian owners have removed some weed growth in order to keep the water flowing and not backing-up. Some further clearing will have to be carried out before the autumn mechanical clearing is due to take place. A copy of the responsibility of Riparian Owners will be re-published in the Valley and Vallance for information of new residents of property fronting the South Winterbourne stream.

21. REPRESENTATIVES.

It was agreed that member representatives on the various village organisations will continue in post until the next annual meeting in 2019.

22. TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS.

Concern is still being expressed regarding the number of heavy vehicles travelling through the village. These are usually tractors and other farm vehicles. These vehicles are driven onto the grass verges when overtaking and cause damage. In areas these banks have been worn away. It was agreed that a letter will be sent to Oliver Letwin MP detailing the concern of the Parish Council in the matter of the increase in the use of vehicles transporting slurry and feedstuff to and from farms in the area. The need for this is largely due to the change in farming practices.

23. PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

The public transport service in the area is extremely poor. A letter had been sent to the Duchy of Cornwall Estates Manager asking if the number 6 bus service could be diverted to Martinstown to take people to and from the shops in Poundbury and Dorchester. A response had been received that the DCC were responsible for this service and they should be contacted. The matter of the provision of a bus lay-by at the Radio Station Cottages might be desirable but unlikely to be implemented. It was agreed that the clerk would contact the local transport group to try to facilitate a bus service to the village.

24. PARKING ON THE C53 ROAD NEAR MCDONALD'S RESTAURANT.

The Duchy of Cornwall Estates Manager had written and confirmed that the estate would prefer the restaurant to be relocated and suggested that DCC representatives should be asked to help solve the parking problem at this location. The land surrounding the restaurant was in an agricultural tenancy.

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25. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETINGS.

The clerk had asked members to consider starting future meetings at 7.00pm.

Proposed by Mr Jeffery and seconded by Mr Read

Resolved

That Parish Council meetings will commence at 7.00pm and be reviewed at the annual meeting in May 2019.

26. NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

This will be held on 23rd July 2018 in the Parish Office starting at **7.00pm.**

27. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The meeting was closed at 9.53 pm.

D.A. Wilkine.....Chairman

Date. 23-07-2018