

Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Annual Parish Meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St Martin, on Monday 23rd May 2016.
The meeting commenced at 7.00pm. 3 members of the Parish were present together with 3 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, Mr A. Whitty and Mrs A. Priddle.

3. MINUTES.

The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held in the Parish Office, Martinstown on Monday 23rd May 2015 were read.

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

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 an unconditional report on the Parish Council Accounts for the year ended March 2015. This was noted.

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 and had been increased by a donation from a local resident. Mrs Clifford is now the chairman of the Charity.

8. REPORTS FROM VILLAGE GROUPS.

- ❖ *The Village Hall.* The Village Hall continues to be well supported. The need for more volunteers to help with the running of the hall would be welcome. Bookings were good and the facility continues to be well maintained.
- ❖ *Artsreach.* This organisation continues well supported via the village hall and is organised locally by Mrs F. Taylor and her efforts in this regard are appreciated.
- ❖ *Martinstown Cricket Club.* The club's chairman, Mr D. Gargrave, reported that the club at Lower Ashton continues to be well supported especially the junior section. The ground continues to be managed by volunteers who give hours of their time to ensure that the facility is kept in good condition. He reported that a site screen had been stolen from the ground and will have to be replaced before the season begins.

- ❖ *Waste Watch Group.* This group has a rota of volunteers for collecting used newspapers from the collection bins in the village and the proceeds from the sale of these newspapers helps local fund local groups and organisations. The money paid for this newspaper waste has been reduced as local authority funding is no longer available by way of a grant. It has been agreed that the scheme will be extended for a further period and then a decision will be made to consider if it will carry on.
- ❖ *Public House and Village Shop/Post Office.* These important village facilities continue to work well and must be supported to ensure their long-term viability.

9. PARISH COUNCILLORS ATTENDANCE RECORD MAY 2015 – APRIL 2016.

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

Mr Jeffery 3, Mrs Wiltshire 6, Mrs Bennett 4, Mr Read 6, Mr Gargrave 5, Mr Hallett 5, Mrs Priddle 5, Mr Whitty 5, Mr Walker 5.

10. OTHER MATTERS RAISED.

- a. Fly-posting is a nuisance and breaches planning regulations. Posters may be removed especially those appended to telegraph poles which are often left "flapping" when the advertised event has been completed.
- b. The responsibility for cutting grass on the banks of the open ditches in the area was raised and DCC will be asked to take appropriate action.
- c. The local speed-watch group had carried out some on-the-ground monitoring of the speed which vehicles were driven through the village and had forwarded their findings to the police. Further monitoring will take place on an ad-hoc basis.

11. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The Chairman thanked those present for attending and closed the meeting at 7.27 pm

Michael Hall Chairman.

Date 18/5/17.....