

**Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St. Martin on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2015.**

**Democratic Period commenced at 7.30pm.**

Present: - Four members of the public together with District Councillor Mr R. Freeman and the under-mentioned members of the Parish Council: -

Mr D. Read, Mr N. Hallett, Mrs A. Bennett, Mr D. Gargrave, Mr A. Whitty, Mr J. Walker, Mrs A. Priddle, Mrs D. Wiltshire and Mr S. Slade (Clerk)

Mr D. Gargrave, vice-chairman in the chair and welcomed those present.

Matters raised were as follows:-

a. Mr Hallett raised a concern about ~~timber~~ <sup>concrete</sup> sleepers that had been erected on land adjacent to the B3159 road west of the bend approximately 1 mile south of Higher Ashton Farm. He considered that this might be a danger to road users. Members were generally unaware of this. The vice-chairman would investigate and report back to the next meeting.

b. Mr J. Elliot raised matters relating to the Parish Council website. These will be dealt with by the clerk.

c. Mr R. Eversden asked if a "concealed entrance" sign could be erected on the A35 near the junction with north Rew Lane similar to those at other locations in area.

d. Mr Whitty and Mr Eversden asked if the surface of North Rew Lane could be repaired. They were informed that the lane was classed as a BOAT, (Bridleway Open to all Traffic) and was maintained by the DCC accordingly. The DCC will be asked to visit and inspect the lane to ensure that the surface is maintained to the correct standard.

e. Mrs Priddle expressed concern at the on-going parking problems along the C53 near the entrance to McDonalds Restaurant. Mr Read added his concerns that some of the wooden posts along the south side of the road in the same vicinity had been knocked over and could be construed as being dangerous. The clerk reported that he had met on site with an officer of DCC and asked if consideration could be given to carrying works to ease the problem. It appeared that this was unlikely. Members agreed that the clerk could write direct to the Duchy of Cornwall to ask them to consider selling the area of land, immediately south and adjacent to the restaurant, to the owners of the restaurant. This land would be used for the purpose of increasing off road parking for users of the restaurant.

**The Parish Council meeting commenced at 8.04 pm.**

Present: - As recorded for the Democratic Period above.

Apologies tendered on behalf of Mr P. Jeffery.

**Declaration of interests.**

There were no declarations of interest.

**1. MINUTES**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015 had been circulated to all members. Mrs Priddle asked that the reference to Park Farm at minute 12 be corrected to read Higher Park Farm. This was agreed.

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

**Resolved**

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

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

No matters arising.

**3. FINANCIAL MATTERS.**

**a. Payments since the last meeting**

K. Darnen	Grass cutting	£ 40.00
HMRC	PAYE	£ 120.60
S. Slade	Clerk fee	£ 482.10

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

Grove Shoot	Hire of premises	£ 552.00
-------------	------------------	----------

**c. Approval of accounts for payment.**

None reported.

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

The clerk reported that the balance of £12,852.36 was held in the Parish Council Account and reconciled to the bank statement Number 75 dated 9<sup>th</sup> July 2015. *Noted.*

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

None reported.

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

- a. Outline application to erect dwelling on land within the boundary of East Lodge, Winterborne St Martin. No objections.
- b. Single storey extension and internal alterations at Rew Manor. No objections.
- c. The clerk informed that an application to change use of agricultural buildings at Limbury Farm to commercial use has been submitted to WDDC but not yet registered. The applicant has contacted the owners of neighbouring properties and explained the proposal.
- d. The clerk informed that an application had been submitted to WDDC to extend the Cricket Pavilion but this had also not been registered.
- e. An appeal against WDDC refusal to change use of an agricultural land/building to café at Downcroft Farm was being considered by the Planning Inspectorate.

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

- a. Extension and alterations at Holly Lodge, Winterborne St Martin. Appeal lodged by the applicant against WDDC refusal to grant planning permission.

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

- a. Mobile Library Service. DCC are proposing to discontinue or reduce the rural Mobile Library Service and are seeking observations on the proposal. Members noted that the service would continue in the village but times might be changed. DCC will be advised that any reduction in the service is to be regretted but the lack of usage in these areas makes the service none cost effective.
- b. DCC is consulting about the future of quarrying and waste facilities in Dorset. Information in this regard can be obtained on the Dorset For You website and at several exhibitions to be held. Members will try to attend one of these to gain more detailed information on the proposals.
- c. The annual Dorset Highways Councillors survey will be completed and returned before the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

**6. FOOTPATH REPORT.**

Mr Read had no major concerns about the condition of the footpaths although some were overgrown. This will resolve itself now that the growing season is coming to an end.

**7. AMENITY MATTERS.**

- a. The problem of dog mess not being picked-up by some dog walkers can be reported direct to the WDDC. Information relating to the particular complaint will be helpful. The Dog-Warden will then be asked to visit the area and take appropriate action.
- b. The clerk expressed concern at the spending of money to repair the Well near "Fairfield" which does not belong to the Parish Council. After due consideration it was agreed that the Parish Council Insurance Company will be asked for their opinion before the work is commenced. In the meantime the vice-chairman will make temporary repairs to the structure.
- c. The timber posts alongside the steps to the Sheep Washing Pool will be replaced with suitably treated timber posts. Other work will depend on the water level in the stream dropping. The clerk will write the history of the sheep-wash and erect a notice on the site to inform interested visitors.

**8. FLOOD WARDEN MATTERS.**

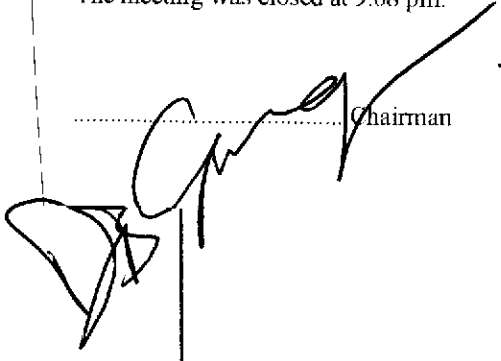
The clerk gave a further up-date on the SWCFAG meetings. The recent meeting considered the problems specific to Winterbourne Abbas and the effort being made to determine and agree the routes of drains running under the A35 from north to south. Highways England had agreed to take responsibility for clearing the length of stream in the Winterbourne Abbas village on an annual basis. Weed growth in the bed of the stream elsewhere needs clearing and areas of particular concern will be cleared. Two dates were set for this work. The 2<sup>nd</sup> August meet on the Martinstown Village Green at 10.00am and 23<sup>rd</sup> August meet at Winterbourne Steepleton. All volunteers will be welcome.

**9. NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

This will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015 in the Parish Office starting at 7.30pm.

**10. CLOSURE OF MEETING.**

The meeting was closed at 9.08 pm.



.....Chairman

Date 28/9/15