

Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

Present: -

Parish councillors, Mrs D. Wiltshire, Mr M. Usherwood, Mrs A. Bennett, Mr D. Read, Mr N. Hallett and Mr S. Slade (Clerk).  
Mr R. Freeman (West Dorset District Councillor) together with five members of the public.

**Democratic Period commenced at 7.00pm**

Matters raised and responses given were:-

- i. The Washing-pool. Questions were asked concerning the work at the Washing Pool. Mr Usherwood provided information on the work carried on the Washing Pool and explained the latest position regarding the information board.
- ii. The South Winterbourne Stream. In response to a question regarding the cleaning of the stream information was provided that Riparian Owners were responsible for clearing the section of the stream along the frontage of their property. The South Winterbourne Community Flood Action Group (SWCFAG) organised stream cleaning on an ad-hoc basis with volunteer help. A more thorough machine cleaning was carried out annually, usually in October, when hedges bordering the stream had been cut.
- iii. The chairman responded to a question concerning the duration of the term of the Clerk's appointment and informed that it was for an indefinite period. However Councillors were elected for a specified term.
- iv. The overgrowing hedge east of the entrance to Blagdon Close was still a concern. It was reported that a site meeting had been held with Mr Duke who is investigating the matter to try to establish the owner. He will now be sent a letter asking for an-update.
- v. The overgrown footpaths particularly in the area of Washing-pool House make walking along these paths difficult. DCC footpath officer has been made aware of this problem. The land owner could be asked to clear these paths.
- vi. The minutes of meetings included on the web-site were marked as draft. The minutes are approved and amended if necessary by councillors at the next meeting the record of which is kept in the official minute book.
- vii. Minute books will be placed in the County Records office for safe keeping.
- viii. The "winners" certificates relating to the Tidy Village Competition are displayed in the Parish Office. A plaque recording that the village had won the competition is erected on the Parish Garage. Plaques are only awarded to the winners in the two main categories each year.

**The Parish Council meeting commenced at 7.39 pm.**

Parish councillors present as recorded for the Democratic Period above.

Apologies tendered on behalf of: Mr P. Jeffery and Mrs Dunscith (Dorset County Councillor).

**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 Parish Council meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St Martin on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2018 had been circulated to all members.

Proposed by Mrs A. Bennett and seconded by Mr N. Hallett

**Resolved**

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

**2. RESIGNATION OF A MEMBER.**

The chairman reported a letter from Mr M. Hall resigning from the Parish Council.

*David*

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES.**

- i. The visibility to the east when exiting from Blagdon Close is obscured by an over hanging hedge. The clerk had been in contact with the owner of the Village Green who is investigating to try to find the legal owner of this hedge. A letter will be sent to him asking for an-update on the situation.
- ii. The clerk had contacted the farmer whose contractors appeared to be responsible for depositing mud/debris on the B3159 public highway near Duke Close and informed him of the concern voiced by members at the recent Parish Council meeting. This mud/debris would be brushed up when the contractors had finished the task.
- iii. The SID sign had been removed for repair as some LED lights were not working. This was being carried out under the terms of the warranty.
- iv. The clerk had contacted a representative from Magna Housing regarding damage being caused to the river-bank along the frontage of Manor Grove. It appeared that the matter had now been resolved.

**4. FINANCIAL MATTERS.*****a. The Council approved the following payment: -***

K. Damen... grass cutting ..... £50.00.

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

None received.

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

The clerk reported that the balance of £12,998.84 was held in the Parish Council Account and reconciled to bank statement No13 dated 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018).

***d. Expenditure and Income Statement.***

The expenditure and income statement of the Parish Council since the last meeting was noted.

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

None reported.

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

WD/D/18/001816. Demolish redundant farm buildings and erect five dwellings at Church Farm. No objection in principle to the change of use subject to no vehicular access being permitted for these dwellings onto the road east of the site. All vehicular access must be via the new farm access road to the west of the site. A condition regarding maintenance of the stream that crosses the site should be included together with details of materials to be used in the construction of the dwellings. A minimum of two parking spaces must be provided for each dwelling together with at least five visitor parking spaces. Garages if provided must be used for vehicular parking in perpetuity and not for storage or converted to additional residential accommodation.

***C. Matters considered by WDDC.***

WD/D/18/000317. Work at Lane End, Martinstown. Refused.

***D. Matters considered by Planning Inspectorate.***

None reported.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED.**

- i. A copy of a highway survey document from DCC will be forwarded to all members for them to complete.
- ii. A Poster concerning Scam Mail will be copied and placed on the Web-site and on the notice boards.

**7. FOOTPATH REPORT.**

Footpaths are generally in a reasonable condition but a little overgrown in places.

**8. COMMUNICATIONS.**

No report.

*Daryl*

**9. PCSO MATTERS.**

No report.

**10. WASTE WATCH.**

More volunteers are still required to collect the newspapers from the bins and take them to the garage store at Church Farm. The money raised from this task is used to benefit groups and organisations in the village.

**11 VILLAGE HALL**

No report.

**12. BLANCHARD CHARITY.**

No report.

**13. COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH.**

No recent local speed watch exercise had taken place.

A new post on which the SID Sign at Mallards Green is erected had been provided to replace the one that had been knocked over. This will be shortened before the SID sign is returned.

**14. DAPTC MATTERS.**

No report.

**15. AMENITY MATTERS.**

i. Mr Read is now able to attend the Tidy Village Competition presentation evening on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

ii. The possibility of obtaining some road scalplings to level and generally tidy the parking area opposite Chantry Cottage will be investigated. Estimated costs will be reported at the next meeting.

iii. An estimate for carrying out works to the trees on the village Green was received. A further estimate will be obtained. It was unanimously agreed that this should include the removal of both cherry trees. The Council approved that the work should proceed based on the cheaper of the two estimates.

iv. The clerk reported on the Parish Council assets Repainting of seats still had to be completed. Investigations will be made to see if there was a volunteer group in the area who would be willing to carry out this work.

v. A working party will be arranged to tidy the parking area south of St Martins Field.

**16. FLOOD WARDEN MATTERS.**

The mechanical clearing of the South Winterbourne stream will take place in October when the weed growth has slowed and hedges bounding the stream have been cut. A date for the carrying out of this work will be obtained from the contractor.

**17. TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS.**

Oliver Letwin MP will meet representatives from Parish Councils in the area to discuss the problem of large vehicles travelling along roads in the area transporting slurry and feedstuff to and from farms in the area. The meeting will take place on 5th October 2018.

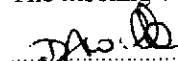
**18. NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

An extra-ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Parish Office on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018 commencing at 7.00pm.

This monthly meeting will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 in the Parish Office starting at **7.00pm.**

**19. CLOSURE OF MEETING.**

The meeting was closed at 9.20 pm.

.....Chairman

Date 22.10.18.....

**EXPENDITURE**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>SPEND TO DATE</b>	<b>APPROVED AT MEETING 24/9/18.</b>
DAPTC (Membership)	£ 300.00	£238.54	
DAPTC (Training)	£ 500.00	£110.00	
Grass Cutting	£ 600.00	£175.00	£50.00 Grass cutting
Insurance	£ 600.00	£570.40	
Clerk/HMRC	£2410.00	£602.50	
Internal audit	-	£440.30 + £88.06 (VAT).	
Electric	£ 150.00		
Maintenance/W.pool	£ 500.00		
SID Sign	£ 200.00		
River	£ 900.00		
Amenity	£ 100.00	£15.00 + £3.00 (VAT).	
Contingency	£ 200.00		
Communications	£ 300.00		

**INCOME**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>RECEIVED TO DATE.</b>
B/fwd	£ 10909.75*	£ 10909.75*
Precept	£ 5500.00	£ 2750.00
Hire Room	£ 400.00	£ 678.00
VAT (to date)	£ 88.06	£ 903.89 (from last year).
Rent/parking	£ 880.00	

\* Includes £5000.00 ring-fenced for Village Green work and £1000.00 for election costs.

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