

Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St. Martin on Monday 28th July 2014.

Democratic Period commenced at 7.30pm.

Present: - Four members of the Parish together with the under-mentioned members of the Parish Council
Mr P. Jeffery (chairman) Mr D. Gargrave, Mr D. Read, Mrs M. Hearing, Mrs A. Bennett, Mr A. Whitty,
Mr S. Slade (Clerk)

Matters raised as follows:-

- a. Mrs Thompson raised the matter of a planning application submitted to WDDC for extensions to M.J.Fry's agricultural engineering business at Newgrove Barn. She expressed concern that the work at the site generated noise when works were in progress and that the volume of traffic using the road appeared to cause the surface of the road to break-up. She raised concern that the proposal had not been widely advertised and informed that the incorrect notice had been given regarding the proposal by WDDC.
- b. Mr Tilsley referred to the planning application referred to by Mrs Thompson and was not opposed to the proposal.
- c. Mr Clift felt that the proposed extension to the Newgrove Barn would result in less noise being generated to his property if the doors, now proposed to be located in the front of the building, were kept closed when fabrication work was being carried out.
- d. Mr Shaw raised the matter of the 30mph repeater signs along the C53 road which were obscured by bushes etc. He had raised the matter previously.
- e. Mrs Jeffery considered that the condition of the Washing Pool represented a danger to children.
- f. Mr Read asked that appropriate action be taken to try to find the owners of dogs that barked at night causing a nuisance.
- g. An observation was voiced concerning the increase in private vehicles being parked on the village green.

The Parish Council Meeting commenced at 7.48pm.

Present: - As recorded for the Democratic Period above.
Apologies tendered on behalf of Mr N. Hallett.

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 12th May 2014 had been circulated to all members.

Proposed by Mr D. Read and seconded by Mrs M. Hearing

Resolved

That the minutes 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.Damen	Grass cutting	£ 80.00
SEB	Electric	£ 35.82
HMRC	Tax	£ 120.60
S.Slade	Salary	£ 482.10
Broker Network	Insurance	£ 523.56
A. Westlake	New door notice board	£ 130.80

b. Receipts since the last meeting: -

Grove Shoot	Rent of Office	£ 540.40
-------------	----------------	----------

c. Approval of accounts for payment.

None reported.

d. Funds in the Parish Council Account.

The clerk reported that the balance of £10,341.57 was held in the Parish Council Account and reconciled to the bank statement number 63 dated 9th July 2014. *Noted.*

4. PLANNING MATTERS

A. Comments made on Planning Applications during the interim period since the last meeting.

Proposed extension at 4, Hardy Close. Comment: - The proposal appears to be excessive located close to the boundaries of neighbouring properties.

Proposed extensions at Newgrove Barn. No objections

Proposed slurry pit at Lower Ashton Farm ... No objections.

B. Matters considered at the meeting.

Following discussion at the public period at a,b,c above it was agreed that a further comment on the proposed extensions to Newgrove Barn should be forwarded to WDDC as follows: - "When fabrication work is being carried out the doors should be kept closed".

Erect barn at Church Farm to replace approved Barn. No objections.

Mr Gargrave advised that he had been informed by a Planning Officer from WDDC that he would have to make a formal application for the landscaping work he had already commenced not realising that formal consent was required for this type of work.

C. Matters considered by WDDC/DCC

Extensions at Fairmount, Weymouth Road Approved.

Use Barn for storing Caravans, Stevens Farm. ... Approved with conditions.

5. CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED.

- a. A request from Victim Support for a grant to help towards their work. It was agreed that no grant be made.
- b. The Annual Dorset Highways Survey was reported and will be completed by the Clerk.
- c. A copy of the Dorset AONB Natural Beauty Management Plan was handed to members for information.
- d. A request from St John Ambulance for a grant was considered and it was agreed that no grant be made.
- e. The Draft Local Development Strategy funded by Defra was reported. An e-mail address was given concerning the subject and members could access this and make their own comments to meet the 31st July 2014 closing date.

6. FOOTPATH REPORT.

Mr Read gave an up-date on footpath problems. The gate on the footpath near the south end of Bats Lane had been set aside which now afforded easy access to the footpath. The footpath from the Brewers Arms to the A35 had been cleared as had the path running west-east behind the Church.

7. AMENITY MATTERS.

The meeting held in the Village Hall on 29th May 2014 to explain the changes with the method of collecting household waste was well attended and informative. The changes will commence on 13th October 2014.

Arising from the Democratic Period the chairman would contact the WDDC Dog Warden, Kerry Swords, concerning the matter of the noise nuisance caused by dogs that barked for long periods, especially at night.

An estimate had been received in respect of works required to replace timber work and some re-pointing work to the Washing Pool. The matter of removing an Elder bush on the outlet from the Pool would be dealt with as the nature of the work required. Some of the work might be carried out by the Parish Council Amenity team.

Arising from the Democratic Period and concerning the overgrowth of bushes that made the 30mph repeater sign at Mallards Green obscure. Mr Gargrave stated that he would clear the sign.

The Chairman reported the latest position with regard to the withdrawal of 31 bus service. The matter was ongoing and another meeting will be held on 30th July 2014 to try to achieve the reinstatement of the 31 bus service or a reduced service through the village. The bus service is operated by First Bus and is run as a commercial service and received no subsidy from DCC.

Some damage has been caused to one of the seats situated on the Village Green. Action will be taken to have the necessary repair work carried out.

The results of a housing survey covering the village had been analysed by an officer of WDDC. These indicated that some social houses would be welcome in the village. It was agreed that a meeting would be held in the Parish Office on 10th September 2014 starting at 10.00am to discuss the way forward and to walk the village to look at potential sites for such a development. An article will be included in the Village newsletter informing of the outcome of the survey.

An application for a grant to repair the Well structure near Fairfield had resulted in a grant of up to £280.00 being approved. The carpenter who had provided the original estimate for the work was no longer able to work for health reasons. A second estimate had then been obtained which exceeded the original one. WDDC were unable to increase the grant already approved. The clerk would try to obtain sponsorship in order to facilitate the work.

An estimate to replace two first floor windows in the Parish Office had been received which included the reuse of the existing glass. The estimate will be accepted which might be increased if new glass is required.

The increase in the number of vehicles parking on the Village Green was reported as being a temporary problem whilst works at nearby "Rylstone" were being carried out. The situation will be monitored.

8. FLOOD WARDEN MATTERS.

The clerk reported that the SWCFAG had carried out a very successful clearing of weed from the South Winterbourne stream near Steepleton Ponds. 19 members of the villages had turned up to help. The section of the stream in the centre of Martinstown will be cleared on 31st August 2014. Volunteers to meet on the Village Green at 10.00am.

9. NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

This will be held on 22nd September 2014 in the Parish Office starting at 7.30pm.

10. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The meeting was closed at 8.40 pm.

..... Chairman

Date.....