

Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St. Martin on Monday 23rd November 2015.

Democratic Period commenced at 7.30pm.

Present: - Two members of the public together with the under-mentioned members of the Parish Council: -
Mr D. Read, Mr N. Hallett, Mr P. Jeffery, Mrs A. Priddle, Mr A. Whitty, Mrs D. Wiltshire and Mr S. Slade (Clerk)

Mr P. Jeffery, chairman, in the chair welcomed those present.

Matters raised were as follows:-

a Mr Shaw drew attention to the Ridgeway path that had been ploughed over and not been reinstated in the due time. He asked that appropriate action be taken to have the path reinstated.

The Parish Council meeting commenced at 7.54 pm.

Present: - As recorded for the Democratic Period above.

Apologies tendered on behalf of Mrs A. Bennett, Mr D. Gargrave and Mr J. Walker

Declaration of interests.

There were no declarations of interest.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 28th September 2015 had been circulated to all members.

Proposed by Mr D. Read and seconded by Mrs D. Wiltshire

Resolved

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

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES.

a. Parking along the C53 near McDonald's restaurant. The clerk has contacted McDonald's agent concerning the matter and will report the outcome in due course.

b. Mr Hallett had contacted Mr J. Foot, (the farmer), regarding the concrete fence posts on land at the corner south of Higher Ashton Farm. Mr Foot informed Mr Hallett that these posts had been used to strengthen the fence at this location. It was noted that there was a chevron sign in place on the highway verge at this location to indicate to motorists that there was a sharp bend in the road. The clerk will contact DCC to see if a larger sign could be erected to warn of the dangerous bend.

3. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

a. Payments since the last meeting

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| K. Damen | Grass cutting | £ 80.00 |
| E. Southern | Roof repairs to office | £ 150.00 |
| M. Fry | River cleaning | £1008.00 (inc VAT). |
| RBL Poppy appeal | Wreath | £ 25.00 |

b. Receipts since the last meeting: -

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| Abbas/ Steepleton Parish | Contribution | £ 200.00 |
| J. Osborne | Rent and parking fee | £ 860.00 |

c. Approval of accounts for payment.

None presented.

d. Funds in the Parish Council Account.

The clerk reported that the balance of £14,548.74 was held in the Parish Council Account and reconciled to the bank statement Number 79 dated 9th November 2015. *Noted.*

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e. Precept for 2016/2017.

The clerk presented a draft budget for 2016/2017 and explained the content. Members discussed the proposal. It was reported that Parish Councils would likely be responsible for the cost of parish council elections in their parishes in the future and it would be prudent to include a ring-fenced sum towards this cost. It was agreed that this would be prudent but noted that there was sufficient "slack" in the funds to include a sum of £500.00 for a start. The possibility of providing a y-fi link in the parish office was raised but was considered unnecessary. The clerk had included a sum of £1000.00 for grants to help local groups. This would be helpful if the Waste Watch scheme was discontinued. It was agreed that the sum should be reduced to £500.00. It was resolved that the Parish Council precept for 2016/2017 would be as the current year £4500.00. The salary of the clerk for the year 2016/2017 was included in the precept as £2410 including tax.

f. DAPTC.

It was resolved after due consideration to re-join the DAPTC. The cost up to March 31st 2016 will be £72.20.

g. Standing Orders.

The clerk drew attention to the Parish Council Standing Orders which required up-dating. After due consideration it was agreed that the clerk would up-grade the existing Standing Orders and provide each member with a copy at the meeting in January for consideration and adoption.

4. PLANNING MATTERS.

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

- i. Form slurry lagoon at Clandon Farm. The bund should be adequately landscaped and slurry should be used only on the farm holding.
- ii. Garage at 2, Alington Place. This garage is too large and would be better located at the rear of the property.
- iii. Use outbuilding for holiday accommodation at Wylie Croft. Accurate plans should be provided to include details of foul water drainage. Increased use of the access road and its future maintenance might be a problem to existing users of the un-adopted access lane.
- iv. Erect extension to Martinstown Cricket Club pavilion. Materials should match existing.
- v. Change use of holiday unit at Rylands Barn to permanent residence. Object to the proposal.

B. Matters considered at the meeting.

- i. Erect dwelling on land at Grove Hill. The design considered to be innovative. Note that of the six members present Mr Jeffery, Mr Read and Mr Whitty took no part in the ~~comment~~ ^{Vote} for personal reasons.

C. Matters considered by WDDC/DCC

None reported.

5. CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED.

- a. Mrs Wiltshire reported that the first meeting of a group of residents had been held with the local PCSO at which instruction had been given regarding the implementation of a local speed watch scheme. On the ground instruction will take place shortly.
- b. Mr Read reported that the Waste Watch newspaper collection was not being well supported and furthermore the financial contribution for collecting the paper will shortly be discontinued by Dorset Waste Partnership. This will result in less money being available for distribution to local groups. The group will be meeting shortly to review the matter.
- c. The Highways Agency had responded regarding the possibility of erecting a concealed entrance sign on the A35 to indicate the North Rew Lane junction with the A35. They noted the correspondence but would not be erecting such a sign.
- d. An acknowledgement of correspondence concerning the surface of North Rew Lane was reported. The matter had been delegated to the DCC Footpath officer who will contact the clerk in due course and visit the site.
- e. The chairman reported that the village shop would be closing before Christmas owing to changes in the circumstances of the present operator. This was a great shame as the facility is a valuable asset for the community. The post office outlet will hopefully be maintained but with reduced opening hours. The chairman is meeting the owner of the property to discuss the situation and he will report back in due course.
- f. The public bus service through the village is now sadly much reduced for various reasons. The group of residents who were involved with trying to save the service will continue to monitor the matter and take action as appropriate. It was noted that some residents had banded together to hire a taxi-bus to travel to Dorchester on certain days which was well used.
- g. The National Grid Visual Impact Provision project included a proposal to remove some of the over-head electricity transmission lines and supporting pylons in the area and place the service underground. This was to reduce the impact on the area of outstanding natural beauty. Correspondence noted.

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h. A Dorset resident had written a book entitled "Life in Tandem" which includes many cycle rides around the Dorset Countryside. The book might be of interest to people living in the area. Copies may be obtained from the author.

6. FOOTPATH REPORT.

Mr Read reported that he had contacted the owner of the land of the footpath from Stevens Farm Lane to Bats Lane and the section of the path that had been ploughed had been reinstated.

7. AMENITY MATTERS.

The vice-chairman had replaced and repaired the two windows in the gable ends of the Parish Office and had carried out other minor repair works which was appreciated. The lay-by south of St Martins Field needs sweeping and some decoration and minor repairs are required to the bus shelter.

8. FLOOD WARDEN MATTERS.

The clerk gave a further up-date on the SWCFAG meetings. A further walk through of the stream from the parish office to west-end had taken place and a general tidy-up completed. The stream was now flowing well. It was hoped that the effort put in by the SWCFAG would greatly reduce the flooding risk to property and the highway.

9. NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

This will be held on 25th January 2016 in the Parish Office starting at 7.30pm.

10. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The meeting was closed at 9.30 pm.

P. J. Jettis Chairman

Date 25/1/16