

Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St. Martin on Monday 4th April 2016.

Democratic Period commenced at 7.30pm.

Present: - Four members of the public together with PCSO Sarah Pilcher and the under-mentioned members of the Parish Council: -

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

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

Matters discussed were as follows:-

a. Magna Housing had been contacted and asked to paint the metal rails at the entrance to Manor Grove but had responded to inform that the rails were not the responsibility of Magna Housing but DCC might be the responsible authority. An officer from DCC had initially denied responsibility but later advised that they were responsible for erecting the rails and would replace them if they were damaged. They would not be painting the rails.

b. PCSO Sarah Pilcher reported on the telephone crime watch scheme and asked how many people were in receipt of information via this scheme. Some received information direct others received it via a group co-ordinator. She agreed to place information in the Parish Newsletter regarding this scheme which was available to all interested people. It was important that all levels of crime were reported to give an accurate picture. Those present considered that the 101 telephone system for reporting crime was poor. A report of sheep fence netting being stolen should be reported together with any other crime in order to give a more correct picture of crime in the area.

c. The matter of the provision of a notice to indicate a concealed access at the junction of North Rew Lane with the A35 was again raised. The Parish Council had dealt with this matter which had been reported.

d. A complete list of Parish Council meetings will be included in the Parish Magazine.

The Parish Council meeting commenced at 7.55 pm.

Present: - As recorded for the Democratic Period above. Mrs A. Priddle joined the meeting at 8.00pm. Apologies tendered on behalf of Mr N. Hallett and Mr P. Jeffery.

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 25th January 2016 had been circulated to all members.

The address of a planning application commented on was corrected to read, 1, Alington Place and not 2, Alington Place.

Proposed by Mr J. Walker and seconded by Mr D. Read

Resolved

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

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES.

None considered.

3. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

a. Payments since the last meeting

HMRC	Tax	£120.60
S.Slade	Clerk fee	£482.10
SSE	Electric	£ 33.52

b. Receipts since the last meeting: -

None received.

c. Approval of accounts for payment.

None presented.

d. Funds in the Parish Council Account.

The clerk reported that the balance of £13,395.70 was held in the Parish Council Account and reconciled to the bank statement Number 81 dated 8th January 2016. *Noted.*

e. Standing Orders.

The clerk will meet with Mrs Wiltshire to complete the up-grading of standing orders.

f. Grass Cutting

The clerk reported that the grass cutting contract for the Village Green had expired. He had contacted the contractor and discussed the matter of extending the contract for a further period of three years. The contractor was willing to carry on with the work for an increase in cost of £5.00 per cut for a three year term. The contract had been carried out satisfactorily. Members agreed to suspend Standing Orders and resolved that the contractor, Mr K. Damen, be awarded the grass cutting contract for the Village Green for a further three year period for an increase of £5.00 per cut.

g. Fence at Mallards Green, bus waiting area.

The clerk reported a further estimate from a local contractor for replacing the boundary fence at this location. The replacing of the fence with oak would be very expensive. It was agreed that the estimate provided by the fencing contractor for clearing the existing fence and erecting a timber post and rail fence in tanalised timber be accepted. Some removal of soil might be necessary near the return ends of the fence. The estimated cost was £570.00.

h. Cheque signatories.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman will be added to the bank mandate to sign Parish Council cheques.

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

- i. Use building and land for storage purposes near Rew Manor Farm. Object as any increase in the use of the Lane will likely lead to the break-up of the surface the resultant gravel will then be washed onto the B3159 road causing a danger to other road users. There are already vacant industrial/storage units available in the area.
- ii. Erect building for office/store etc on land near the former Radio Station cottages. Object as there appears to be no justified need for such a building and access onto the A35 is very poor and would likely create a traffic hazard.

B. Matters considered at the meeting.

Erect replacement conservatory at 3, Grove Barn Cottages, Grove Hill. No objections but neighbours should be informed. It was noted that the Party Wall Act might be applicable in respect of this proposal.

C. Matters considered by WDDC/DCC

Discharge section 52 agreement Morngate Park. Refused by WDDC.

D. West Dorset District and Weymouth Adopted Local Plan.

Mr Gargrave reported on a meeting that had been organised by WDDC to report the detail of this plan. Mrs Bennett had also attended the meeting and expressed concern at some aspects especially the lack of affordable housing being completed. It was noted that the plan is already being re-considered with a view to addressing this matter.

E. Planning reference numbers.

It was agreed that the WDDC planning reference numbers should be included on agendas and minutes.

5. CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED.

- a. Mrs Wiltshire reported that the latest speed camera exercise carried out at Mallards Green had recorded many vehicles exceeding the speed limit. Appropriate action has been taken to report the number-plates of those speeding to the police. Further exercises will take place on an ad-hoc basis.
- b. The painting of speed limit signs on the carriageway might help draw attention to the speed limit. DCC had been asked to consider this suggestion. No response to the letter had yet been received.
- c. DAPTC is organising a series of meetings to disseminate information regarding Parish Council business. The attendance at these meetings will cost £65.00 for two sessions. The clerk will ask the person providing the information if she will attend a separate meeting with the Winterborne St Martin Parish Council in the village which might be more helpful. If this is not possible then members agreed that Mrs Wiltshire could attend two meetings later in the year at a cost of £65.00 to be paid from the funds of the Parish Council.
- d. Mrs Bennett asked if the minutes could be produced to a larger text size. The clerk had contacted DAPTC who had no knowledge in this regard but suggested if a person wanted a larger print size this should be provided.
She also asked how best to communicate with one another and with members of the parish. She will detail her thoughts in this regard for discussion at the next meeting
- e. In order to better involve the members of the Parish with the business of the Parish Council it was agreed that an informal meeting in the village hall might best serve this objective. Such a meeting will be arranged.
- f. The DCC mobile library service was being withdrawn from many parishes but would continue in Martinstown. The dates when the Library Van would be in the village will be reported in the Parish Magazine.
- g. A firm had produced a commemorative medal to mark the 90th Birthday of HM Queen Elizabeth for Parish Councils and others to purchase. The correspondence was noted.

6. FOOTPATH REPORT.

A problem with dogs being allowed to run off the lead and into fields where they use the land as a "dog toilet" was reported. This can result in cattle being infected with the dog Parasite Neospora resulting in cows aborting pregnancies. Dog owners should keep proper control of their dogs at all times and act responsibly. Footpaths are generally in good order but with some minor problems in gateways.

7. AMENITY MATTERS.

- a. The Public Bus Service number 61 service will be discontinued due to lack of funds. A self-help scheme might be considered to replace this service similar to the taxi-bus scheme already operating until such time as a bus service is returned to the village. The present list of bus services through the village is reported in the Parish Newsletter.
- b. The Dog Warden had provided the clerk with notices reminding dog-owners to "pick-up" mess left by their dogs. These will be erected in locations in the Village Green area. People may report incidences of dog-fouling to the dog warden via the West Dorset District telephone number.
- c. The village shop is now operating a limited post-office service which will be improved as soon as the proprietor has been fully trained in this regard. The shop must continue to be supported to keep it a viable concern especially as it was reported that the Stevens Farm Shop has now closed.
- d. Mr Read reported that the Waste Watch newspaper collection is still operating but is receiving a much reduced quantity of newspapers. This ultimately means less money being available for local groups.
- e. An entry will be made into the 2016 Tidy Village competition.
- f. People wishing to use the Village Green for private functions will be advised to takeout insurance cover and also to keep the tarmac area clear for use by others at all times. The clerk will provide information in this regard.
- g. It was reported that some improvement to the recycling centre at Loud's Mill is taking place together with an improved access to the site. No information was to hand concerning the construction of a new site elsewhere similar to the facility on the outskirts of Bridport.

h. The information board to be erected at the Washing Pool can be made with several types of material. The best is in a metal frame similar to the one in place on the Village Green. Costs are awaited.

8. FLOOD WARDEN MATTERS.


The SWCFAG will be carrying out a manual clearing of the stream in the near future in order to keep the water flowing and not backing-up. More sand-bags have been provided at the Parish Office site. Some information regarding flood relief insurance premiums for property in a flood risk area is now available. SWCFAG will be reporting the latest information in due course.

9. NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

This will be held on 23rd May 2016 in the Parish Office starting at 7.30pm.

10. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The meeting was closed at 9.45 pm.

P. J. Jettles  Chairman

Date 25/5/16