

Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St. Martin on Monday 23rd April 2018.

Present: -

Parish councillors, Mrs D. Wiltshire, Mrs A. Priddle, Mr D. Read, Mr M. Usherwood, Mr N. Hallett
Mr S. Slade (Clerk).

Mr R. Freeman (District Councillor), together with four members of the public.

Democratic Period commenced at 7.30pm

Matters raised and responses given were:-

- i. Mr G. Herbert informed that a revised edition of the 2000 Book of Martinstown was being produced. The previous issue had been funded via the Parish Council. He had produced a schedule of costs and ways in which the book could be paid for and asked if the Parish Council would help in this regard. The cost of a book could be in the region of £12.00 depending on the quantity printed. After due consideration it was agreed that an item will be included on a future agenda to formally consider the matter.
- ii. The location of the proposed information board planned to be erected at the Washing-pool will be agreed on site with local residents.
- iii. A question concerning the possibility of having a 20mph speed limit through the village was raised on behalf of a resident. It appeared that certain criteria had to be met before this could be considered. The criteria would unlikely to be achieved in the village.
- iv. A report that the edging kerb and gully surround situated at the corner immediately east of the junction of the C53 road with the B3159 road had again been broken. This had been reported to DCC highways as an urgent matter by local residents but no action has been taken to repair the damage. It was agreed that a letter will be sent to DCC highways asking that urgent action be taken to carry out work necessary to repair the damage.
- v. A resident was considering holding an village party to mark the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle on 19th May 2018. She wished to use the village green for this purpose. She will be contacted for further information concerning her proposal. No basic objections were raised.
- vi. Parking of vehicles in the lay-by at Mallards Green often obscured the visibility for drivers of vehicles exiting from the access road of the parking area at the rear of Mallards Green properties. It was noted that the Parish Council were not responsible for controlling parking at this location.

The Parish Council meeting commenced at 8.02 pm.

Parish councillors present as recorded for the Democratic Period above.

Apologies tendered on behalf of Mr M. Hall, Mr J. Walker, Mrs A. Bennett, Mr P. Jeffery and Mrs J. Dunseith (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 Monday 26th February 2018 had been circulated to all members.

Proposed by Mr D. Read and seconded by Mr M. Usherwood

Resolved

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

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES.

i. SID Sign.

An up-date of information concerning data obtained from the SID located at Mallards Green was provided. This indicated that vehicles were still being driven at speeds in excess of the 30mph limit. The equipment had been checked and is correctly calibrated.

D. Read

ii. Parking on Village Green opposite Chantry Cottage.

Mr Jeffery had spoken to the clerk suggesting ways in which parking on this area of the Village Green might be managed. Contact will be made with the land-owner regarding this matter.

iii. Devolving of Services.

WDDC has arranged a meeting at which proposals for the devolving of services might proceed following the creation of the two Unitary Councils for Dorset. An invitation for the chairmen and clerks of Parish Councils to attend the meeting on 2nd May 2018 will be accepted.

3. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

a. Payments since the last meeting

None reported.

Receipts since the last meeting: -

Grove Shoot Hire of room £678.00.

c. Approval of accounts for payment.

DAPTC AGM attendee and Audit meeting attendee £85.00.

d. Funds in the Parish Council Account.

The clerk reported that the balance of £11,587.75 was held in the Parish Council Account. *Noted.*

e. Income and Expenditure. (Balances at date of meeting and reconciled to bank statement No 8 dated 9th April 2018).

Expenditure:- Nil.

Income: - Hire room : £678.00.

f. Annual accounts.

The approval of the 2017/2018 annual accounts will be deferred to the next meeting.

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.

None reported.

C. Matters considered by WDDC

None reported.

5. CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED.

i. A project known as "The Land of Bone and Stone" had limited funds available for projects to enhance and restore historical structures in the area. This would include repairs to the well near "Fairfield" or planting of wild flowers in suitable locations. The clerk will take appropriate action to apply for such funds.

ii. Comments concerning the future of the Dorchester Market and how it might be improved may be forwarded to the Dorchester Town Council. It was left to individuals to make their own comments in this regard.

iii. The Annual Parish meeting is scheduled for 17th May 2018. Suggestions as who to might like to speak at the meeting were considered and these will be invited.

iv. The Bournemouth Dorset and Poole Minerals Sites Plan and Waste Plan have been forwarded to the Secretary of State for approval. There are no changes from the draft plan provided in December 2017.

6. FOOTPATH REPORT.

Footpaths are generally in reasonable condition. The manure heap on the path at the rear of the churchyard has yet to be removed.

7. COMMUNICATIONS.

No report.

8. PCSO MATTERS.

No report.

9. WASTE WATCH.

A grant is to be made to Martinstown Cricket Club from funds in Waste Watch.

10 VILLAGE HALL

The work to provide improvements to the Children's Play Area is complete. Information regarding the possible relocation of the telephone kiosk to a site at the village hall has been forwarded to Mr Jeffery the Parish Council representative on the Village Hall committee.

11. BLANCHARD CHARITY.

No report.

12. COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH.

No recent local speed watch had taken place.

13. DAPTC MATTERS.

A report on Data Protection and will be provided for the next meeting.

14. AMENITY MATTERS.

- i. A bench seat on the Village Green to replace the one that had been removed will be provided in the near future.
- ii. A damaged timber slat on a seat in the bus shelter will be replaced.
- iii. The clerk has contacted the Dorset Waste Partnership to ask if they could provide "helping-hand" tools for use by volunteers in picking up litter in the area. The Waste Partnership do not provide "helping hands" but will help organise an area clean-up similar to a beach clean-up exercise.
- iv. Large items such as seats and a trailer had been dumped in gateways in the area. This had been reported to DCC Waste Partnership with a request that they take action to remove these items.
- v. An entry will be made into the 2018 Tidy Village Competition.
- vi. A boundary hedge between 1, Blagdon Close and land forming part of the Village Green was overgrown and required cutting-back. The clerk had contacted the owner of 1, Blagdon Close and inspected the deeds of his property. The hedge was not part of his property nor was it included as part of the Village Green. The owner of the Village Green will be contacted to discuss the matter when he returns from his holiday.

15. FLOOD WARDEN MATTERS.

Water in the stream continues to flow well but weed growth might need clearing in order to keep the water flowing and not backing-up. The situation continues to be monitored.

16. NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

This will be held on 30th May 2018 in the Parish Office starting at 7.30pm.

17. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The meeting was closed at 9.21 pm.



.....Chairman

Date.....

30/5/2018