

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 8th September 1997.  
The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

Present:- Mr J.O'Brien (Chairman), Mr D.Rickard, Mr P.Jeffery, Mr A. Flowerdew, Mr C.Taylor, Mr J.Marsh, Mr J.Godding, Mr S.Slade (Clerk) and 4 members of the Parish.  
Apologies were tendered on behalf of Mr A.D.King, Mr P.Bentley and Mr D.Crowhurst (County Councillor).

**1.MINUTES.**

The minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 12th May 1997 having been circulated to all members were approved as a true and correct record and the minutes duly signed.

**2.MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES.**

- a. Village Directory .... A document to be prepared for delivery to each house in the village which would contain useful information both for newcomers and existing residents. Preparation of a more detailed version to include the history of the various groups in the village would begin and would take the form of a book. The matter of seeking comments from Parishioners which they feel to be of concern to be deferred until the next meeting.
- b. Dog fouling .... a further reminder to dog owners to use "poop-scoops" to be included in the newsletter.
- c. Parish Office rates .... further investigations to be carried out in an attempt to have these rates further reduced.
- d. Land at Higher Park Farm .... Parish Council had resolved not to support the proposal to develop this land for residential and recreational purposes. Mr Jeffery asked that it be recorded that he did not agree with the resolution.

**3.FINANCIAL MATTERS.**

- a. Payments received since the last meeting:-
    - i. Rent of parish store ..... £275.00
    - ii. Rate rebate..... £ 87.71
  - b. Approval of payments since the last meeting was given as follows:-
    - i. Electricity.....£ 10.71
    - ii. Three months rates.....£115.56
    - iii. Clerks salary & expenses .....£401.98
  - c. The following were approved for payment:-
    - Grant to CAB .....£ 50.00
- A sum of £2873.01 in the parish account after payment of the above.
- d. Consideration to making a grant to the Blanchard Charity and the Dorset Women's Refuge would be given at the November meeting.
  - e. The clerk was given authority to have the seat on the village green repaired and refurbished subject to the cost not exceeding £100.00.
  - f. Land to north of Rylstone .... It was agreed to proceed with obtaining a lease on this land of approximately 3 acres. The PCC to be consulted together with Mr Barnes as to their observations on the use. It was noted that there would be financial costs involved with the lease and with maintaining the field. The initial period for the lease would be five years.
  - g. Information concerning the Audit Regulations 1996 was noted.
  - h. A letter of thanks in respect of a grant given to Winterbourne School was to hand and the contents noted.

**5. PLANNING MATTERS.**

- a. Additional farm building at Stevens Farm dealt with by sub-committee. No objections subject to landscaping scheme.
- b. Proposed redevelopment of land at Charles Street, Dorchester ... Draft Consultation Document available.
- c. Trees at Stevens Farm Lane .... WDDC advised that trees planted with a grant from the District Council had failed and must therefore be replaced during the next planting season. The landowner to be contacted to enquire if ash saplings in the existing hedge could be left to mature to trees.
- d. Countryside and Conservation update .... Information on this subject was to hand in leaflet form and would be handed to Mr Marsh for action as necessary. The latest Hedgerow Regulations were also included.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE.**

- a. Link Officers .... DCC had indicated that in an effort to forge closer working with other local authorities Link Officers had been appointed. Mr C.Tee covered this area.
- b. Quarterly Report from Dorset Police .... Noted.
- c. Events in 1998 .... WDDC to be advised that Martinstown Open Days would be held in June 1998 and should be included on the events calendar.
- d. DCC latest Traffic Management Plan .... noted that it does not concern the village.

**7. OTHER MATTERS RAISED.**

- a. Posting of Notices in the village .... Long term notices displayed on telegraph poles and similar positions in the village to be removed. Notices advising of village events to be tollerated for a short period only but should be removed as soon as the event has been concluded.
- b. Agenda 21 .... a report received advising that a questionnaire was being delivered to residents in the parish was noted.
- c. Best Kept Village Competition .... The Chairman and Vice-Chairman would hope to attend this function on 25th September at Fontmell Magna.
- d. School Bus from Radio Station Cottages to Winterbourne School .... This subject discussed in response to a letter from a resident at the Radio Station Cottages. It was agreed that best effort was being put into ensuring the safety of children crossing the A35 to the Winterbourne School after they alighted from this bus. None-the-less further enquiries would be made and a letter sent to the author of the letter accordingly.

**8. NEXT MEETING.**

The next meeting would be held in the Parish Office on Monday 3rd November 1997 and would commence at 7.00 pm.

**9. CLOSURE OF MEETING.**

The meeting was closed at 9.50 pm.

.....Chairman.

Date .....