

Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Annual Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Winterborne St. Martin on Monday 14th May 1998.

The meeting commenced at 8.15 pm after the Annual Parish Meeting.

Present:-

Mr A.Flowerdew, Mr J.O'Brien, Mr C.Taylor, Mr D.Rickard, Mr A.D.King, Mr P.Bentley, Mr P.Jeffery, Mr J.Godding, Mr S.Slade (clerk), PC R.Jackson (Community Policeman) together with four members of the Parish.

Apologies tendered on behalf of Mr J.Marsh, Mr P.Ennals & Mr D. Crowhurst (County Councillor).

### 1.ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Mr P.Jeffery proposed that Mr J.O'Brien be elected Chairman for the ensuing year and Mr C.Taylor seconded the proposal which was duly carried.

Mr O'Brien took the Chair and thanked members for electing him and undertook to carry out the position of Chairman to the best of his ability and in the best interest of the Parish.

### 2.MINUTES.

The minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 2nd February 1998 having been circulated to all members were approved as a true and correct record and the minutes duly signed.

### 3.MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES.

a. **Village Directory** .... A draft document to hand and examined by members. The document would now be printed and distributed to each household in the parish. No financial cost for the production of this document would fall on the Parish Council.

b. **Land to North of Rylstone** .... Legal documentation was now in hand which would have a cost implication including planning fees for the change of use of the field. The clerk would negotiate with the solicitor for the owner with a view to reducing these fees to the absolute minimum. The fence had been repositioned as previously discussed. The cost of six-a-side type goal posts and nets to be obtained and purchased from the funds of the Parish Council. The cutting of the grass to be carried out by the Dorset Works Contractors during their routine cutting of grass in the village the cost of which would be met from the funds of the Parish Council. These matters to proceed as soon as possible.

It was noted that the cost of the works and fees would likely be in the region of £770.00.

c. **Cycle Routes** .... A special meeting would be held in the Parish Office on Saturday 30th May 1998 at which all those interested in the subject would be welcome. A note to be placed in the Parish Newsletter accordingly.

d. **Village Hall Extension** .... It appeared that if grant monies awarded in respect of this extension were to be paid to the Parish Council account then payments could be made to the contractor via the Parish Council. VAT could then be reclaimed.

e. **Management of St Martins Churchyard** .... A plan of the proposal had been considered by the PCC. This included various ideas such as repair of walls, cutting of grass and landscaping. PCC had broadly welcomed the idea and would make their final decision shortly. The cost of cutting the grass of the eastern part of the churchyard would be met from the funds of the Parish Council. Grants would be sought for the repair of walls and landscaping. The western grass area of the churchyard including graves to continue to be cut by volunteers.

f. **Local Agenda 21** .... Following an informal meeting with representatives of this group it was agreed that a report would be given at Parish Council meetings by Mr A.Daw on their activities to date.

#### 4. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Mr A.King proposed that Mr C.Taylor be elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. Mr J.Godding seconded the proposal which was duly carried.

#### 5. SUB-COMMITTEES.

It was agreed that the sub-committees as presently constituted should continue for a further term.

#### 6. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

- a. An account in respect of fencing field at rear of Rylstone approved in the sum of £62.88.
- b. Half year rates in respect of Parish Office .... £ 185.00.
- c. Clerks salary and expenses to end March 1998 ... £ 528.10
- d. No grant to now be made to Martinstown Open Days due to the constraints on the Parish Council budget.
- e. Half of the precept for 1998/1999 received in the sum of £ 950.00.
- f. £ 3209.06 in the Parish Account.
- g. Mr A.Bailey to be appointed Internal Auditor to comply with the new Audit Regulations.
- h. A sum of up to £1000.00 to be used towards the cost of providing the new store extension at the Martinstown Village Hall.
- i. An account for the cost of petrol for mowing the churchyard for the 1997 season approved in the sum of £ 12.50.

#### 7. CLERKS SALARY FOR 1998/99.

The clerks salary was agreed to be increased to £900.00 per annum as from November 1997 to 31st March 1999 plus all reasonable expenses. In future a review of salary to be considered each November for implementation for the next financial year .. ie the beginning of April.

#### 8. PLANNING MATTERS.

During the interim period:-

- a. Proposed dwelling at the rear of Park Farm House .... Object .... backland development, dangerous access, contrived as site should be contained with Park Farm House as originally conceived, design too large, loss of amenity to the street scene and the neighbouring property, inadequate foul sewerage system.

#### 9. VILLAGE GREEN.

The Chairman reported that he had met together with the Clerk and Mr G.Duke the owner of the village green and had discussed the possibility of the Parish Council taking on the responsibility of the area and a 99 year lease to the Parish Council was suggested. A proviso being that the green should be kept tidy for the current year at the cost of the Parish Council. The matter was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council take a 99 year lease subject to satisfactory legal documentation. In the meantime the Green to be cut at the expense of the Parish Council. An estimate was to hand from Dorset Works in the sum of £72.58 plus VAT per season for this work.

#### 10. CORRESPONDENCE.

- a. Charity Collections .... Correspondence was read and noted.
- b. Work 'N' Play Dorset Childcare Clubs ..... Correspondence noted.

11. OTHER MATTERS RAISED.

a. Possibility of obtaining a waste bin for the disposal of polythene bottles and plastic bags to be investigated.

12. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The meeting closed at 9.58 pm.

.....Chairman.

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