

Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St. Martin on Monday 22nd July 2002.

The meeting commenced at 7.35 pm.

Present: - Mr N.Marsh, (Chairman), Mrs M.Hearing, Mr M.Clarke, Mr P.Jeffery, Mr A.King and Mr S.Slade, (Clerk) together with 6 members of the parish.

Apologies tendered on behalf of -Mr D.Rickard. Mr A.Flowerdew, Mr J.O'Brien, Mr C.Taylor and Mr D.Crowhurst (County Councillor).

There were no declarations of interest

1. MINUTES.

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 27th May 2002 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.

The clerk reported that documentation concerning alterations to the speed limits at the Mallards Green area was in the course of preparation by officers at the Dorset County Council.

Queen's Jubilee Celebration. Financial report of the final outcome of this event given and a copy will be placed in the next issue of the Parish Newsletter. Members agreed that the event had been a well-supported and enjoyed community event.

Village Green. The results of a request from parishioners seeking their thoughts on how the village green should be improved were to hand and were considered. It was agreed that the under-mentioned course of action be taken.

- a. The pavement recently constructed opposite The Chantry to be extended to the village green. The eastern vehicular access to the green to be discontinued and the area to be planted with grass. The present gravelled vehicular path access road to be refurbished with a similar type of surface to be suitable for wheelchair access and vehicular access.
- b. The slab path from the B3159 to the church entrance gate to be further considered when the works at "a" above have been completed.
- c. Landscaping provision of additional seats and other matters to be considered at a future date.

3. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

The following monies received since the last meeting: -

Sale of Book of Martinstown£ 141.00

Jubilee income£1288.71

Confirmation given to the following monies paid out since the last meeting: -

SEB Electric parish office£ 27.83

Village Hall£1350.00

A sum of £7525.21 in the Parish Council account.

4. PLANNING MATTERS.

None received.

5. CORRESPONDENCE.

- a. Members approved a request (via Mr G.Duke) from the new owner of Church Cottage, to be given permission to park a car on the green immediately to the east of Church Cottage. This facility had apparently been granted to the previous owner. Members agreed to the request but it is granted only to the owners of the Church Cottage on a licence at an annual payment of £50.00 payable to the Parish Council. The necessary legal work to achieve this to be carried out by the owner of the green.

- b. The matter of a Parish Ancient Monuments Liaison Officer to be considered at a future meeting if no person could be found to act in this capacity during the interim period until the next meeting.
- c. Periodic Electoral Review of West Dorset District Council. This correspondence confirmed that the Electoral Commission had accepted the Boundary Committee for England recommendations in this regard which were as previously reported.
- d. Waste Management Services Best Value Review. Comments to be forwarded to West Dorset Services.
- e. Mr T.Hearing and Mr H.T.Bowering nominated to continue as Parish Council representatives on the Blanchard Charity subject to confirmation. Mr P.Jeffery would be the representative in the event of either of the present representatives resigned.

6. FOOTPATH LIAISON OFFICER REPORT.

No report to hand.

7. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICEMAN.

No report to hand. Letter to be sent to police authority requesting that a senior officer attend a joint meeting with Abbas and Steepleton Parish Council to listen to complaints especially in the matter of speeding vehicles.

8. REPORT FROM AMENITIES OFFICER.

A resident reported that the use of the former cricket field as a football pitch was a nuisance as the users of the field were extremely noisy and used bad language. Mr Marsh said he was not the owner of the field but it could continue to be used for a further temporary period until such time as a permanent solution to the problem could be found. This course of action was supported. A letter will be sent to the owner of the field to the north of the churchyard to enquire if he would change his mind and let it be used as previously for village use especially football. Mr Marsh had contacted Mr Barnes the present occupier of the field who raised no objections to the field being used as previously. It was reported that complaints had also been voiced concerning undue noise and bad language when this field had been used for football.

A letter from Mr T.Hearing concerning the use of the village green for football practice added weight to the argument for a separate playing field.

9. REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS IN THE VILLAGE.

The Play Area at the village hall had been refurbished and had been officially opened. Mr Marsh asked that a letter of thanks be sent to Mrs A.Matthews the chairman of the Village Hall committee for all her hard work in bringing the project to fruition to be published in the newsletter.

10. NEW MATTERS RAISED.

- a. Cost of elections as from 2003 will no longer be a charge on the Parish precept.
- b. It was agreed that Mr Damen be asked to cut the grass at the rear of the parked cars on the area of village green opposite Chantry Cottage as and when he could gain access to the site.
- c. Smoke nuisance. Smoke from bonfires burning on land to the west of Springfield was again causing nuisance. The clerk had again reported this to the WDDC following previous complaints. The WDDC had established that the material now being burnt was classed as trade refuse and became the responsibility of the Environment Agency. The officer at that authority would again visit the site and take appropriate action as the occupier of the site had previously agreed not to burn such material again. WDDC had also been asked to visit the site to investigate a complaint regarding rats.

- d. Members agreed to a request from the local scout group that they use the Parish Office for a short-term period for purposes of meetings and instruction. This had also been agreed with the Trustees and Abbas and Steepleton Parish Council.
- e. Attendance's of councillors at Parish Council meetings. This was reported in each copy of the minutes. It was agreed that an attendance sheet be provided with the Annual Parish Council meeting agenda.
- f. Mr King and the Clerk will judge the entries for the Parish Council cup at the annual Garden and Craft show in August.
- g. DCC to be asked to provide signs to indicate no HGV's at McDonalds on the "C" class road approach to the site.
- h. Mr D.Crowhurst to be asked to promote the request for speed cameras in the village.

11. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The meeting was closed at 9.47 pm.

12. NEXT MEETING.

This will be held on the fourth Monday in September 2002.

.....Chairman

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