

Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St. Martin on Monday 23rd September 2002.

The meeting commenced at 7.35 pm.

Present: - Mr P.Jeffery (Vice-Chairman in the chair until 8.07 pm), Mrs M.Hearing, Mr M.Clarke, Mr A.King (acting as Chairman after 8.07 pm), Mr J.O'Brien, and Mr S.Slade, (Clerk) together with 5 members of the parish.

Apologies tendered on behalf of - Mr N.Marsh, Mr D.Rickard, Mr C.Taylor and Mr D.Crowhurst (County Councillor).

Declaration of interest.

Mr A.King and the Clerk declared an interest in the Planning Application concerning Church Farm as set out below at item 4b and took no part in the matter but remained in the meeting. The Clerk also declared an interest in item 4c and took no part in the matter but remained in the meeting.

1. MINUTES.

The minutes of the ^{JULY} Parish Council meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 22nd ~~September~~ 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.

Documentation concerning alterations to the speed limits in the Mallards Green area explained and members agreed that the scheme to extend the 40mph limit to Clandon Farm and to reduce the present 40mph limit to a 30mph limit would be supported. Additional road markings to be requested to be put in place as part of the scheme when the changes were implemented as previously discussed with officers of the DCC.

Village Green. Scheme further discussed and estimates awaited. Costs to be considered at the next meeting. Parking on part of the Green opposite the Chantry. Mr Jeffery and the Clerk will endeavour to seek the co-operation of those using this land to park their vehicles on their own parking places or in their garages in order to free up the land for others to park who did not have their own parking spaces. Consideration to be given, as part of this exercise, to seeking the views of those using the site paying a parking fee for the use of this land.

Speeding of vehicles through the village. It was hoped that representatives of the Dorset Safety Camera Organisation would be able to attend the next meeting to explain their role in enforcing speed limits.

3. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

The following monies received since the last meeting: -

Sale of Book of Martinstown£ 10.00

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

SEB Electric parish office£ 11.70

WDDC rates £ 437.00

K.Damen grass cutting £ 120.00

A sum of £6966.51 in the Parish Council account including all of the above transactions.

The following account was approved for payment: -

J.Marsh water supply to Parish Office £32.00.

4. PLANNING MATTERS.

- a. Erection of Conservatory at 5, Manor Farm Court. No objections.
- b. Erection of house for Agricultural Worker at Church Farm, Martinstown. No objections. (The clerk advised that he had brought this application to the full meeting for comment as both he and the applicant were involved).
- c. Erection of extension at Lane End bungalow, Martinstown. No objections.
- d. Approval given by WDDC to the carrying out of tree surgery to a tree at 16, Manor Grove, Martinstown.

5. CORRESPONDENCE.

- a. 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.
- b. Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. Documents concerning this subject studied. It was felt that the whole of Maiden Castle should be included in the area proposal and not just the perimeter land. This comment to be forwarded as the parish Council response.
- c. Dorset Police Watch Registration Scheme/Ringmaster Scheme. This scheme was already being operated by some landowners in the area and it was proposed to extend it to encompass a wider area. The Clerk agreed to be the parish contact for the scheme.
- d. Dorset Best Kept Village of the Year Award 2002. The presentation evening for this Award would be 17th October 2002 and would be held in the Village Hall. The Chairman would be asked to attend to represent the Parish and Mrs Hearing will also be at the hall as a second representative.
- e. Recruitment of Magistrates. Correspondence in this regard was read to members and the contents noted. The Lord Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Justices of the Peace for Dorset to be contacted should any person desire to become a magistrate.
- f. Community Planning. An invitation to the launch of the Dorchester Area Partnership was reported. The meeting would be held on the 2nd October at the Corn Exchange Dorchester. The correspondence was considered and it was agreed not to take part.
- g. Former Cricket Field at Manor Farm, Martinstown. The owner of this land situated to the south of the Parish Office had written to offer formal use of the land for a temporary period for a "rough play area". This would be subject to a formal agreement and would take the form of a bare licence. Members agreed to accept this offer but were mindful of the proximity of residential properties and the complaints which had already been received from one of the residents of a property in Manor Farm Close concerning the noise caused by the youngsters already using the field to play football. An enquiry would be made concerning the need to first obtain planning permission for the use proposed and the owner would be then appraised of the outcome of this enquiry. Insurance cover would have to be paid for from the Parish Council funds together with the cost of the legal agreement and any other costs involved in the project.
- h. Field to the North of St Martin's Church. The response to a letter to the owner of this field had resulted in a telephone call from him giving a negative response to the Parish Council further request to use the land for a play area. The members present noted this with regret.
- i. Audit of Accounts - Future arrangements. The clerk reported that correspondence in this regard had been sent to the previous address of the Parish Council in spite of the District Audit having been advised of the new address at Martinstown. He had again contacted the Audit Office and asked that he be contacted at the current address but to date no correspondence had been received. The matter was on going.

- j. Letter sent to the Chairman of the Parish Council by Mr D.Rickard. The contents of this letter were read to members which concerned the way in which the parish minutes were recorded and other matters including the reporting of bonfires. The contents were discussed and the clerk asked for confirmation that he had the full support of the Parish Council in his endeavours on behalf of the village. Members were unanimous in their support and were content with the way in which the minutes were recorded.

6. FOOTPATH LIAISON OFFICER REPORT.

No report to hand.

Finger post signs on some of the footpaths in the village were reported as being broken and or missing. These would be reported to the DCC Footpath department with a request that they be replaced or repaired.

7. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICEMAN.

No report to hand.

8. REPORT FROM AMENITIES OFFICER.

A verbal report was given on behalf of Mr Marsh to the effect that the slab path across the village green would be cleaned at the same time as the annual Churchyard "tidy-up" takes place.

9. REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS IN THE VILLAGE.

Waste Watch Old Newspaper Collection Scheme. Mrs Hearing reported that unless a new store for old newspapers could be found in the village then the scheme might have to be discontinued. It was agreed that a request for a suitable store be advertised.

10. NEW MATTERS RAISED

- a. Wessex Water testing of mains water. A resident reported that Wessex Water inspectors had been in the area testing the quality of the main water and did so on a regular basis.
- b. Dr I. Gibson reported that volunteers were rebuilding the east boundary wall of the churchyard. He also asked concerning the Parish Council contribution to the repair of the other walls in the churchyard. It was suggested that this work was to have been part of a scheme to be the subject of a grant application at the same time as an application for a grant towards the cost of repairing the village green was made.
- c. Trimming of hedge at rear of bus waiting area at Mallards Green.
- d. Stream Cleaning. Mrs Hearing asked if the DCC would be cleaning the stream this year. The clerk responded to the effect that the work was scheduled and would be carried out in the near future.

11. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The meeting was closed at 9.30 pm.

12. NEXT MEETING.

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

.....Chairman

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