

Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St. Martin on Monday 1st February 1999.

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

Present:-

Mr J.O'Brien (Chairman), Mr C.Taylor, Mr D.Rickard, Mr J.Godding, MR A.King, Mr A.Flowerdew (7.30 pm), Mr P.Jeffery, Mr P.Bentley, MrJ.Marsh, together with Mr A.Daw.

Apologies tendered on behalf of :- PC R.Jackson.

### 1.MINUTES.

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

### 1a.THANKS FOR SERVICE TO PARISH COUNCIL.

The Chairman advised members that Mr Bentley had stated that he would not be standing for membership of the Parish Council at the next election in May. Members endorsed the Chairman's vote of thanks to Mr Bentley for his service to the Parish during his term in office as a Parish Councillor.

### 2.MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES.

a. Cycle Routes .... Route to the south of Mallards Green into Dorchester through Clandon was further considered. A list of those who were supportive of the route was to hand and would be forwarded to the DCC. Funding for the signing of the section of the Sustrans Route which included the link from Martinstown to Dorchester via Clandon had been applied for and a decision on the request would be to hand in the near future. An estimate of £50,000.00 for improving the surface of the track was reported for which funding would be sought after the specification for the work had been checked. A letter would be sent to DCC and WDDC pledging continued support for the route.

b. Village Hall Extension .... A claim would be made for the refund of VAT in respect of the Parish Council accounts and a decision would be made concerning the recycling of VAT at the next meeting.

c. Management of St Martins Churchyard .... A letter would be sent to the PCC urging them to confirm the details of the management scheme in order that the work could be put in hand.

d. Village Green .... The formal lease now registered and returned from the Land Registry. A further licence concerning the remainder of the Village Green to hand and its contents would be perused before being signed on behalf of the Parish Council.

e. Millennium Celebrations .... A further meeting to give consideration to ideas on this subject would be held in the Parish Office on 8th February 1999 commencing at 7.00 pm.

f. DAPTC .... After due consideration members resolved not to take further action to join this organisation at this time but to further consider the matter at meeting after the May elections.

g. Junction of C53 with B3159 .... DCC had indicated that they would investigate the matter of improving this junction as suggested by the Parish Council.

### 3. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

The following accounts paid during the interim period since the last meeting were confirmed:-

SEB electric Parish Office ..... £ 13.50.  
Land Registry fee re village Green ..... £ 40.00.

A sum of £1598.02 in the Parish Council account after payment of the above accounts.  
Estimates for grass cutting etc would be obtained for the next meeting.

The Parish Council Accounts would be audited on the 21st March 1999 for the period ending March 1998.

### 4. PLANNING MATTERS.

A possible breach of planning regulations concerning a vehicular access off the C53 road near the junction with the B3159. WDDC Planning Enforcement Officer had indicated that in his opinion no breach of planning permission had taken place. If written evidence could be obtained to the effect that no access had existed at this point then the matter would be further considered.

Planning applications to use the Monkey Jump Cafe by the Little Chef Organisation had been approved. A further application concerning the erection of an illuminated sign at the site had been submitted. Although the property was not in the Parish comment on the proposal would be made expressing concern that the planning conditions in respect of landscaping should be strictly enforced. The WDDC had agreed that future applications concerning the site would be referred to the Parish Council for comment.

An application to erect an extension to Purlands Farm Bungalow was approved without comment.

### 5. FOOTPATH LIAISON OFFICER REPORT:

Mr Taylor reported that he had again received no complaints regarding footpaths although many were extremely muddy at this time.

### 6. AMENITY OFFICER REPORT.

Mr Marsh reported that trees at the Old Pound site which had failed had been felled and new trees were awaited.

He hoped that trees to be planted in the Churchyard would be available before he went on holiday in three weeks time.

An investigation of the condition of the village green would be made an appropriate action taken.

### 7. LOCAL AGENDA 21 REPORT.

Mr A. Daw reported that things had been quiet over the period since the last meeting but hoped that come the spring various activities would be arranged.

### 8. OTHER MATTERS.

a. Third quarterly report of the Dorchester Policing Policy to hand. Inspector Mason had indicated that he would be willing to attend a future meeting of the Parish Council and take questions on the policy. His offer would be accepted in due course. Members asked that crime figures for the Parish be obtained and published in the Parish Magazine.

b. Women's Refuge. A progress report on this venture was read and the contents noted.

c. An offer of a seat had been received which members agreed to accept. A site in the churchyard would be suggested to the donor and if acceptable appropriate action would be taken to have it fixed.

- d. Pumping of crude sewage into the stream from pumping station at Weymouth Road. This had been necessary due to the high water table which had again resulted in the infiltration of ground water into the foul sewer. Letters would be sent to the Environment Agency at Blandford asking that they take positive action to press Wessex Water to repair the sewer.
- e. Blanchard Charity. Members agreed that Mr H.T.Bowering and Mr T.Hearing be their representatives on the Blanchard Trust for a further term.
- f. Loose Manhole cover opposite Park House. The appropriate authority to be informed of this and asked to repair or replace same.
- g. Standing Orders. Draft Standing Orders would be provided for consideration at the next meeting.

**9. NEXT MEETING.**

The next meeting of the Parish Council would be held in the Parish Office on 29th March 1999 commencing at 7.00 pm.

**10. CLOSURE OF MEETING.**

The meeting was closed at 8.45 pm

.....Chairman.

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