

Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St. Martin on Monday 22nd January 2001.

The meeting commenced at 7.35 pm.

Present: - Mr E.Aylott (Chairman), Mrs M.Hearing, Mr D.Rickard, Mr P.Jeffery, Mr A.King, Mr A.Flowerdew, Mr C.Taylor, Mr J.O'Brien, Mr N.Marsh, Mr S.Slade, (Clerk), together with six members of the parish.

The clerk declared an interest in item 4a and merely explained the application for the benefit of members. He took no part in the recommendation.

1.MINUTES.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 27th November 2000 having been circulated to all members were approved after correction as a true and correct record and the minutes duly signed.

2.MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES.

- a. Millennium Matters. The Clerk reported that 400 copies of the Book of Martinstown had been sold although the receipt of monies for all of the copies was not yet to hand. Efforts will continue to sell further copies. Another 150m copies will need to be sold to bring the project into profit. The final phase of the millennium tree planting will take place on Saturday 3rd February 2001 at 2.30 pm.
- b. Work to improve the surface of the gravelled area of the village green at the east end will be carried out in conjunction with the kerbing work which the DCC had agreed to provide along the edge of the Village Green opposite Chantry Cottage, subject to confirmation of the land ownership. The matter of the boundary of this land discussed and the owner of the Village Green indicated that he had no objection to the proposal especially as the boundary was difficult to define and a footpath as proposed would be beneficial.
- c. Street nameplates. The erection of a street nameplate to indicate Grove Hill was discussed and the owner of the land on which the sign was to be erected agreed that provided the sign was a double sided no through type sign then the name "Grove Hill" would be satisfactory. Such a sign could be erected on land in his ownership at the junction with the B3159.
- d. Street naming of new property near Manor Farmhouse. The landowner of the road fronting this property had agreed that a street name board could be erected at the junction of the road with the B3159 to indicate that the road was called Manor Farm Lane. The present street nameplate indicating Manor Farm Court to then be re-sited.
- e. Footpath from the B3159 to Mallards Green. A meeting arranged with an officer of the DCC to further discuss this matter on Tuesday 6th February 2001.
- f. Land at the west of Turnpike Cottage. Land registry had indicated that the area of the pond claimed had now been withdrawn from the proposed registration application. This overcame the objection of the Parish Council and the Registry will be so informed.
- g. Tree at rear of Stone Cottage. WDDC still to inspect and report.

3. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

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

K.Damen	Grass cutting village green	£ 65.00
Mrs W.Durrant	Catering School reunion	£ 45.00
M.Clarke	Catering School reunion	£ 225.95
Martinstown Village Hall	School reunion	£ 21.00
Audit Commission	Audit fee	£ 216.75
Village Shop	Wine for Book Launch	£ 65.00
S.Slade	Clerk salary (2No)	£ 900.00

The following payments received since the last meeting: -

Book of Martinstown	Further payments inc Postage	£1896.00
C.Taylor	Rent of garage	£ 275.00
Portman	Bank interest	£ 90.06

A sum of £ 9075.09 in the Parish Council account after payment of the above accounts.

The following accounts were approved for payment: -

DCC	Printing Book of Martinstown	£5500.00
Queen Thorne Landscapes	Daffodil Bulbs	£ 35.25

4. PLANNING MATTERS.

- a. Application to erect extension at 12, St Martins Field. No objections.

5. CORRESPONDENCE.

- a. From Hyder Consulting limited advising that a meeting will be held at Honiton on 30th January 2001 at which views would be sought on proposed traffic management of the A35/A30/A31.
- b. Best Kept Village Competition. An entry will again be made into this competition.
- c. Review of electoral arrangements in West Dorset. WDDC are now recommending a 48-member council from the date of the next District Council election. The ward of Winterborne St Martin will include the parishes of Abbas, Steepleton, St Martin, Monkton, Herringston, Came and Bradford Peverell. This will result in one councillor being responsible for approximately 1650 electors.
- d. Police third quarter report. Members agreed that a letter be sent to the Police Authority requesting that a higher police presence in the area would be welcome and act as a deterrent to crime. Faster response to telephone calls to the police stations would be beneficial. Police attendance at schools and youth clubs might be a sensible role for to play in the community. The crime prevention panel might help in this regard.
- e. Letter from St Martins Church requesting information on various works to the churchyard, village green etc. The letter also stated that the village green path from south to north was in a poor condition and had not been in such a state prior to the maintenance of the green being the responsibility of the Parish Council. A suitable response will be made to the author of the letter.

6. FOOTPATH LIAISON OFFICER REPORT.

- b. The clerk reported that the matter of a permissive footpath from the village to the cricket field at Ashton had been the subject of an inspection by the appropriate authority. Mr N.Finding who farmed the land had indicated his support for the footpath and had suggested that others should write to him to add weight to the proposal.
- c. Mr Taylor advised that the path from the Brewers Arms to the A35 was clear and that he had received no other complaints concerning paths. A member of the public was however concerned that footpath number 7 had not been reinstated following ploughing of the field. The matter was left that access could be gained around the perimeter of the particular field and the landowner did not object to this alternative.

7. AMENITIES REPORT.

- a. A newspaper collecting "freezer" still awaited for fixing in position near the Parish Office.

8. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICEMAN.

No report to hand.

9. REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS IN THE VILLAGE.

- a. Village Hall. Mrs A.Matthews thanked the Parish Council for supporting the village hall and was pleased to accept a sign from Mr N.Marsh to be fixed to the hall to identify the hall. Members also thanked Mr Marsh for providing and fixing the sign.
- b. Mr O'Brien was pleased to report that junior teams had been entered into the evening cricket leagues and the club was in good heart and ready for the forthcoming season.

10. OTHER MATTERS RAISED.

- a. Flooding. The clerk advised that he would be inspecting the length of the South Winterbourne stream and reporting any obstructions found to the appropriate officer of the WDDC. If such obstructions were then found to be likely to cause flooding appropriate action will be taken by the WDDC. These inspections will be ongoing. Two such obstructions had been reported and action had been taken to remove same.
- b. Waste collection. A letter to be sent to WDDC asking that the matter of recycling of domestic waste be included on the next Southern Area Forum agenda.
- c. Complaints were received concerning the condition of the lay-by at opposite and south of St Martins Field. It was agreed that the matter be raised at the meeting on the 6th February 2001.
- d. Erosion of river bank along Weymouth Road. This matter to be reported to DCC.

11. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The meeting was closed at 9.41 pm.

12. NEXT MEETING.

This will be held on the fourth Monday in March 2001.

.....Chairman

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