

Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St. Martin on Monday 25th March 2002.

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm.

Present: - Mr C.Taylor (vice-chairman) in the chair, Mr N.Marsh, Mrs M.Hearing, Mr D.Rickard, Mr N.Marsh, Mr P.Jeffery, Mr A.King and Mr S.Slade, (Clerk) together with 6 members of the parish.

Apologies tendered on behalf of, Mr J.O'Brien and County Councillor Mr D.Crowhurst

There were no declarations of interest.

1. MINUTES.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 28th January 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 "No HGV Signs" to inform drivers of HGV vehicles that the access to McDonalds from the C53 is unsuitable for their vehicles were now erected. The verges in the area will be reinstated and dolly-posts erected to prevent parking thereon. The road markings and additional signs on the C53 highlighting the speed restrictions had been put in place.

Queen's Jubilee Celebration. An update given on this event which had encouraged others to come forward to help since the last meeting. Further meetings will be held. Members present resolved that a sum of up to £500.00 be made available to help offset the costs of the event but it was hoped that at the end of the day sufficient income from the various stalls will make it self funding.

Village Green. The legal position regarding access across the front (south) of the property documentation now completed. A plan of the possible improvement works will be prepared and comments asked for before proceeding to seek detailed estimates for the scheme hopefully to be available at the Annual Parish Meeting in May.

3. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

The following monies received since the last meeting: -

Bank interest	£ 231.44
Sale of book of Martinstown	£ 10.00

A sum of £8018.43 in the Parish Council account.

A grant in the sum of £50.00 was approved to be paid to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Trust.

4. PLANNING MATTERS.

Erect single storey dwelling at the rear of Park Farmhouse. Application approved by WDDC after consultation with the Environment Agency and Wessex Water.

5. CORRESPONDENCE.

- a. Register of Interests and Model Code of Conduct. After due consideration members agreed to adopt the model Code of Conduct for Parish Councils and to complete the register of interests. These documents will be kept at the office of the WDDC for inspection by members of the public.
- b. Community Planning. It was reported that a pilot scheme concerning this matter had been started and an officer had been appointed to promote the idea of villages around Dorchester working together with Dorchester residents to pool ideas for future development on all aspects of community life to the mutual benefit of the residents.

- c. West Dorset Spring Clean 2002. Litter pick-ups will take place on the 13th and 20th April starting from the village green at 2.00pm.
- d. Car Boot Sales Dorchester Market. Information was given which indicated the type of organisations who could apply for a grant from the profits made from these sales. The Village Hall representatives present at the meeting took note of the information.
- e. Pet Animals Act 1951 (amended 1983). WDDC had provided details of this matter and those wishing to sell, auction or hold fairs and the like at which pets were the subject of the event must consult the District Council as it was likely that such events would be illegal.
- f. Holding of Markets. Dorchester Town Council had advised that the holding of markets within a distance of 6 2/3rd miles of Dorchester be not permitted under the terms of an ancient charter drawn in favour of the town. Advice before proceeding to hold a market or similar event in the village should be sought from the appropriate officer at the Town or West Dorset District Council.
- g. Notice was given that specialist contractors will carry out a survey in the area to investigate ground water infiltration into the foul sewer, which will entail visits to property. The results of the survey should help determine how to solve the problem of the need to pump crude sewage into the South Winterbourne from the Weymouth Road pumping station at times of high ground water level.

6. FOOTPATH LIAISON OFFICER REPORT.

Mr Taylor reported no problems with footpaths.

The matter of the route of the footpath at Clandon Farm and the proposed diversion had been addressed and it was felt that this was, on balance, the best alternative as the more obvious route would mean walking past working farm machinery at certain times of the year.

7. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICEMAN.

PC Burgess was unable to attend the meeting but had asked that he is contacted in the event of problems in the area and he would then do his best to respond.

8. REPORT FROM AMENITIES OFFICER.

Mr Marsh reported that five additional trees had been planted in the vicinity of McDonalds.

9. REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS IN THE VILLAGE.

Mr A. Matthews reported that work to the play area had started and a new slide had been purchased. She thanked Mr Marsh for his help with the work. Further funding will be required to purchase swings and application for a grant in this regard had been made to Land Fill Fund on the advice of Mr Crowhurst. She reported that problems had been experienced with youngsters playing in the grounds of the hall and causing damage. She had contacted some of the parents in the matter.

Waste Watch Group had provided a copy of their annual accounts from which it was evident that the hard work of a dedicated group of volunteers had helped fund several small projects in the parish. An offer from the group to purchase additional bulbs and trees for planting in the autumn was welcomed.

10. NEW MATTERS RAISED.

- a. Lack of field for football. This was causing problems and in order to help in this regard Mr Marsh offered use of the former cricket field near the Parish Office for a limited as an interim solution to the problem. His offer was accepted with the best of thanks. Effort would continue to find a permanent solution to the problem.

12. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The meeting was closed at 9.36 pm.

13. NEXT MEETING.

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

.....Chairman

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