

Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St. Martin on Monday 26th March 2001.

The meeting commenced at 7.43 pm.

Present: - Mrs M.Hearing, Mr D.Rickard, (8.10 pm) Mr P.Jeffery, (elected chairman for the meeting), Mr A.King, Mr A.Flowerdew, Mr N.Marsh, Mr S.Slade, (Clerk), together with two members of the parish.

Apologies tendered on behalf of Mr Aylott, Mr Taylor and Mr J.O'Brien.

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 22nd January 2001 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.

- a. Millennium Matters. The Clerk reported that 452 copies of the Book of Martinstown had now been sold although the receipt of monies for all of the copies was not yet to hand. The final phase of the millennium tree planting will take place on Saturday 3rd February 2001 when 10 beech trees were planted on the verges of the C53 near McDonalds restaurant.
- 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 indicated would be given a higher priority if a donation were forthcoming from the parish council. Members approved that a contribution of up to £500.00 would be made subject to funds being available. The work to the main area of the Village Green will be discussed with the new owner of Rylstone before proceeding. The lay-by area to the south of St Martins Field could rank for a small grant. Work to clean this area will take place on Saturday 28th April 2001.
- c. Street nameplates. The erection of a street nameplate to indicate Grove Hill would be put in hand shortly. Street naming of new property near Manor Farmhouse. The matter of re-siting the existing street nameplate will be carried out as soon as consultations have been carried out with the residents of Manor Farm Court.
- d. Footpath from the B3159 to Mallards Green. A meeting held on 6th February 2001 with an officer of the DCC at which the problem of the lack of such a path had been discussed. A subsequent meeting had been held with the clerk and the County Councillor for the area and he had indicated that he would do his best to help. It appeared that funding was the major problem and a feasibility study had to be carried out to establish that there was a justifiable need for such a path.
- e. Pond area of land to the west of Turnpike Cottage. After due consideration it was agreed that investigations will be carried out with a view to purchasing this land with the long-term intention of improving the area as an amenity for the parish.
- f. Tree at rear of Stone Cottage. WDDC officer still to inspect.
- g. Possible permissive footpath from the village to the cricket field at Ashton. No positive news to date but the owner of the land in question will be asked if the matter will be confirmed in the near future.

3. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

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

S.Slade	Clerks expenses	£ 81.81
Queen Thorne Landscapes	Trees	£232.06

The following monies received since the last meeting: -

Various sources	Book purchases	£600.00
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A sum of £3785.97 in the Parish Council account after payment of the above accounts.

4. PLANNING MATTERS.

No new applications received.

5. CORRESPONDENCE.

- a. National Spring Clean -1st -30th April 2001. It was agreed that a litter pick-up be organised for the 28th April starting at the village green at 2.15 pm.
- b. Merger of South and West Dorset Registration Districts. Correspondence noted.
- c. Countryside Agency. Leaflet concerning new rights and new responsibilities handed to Mr Marsh for studying and reporting back to the next meeting.
- d. Local Government Act 2000. Members agreed to study this document and to discuss it at a special meeting.
- e. Martinstown Waste Watch Group. Copy of the latest minutes of this group to hand.
- f. Field at rear of Churchyard in the ownership of Rylstone. Notice terminating lease received owing to the present owner selling the property. It was hoped that the purchaser would permit the Parish Council to use the field on similar terms.
- g. Letter from DCC area surveyor concerning erosion of riverbanks and "dolly-posts" along the verge at Weymouth Road. Contents noted.

6. FOOTPATH LIAISON OFFICER REPORT.

No report to hand.

7. AMENITIES REPORT.

- a. Mr Marsh reported that five additional trees would be required to complete the Millennium Avenue near McDonalds.

8. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICEMAN.

No report to hand.

9. REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS IN THE VILLAGE.

None received.

10. OTHER MATTERS RAISED.

- a. Parking at McDonalds. WDDC to be asked to confirm if lorries are permitted to park on the site. Connect Road Operators to be asked to take action to stop vehicles parking on land immediately to the east of the entrance to the premises.
- b. DCC to be requested to "jet" the road drain between the gullies along the C53 near Mr Ashworth's property.

- c. Mr King will provide bins at three sites in the village for use by owners of dogs to deposit their dog litter.
- d. Mr King and Mr Marsh thanked the residents for not using footpaths in the area at this time. It was hoped that this would be a short-term measure whilst foot and mouth was still active in the country.
- e. The possibility of providing gas to the Mallards Green area will be investigated.

11. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The meeting was closed at 9.15 pm.

12. NEXT MEETING.

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

.....Chairman

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