

Concerns were raised for the future of the village if Wessex water do not want to improve the sewerage system and if any additional planning or developments came forward, this will only exacerbate the current situation.

A resident supported the previous residents’ comments, who also lives in a flood zone and has issues with insuring their home. Any future large development should be opposed until the current sewerage system is improved and can cope with any additional homes. Concerns were also raised about climate change, and the works that had recently been undertaken at the coppice in Batts Lane to alleviate the flooding that occurred there a few weeks ago.

Another resident raised similar concerns to resolve this issue.

DW provided some information on further work that would be completed in the area of the coppice having spoken with the builders and explained it was currently WIP.

PJ reported that WW upgraded the pumping station, possibly 10-15 years ago.

RT commented that what is needed is a definitive statement from the various bodies i.e. Wessex water, Environment agency, Dorset Council flood team and other local parishes. He also suggested that any new development needs to have constraints, so the sewerage system is upgraded prior to any more development being approved.

AD reported that WW made £220M profit last year. The village is quite complex with rivers, roads and changes in farming practices that impact on the water and flood levels.

21/02-8 Finance

i. To consider the finance report of payments and receipts for Feb

Payee	Detail	Amount
Feb		
DAPTC	Training- planning	19.00
M Harding	Salary/Exp	228.20
HMRC	PAYE	54.00
Receipts		
Garage and parking rent		£880.00

All payments were made in line with internal controls. Bank balances as at 31st January 21

£12903.74 Proposed AD Seconded MU

It was noted that the new Scribe reporting system is very good and clear.

21/02-9 Planning Consultations-

To consider any planning applications –

- i. WD/D/20/003120 and 3125- Erect single storey extension and open porch, following demolishing of single storey rear lean-to. Erect outbuilding for car port, garden store, green house and changing room, following demolishing of garage. Reposition pool and carry out internal external alternations. There are 2 application numbers as one is a listed building application- The PC raised no objections.

Proposed PJ Seconded MU

- ii. **To consider any other planning/enforcement or ongoing issues-** none.

- iii. **To consider a response to the Dorset Council Local Plan consultation**

MU had circulated a report to Cllrs on the Local plan following the last meeting, showing the page numbers and areas in the Local Plan concerning Winterborne St Martin. MU noted that no large developments are planned for our area but there are some large developments for North of Dorchester. Also, to note that if all the sites identified were built upon then there would be enough housing to fulfil the plan to 2039.

Concerns were raised that there seems to be no changes in the plan given the pandemic and the affect this has had on retail and businesses.

PJ noted the short timescale this is being forced through given Covid and being unable to hold face to face consultation being undemocratic.

KD noted that the MP is against the North Dorchester site and that this should be shared between the villages. It was noted that Flooding and sustainable development is part of the plan and this could also be mentioned in the PC comments. The plan could look at developing within the town centres where shops and businesses have closed down. It was noted that an additional road would need to be installed if the Dorchester developments happen, but this would then take the pollution and congestion out of the towns.

Cllrs were asked to look at the plan and make comments and send these to MU for collating in preparation for submitting comments to DC by the 15th March. Also, all Cllrs and residents were be encouraged to comment individually.

21/02-10 To consider all correspondence received for decision, consultation, and information -Items for noting:

The Clerk read out the list of correspondence items.

21/02-11 Highways:

i. To receive the Feb SID results-

Total number of speed readings taken =
78,202
>30mph = 26,309
>40mph = 1,877
>50mph = 62

Top recorded speeds:
63 mph (20/02/2021 20:14)
61 mph (08/02/2021 18:27)
58 mph (17/02/2021 23:00)
56 mph (23/02/2021 16:59)
55 mph (28/01/2021 18:48)
55 mph (01/02/2021 12:47)

Average Recorded Speed = 34mph

n.b.

Number of speed readings does not equal number of vehicles.

Slower moving vehicles record more speed measurements than faster moving vehicles.

A vehicle travelling at 30mph will record 3 or 4 measurements, vs a vehicle moving at 50mph would only record a single measurement.

ii. To consider the report of the issues regarding sewerage with Wessex Water

KD report on this item was circulated prior to the meeting, KD explained that she had attempted to contact Wessex water previously as an individual without success and felt it is now time for the PC to take this forward and write to Wessex Water in an official capacity.

It was agreed that the PC would write to Wessex Water and other local Parishes affected as well as the Environment agency and Dorset Council on this issue. The pumping out by Wessex Water when the sewers are over capacity is not a long-term solution for the village.

Proposal from KD -Given this is the second year in succession that our main road, the South Winterbourne and resident's gardens, have been contaminated with over-flowing sewage from the Wessex Water sewer, and that the Wessex Water have no plans to provide a permanent solution, the PC agreed to develop an engagement strategy with other authorities, in the name of WSMPC, to resolve the problem permanently and oversee it to resolution.

Proposed KD Seconded AD

21/02-12 RoW and Footpaths: to receive a report

AB reported no current issues except that the footpaths are very wet and muddy at present, more dog poo signs have been distributed and ordered.

21/02-13 Parish Council Property/responsibility reports: none

21/02-14 To receive reports from:

- i. **Village Hall** – none.
- ii. **Winterbourne Community Fund (was the Blanchard Trust)**- A meeting has been booked for 25th Feb.
- iii. **Waste watch representatives**- The first lot of paper in about a year is about to be sold as the shed is now nearly full.
- iv. **Flood Rep report**- KD reported that the Kingston Russell bore hole which is now on a downward turn having decreased by a meter over the past week
- v. **PCSO**- W/Steepleton – 1 x theft of a catalytic converter, 1 x theft of caravan 1 x vehicle RTC – no injuries 1 x report of suspicious vehicle, also info on links to report issues.
- vi. **Green Martinstown**- AD provided an update to the Council on the activity of the Green Martinstown Group.

21/02-15 To consider that WSMPC recognises there is a climate emergency

AD spoke on this item, he explained about the issues surrounding Climate Change, he noted 20 years ago there were 70 house martins there are now less than 20. By recognising this issue, we are then aware of this when making these decisions as a Council. AD was thanked for his document on this topic, which was very clear. KD asked how we would support such a request. AD explained that by recognising this and allowing it to be part of our thinking and looking at projects longer term. AD explained that it would be good if the village could have an event regarding this topic with green energy suppliers and what the village could do to promote this but given Covid this has not yet been possible.

Proposal AD

Seconded MU

21/02-16 Items for the Parish Council meeting on Weds 24th March 21

Village gateways

21/02-17 Democratic forum 15 minutes –

A resident supported the climate change paper.

A resident suggested activity to engage the community. I.e., leaflets to gather feedback, PJ commented that this could also be placed in the V & V magazine as this goes to every household, it was suggested a letter drop would allow for feedback.

A resident offered their support to speak to villagers on issues of sewerage and flooding if needed.

Residents were asked to promote the writing of individual letters to Wessex Water as well.

Meeting closed 8.33pm