

Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St. Martin on Thursday 3rd September 1998.

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

Present:-

Mr J.O'Brien (Chairman), Mr C.Taylor, Mr D.Rickard, Mr A.D.King, Mr P.Jeffery, Mr J.Marsh, Mr S.Slade (clerk) together with two members of the Parish.

Apologies tendered on behalf of :- Mr J.Godding, Mr P.Bentley, and Mr A.Flowerdew.

### 1. MINUTES.

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 14th May 1998 having been circulated to all members were approved as a true and correct record after correction and the minutes duly signed.

### 2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES.

- b. **Land to North of Rylstone** .... Lease in respect of the land now prepared and ready for signature. Brief resume of the conditions contained in the lease given. Chairman and Vice-Chairman to sign on behalf of the Parish Council. Use of field for recreation purposes had been welcome and was being used especially for youth football. Thanks accorded to all who had helped in bringing the field into operation.
- b. **Cycle Routes** .... The Duchy of Cornwall office had indicated that they were supportive of the cycle route which the Parish Council had suggested from Batts Lane corner to Maiden Castle Road. The route crossed land in the ownership of the Duchy. They would need to contact their tenant farmers who farmed the land concerned when more positive information was available but could not promise any financial contribution towards the improvement of the surface. The DCC would be collating the replies from all Parish Councils concerning the Sustrans Route at the end of the consultation period with a view to putting forward a programme of implementation subject to funding. A further letter would be sent to the DCC asking that the above mentioned route be high in the programme. A local meeting to further discuss the matter would be arranged in the near future.
- c. **Village Hall Extension** .... Work on the extension was proceeding well and interim accounts had been presented for payment. Members confirmed that subject to final confirmation that it would be legal for the Parish Council to receive grant monies approved for the work then use same to pay the contractors so that VAT could be reclaimed then the accounts be paid through the Parish Council.
- d. **Management of St Martins Churchyard** .... The St Martins PCC had finally confirmed that they wished the Parish Council to take on the management and grass cutting of the churchyard. It was agreed that the Parish Council Amenity members meet with the PCC representatives and those who at present cut the grass to agree a plan of work for the future. The cost implications to be considered at the next meeting.
- e. **Village Green** .... A lease was at present being drawn up by the owner of the land and was expected to be available shortly for consideration by the Parish Council. In the meantime the Parish Council was managing and responsible for the grass cutting of the area.
- f. **Plastic Bottle Banks** .... WDDC had advised that they would not be providing plastic bottle banks in villages as the recycling of such material was not financially viable due to the diverse nature of plastic. Plastic can be disposed of in the containers sited at Tesco, Charles Street car park or taken to the Louds Mill Tip.

### 3. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

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

SEB electric office .....	£ 29.42.
Village Hall Committee Annual meeting .....	£ 15.00.
Insurance .....	£286.48.
Legal fees Rylstone field .....	£195.83.
Planning fee Rylstone field .....	£ 95.00.
Goal nets .....	£ 47.50.
I. Shaw petrol re grass cutting churchyard .....	£ 12.50.

The following sums received since the last meeting :-

Donation for goal nets from Waste Watch .....	£ 47.49.
Interest .....	£ 34.83.
Garage rent .....	£275.00.

The following accounts were approved for payment :-

WDDC Building Regulation fee village hall .....	£211.50.
Audit fee .....	£139.92.

A schedule of likely spending was to hand and noted. Firmer details would be provided for the next meeting in order that the precept could be set for the next financial year.

It was reported that an error had been made in the estimates provided by Dorset Works Contractors in respect of the cutting of grass on the village green and the churchyard. The chairman would endeavour to keep the overall costs in respect of cutting these areas and the Rylstone field within the budget set aside for this work.

### 4. PLANNING MATTERS.

Applications referred to the council for comment during the interim period since the last meeting which had been dealt with by the sub-committee were reported. The comments made were noted.

Applications to extend two properties on similar lines to others which had already been extended at Radio Station Cottages were reported and it was agreed that no objection would be made to these proposals.

Correspondence from WDDC outlining new measures to speed-up the process of determining planning applications was read and noted.

A letter from the WDDC planning department had indicated that there was no breach of planning legislation in respect of a vehicular access off the C53 road near the junction with the B3159. Members took a contrary view and the clerk was asked to so advise the WDDC.

### 5. FOOTPATH LIAISON OFFICER REPORT.

Mr Taylor reported that he had received no complaints regarding footpaths other than the problem of dogs fouling on some of the paths. A note had been placed in the Parish Newsletter setting out the law concerning this problem and it was hoped that dog owners would take note accordingly and clean-up after their dogs.

### 6. AMENITY OFFICER REPORT.

Mr Marsh reported that trees had been replanted on the access lane to Stevens Farm and bulbs had been planted on the village green. He suggested that if further bulbs were required to be planted then this should be done shortly. Members agreed that additional bulbs should be planted and certain areas where these could be planted were pointed out. The matter of landscaping in the churchyard would be discussed with a meeting of the PCC and a grant application then made. Trees which were planted in 1973 and had failed would be replaced.

7. LOCAL AGENDA 21 REPORT.

A written report from Mr A.Daw was read to members and the contents noted. An invitation had been included with the report for members to attend a function on 26th October 1998 organised by the group which would be held in the village hall. The nature of the function was further outlined by Mr Rickard.

8. OTHER MATTERS.

- a. Concessionary Bus Fares Scheme .... Application to take part in this scheme should be made from 1st October 1998 - 31st October 1998. Forms will be available shortly.
- b. Concealed entrance sign .... A request that such a sign should be erected to warn of the access from the C53 near Holly Lodge to Clandon would be made to the DCC in the interest of road safety.
- c. Campaign against the Illegal Poisoning of Wildlife .... this campaign drew attention to the misuse of pesticides and a poster had been placed in the notice board. A telephone number was recorded on the poster for use by anyone to report such a problem.
- d. Bonfires .... the matter of bonfires was raised and it was hoped that a neighbourly attitude would be taken if there was a need to have a bonfire.
- e. Credit Unions .... The annual meeting of the Dorchester Volunteer Bureau would include a talk on Credit Unions. Members agreed that the Parish should be included in the catchment area for the Dorchester and District Credit Union.
- f. Millennium Celebrations .... The production of a book to mark this event was being persued as suggested earlier in the year. Further thoughts of how the occasion should be celebrated would be requested by a note in the Newsletter.
- g. The Clerk would investigate complaints regarding the Publication of Minutes.

9. NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting of the Parish Council would be held in the Parish Office on 2nd November 1998 commencing at 7.00 pm.

10. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The meeting was closed at 9.15 pm

.....Chairman.

Date.....

Very happy Stephen Hunkyd

