

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 3rd February 1998.  
The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

Present:- Mr J.O'Brien (Chairman), Mr C.Taylor, Mr P.G.Bentley, Mr A.D.King, Mr S.Slade (Clerk) and 2 members of the Parish.  
Apologies were tendered on behalf of Mr J.Godding, Mr D.Rickard, Mr J.Marsh and Mr A.Flowerdew.

**1. MINUTES.**

The minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 3rd November 1997 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. Village Directory .... A further update on this matter given as more research had revealed a wide range of ideas for the format of the proposed document. The Chairman, Mr P.Bentley and the Clerk would now produce a draft.
- b. Land to North of Rylstone .... The Owner of the land had now suggested that the western part of the field should be used by the Parish Council for an initial two year term. He had agreed that the present fence could be resited. Members agreed to proceed accordingly.
- c. Cycle Routes .... The DCC Officer concerned with this subject had not yet received information from others and was not therefore in a position to attend a meeting to discuss the subject. She would contact the Clerk when all relevant information was to hand.

**3. FINANCIAL MATTERS.**

- a. Approval of payments since the last meeting was given as follows:-
  - i. WDDC .... Planning Fee re Village Hall Extension ..... £ 70.50.
- b. The following was approved for payment:-
  - i. WDDC .... rates ..... £ 38.00.
  - ii. Abbas Parish Council .... rate refund ..... £ 43.85

A sum of £3400.08 in the parish account after payment of the above. Members considered a verbal request from Abbas and Steepleton Parish Council to reduce their contribution to the rates of the office in proportion to the number of councillors per Council. After due consideration it was agreed that the matter be left in abeyance in the hope that Abbas and Steepleton would make more use of the premises in due course.

It was also agreed that the Building Regs Fee in respect of the extension of the Village Hall to provide additional storage space would be paid from the funds of the Parish Council. Furthermore the District Auditor to be questioned on the legality of paying for the extension through the Parish Council accounts and if the outcome rules this action to be legal then the Council will so act. Such a course of action would enable VAT to be reclaimed.

**4. PLANNING MATTERS.**

- a. Land at Park Farm .... detailed application in respect of plots 2 and 3 to hand. No objections to design although it would be preferable to site a slate or tiled roof dwelling next to Park House Residential Home as this would reduce a potential risk of fire close to this property. Access drive should be widened to improve road safety and efforts to be made to improve visibility at the junction with the C class road.
- b. Extension to first floor of Ash Tree House .... No objections.

c. Monkey Jump Cafe .... Proposed change of use to Car Sales etc. Members were advised that an appeal had been lodged by the applicant against the WDDC decision to refuse Planning Permission for the proposal.

It was agreed that a letter supporting the WDDC be sent to the Inspector to be used as written evidence at the hearing.

#### 5. CORRESPONDENCE.

a. Landscape Management Guidance for Dorset .... Mr Marsh to be handed this correspondence and to act accordingly.

#### 6. MANAGEMENT OF ST MARTINS CHURCHYARD.

The Chairman reported that he had met the Church Wardens and discussed the possibility of the Parish Council taking on the responsibility of cutting the grass in the churchyard with a view to making the eastern part more acceptable especially if the sheep were to be removed. After due consideration it was agreed that a formal approach be made to the Church Authority and the matter then to be reported back for positive action.

#### 7. FOOTPATHS.

Mr Taylor reported that to the best of his knowledge all the paths in the area were walkable but if any member of the parish wished to help with clearing the paths especially the path from the Brewers Arms to the A35 when the weed growth covered the path in early summer then such help would be appreciated.

The possibility of securing a permissive footpath over land in the Grove Hill area was being pursued.

#### 8. AMENITIES REPORT.

Daffodil bulbs had been planted in November and the trees to the east of the access road to Stevens Farm had been staked and replaced as required. The matter of monitoring trees covered by the TPO's was under continual review and action taken as necessary to ensure that trees damaged or removed were replaced.

The Duchy of Cornwall office had been asked if they would take action to have the Monkey Jump Corner and the land near the former access to the A35 west of the Monkey Jump Cafe improved in the interest of the visual amenities of the area.

#### 9. LOCAL AGENDA 21.

Members received a report from Mr A. Daw on this subject and how the matter had progressed following an initial meeting. It appeared that three groups had been formed under separate headings to report back to a main body. It appeared that each of these groups merely echoed the work of the various sub-committees of the Parish Council already in place. It appeared that it was illogical for these groups to carry out work which had already been completed and was also on-going by the Parish Council. It was agreed that a meeting be arranged in April with a view to channelling any enthusiasm of the group to the existing Parish Council teams. The Chairman also reported on a meeting which he had had with Mr Derrien from WDDC on the subject and it was hoped that a new Officer would be appointed in April to advise on Agenda 21.

10. OTHER MATTERS RAISED.

- a. Pumping of crude sewage into South Winterbourne Stream. This problem had again occurred and attention to same had been drawn to Mr Derrien who would bring this to the attention of the Environment Agency with a view to pressing them to take action to solve the problem.
- b. A litter pick-up would be held starting at 2.30 pm at the village green on Saturday 4th April 1998.

11. NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting would be held in the Parish Office on a date to be advised and would commence at 7.00 pm.

12. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The meeting was closed at 9.00 pm.

.....Chairman.

Date .....

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