

Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St. Martin on Monday 22nd March 2004. The meeting commenced immediately following the Democratic Period.

Present: - Mrs M.Hearing, Mr M.Clarke, Mr D.Rickard, Mr A.King Mr P.Jeffery, Mr I.Gibson, Mr B.Thompson, Mr C.Taylor, Mr S.Slade, (Clerk), PC Mark Burgess (Community Policeman), and 3 members of the parish.

Apologies tendered on behalf of Mr N.Marsh .

Members elected Mr A.King to act as chairman for the meeting as the chairman was held up in traffic on the M5 motorway and the vice-chairman was late due to pressure of work.

Democratic period.

Community policeman.

PC Mark Burgess gave an update on the crime figures for the parish. This included a reported theft from Holly Lodge. He was still endeavouring to solve the problem of a skateboarding area for the lads in the village and from time-to-time took the opportunity to speak with them in an effort to reduce problems. A report that a site at Blackdown might be considered as a park for Travellers would not be a good idea bearing in mind problems which had arisen when the site was occupied by such persons in the past. He suggested that the DCC should be informed if this was the view of residents. He reiterated that he had an e-mail address which could be used to contact him should any member of the public need to see him on an individual basis.

Mr Ian Shaw.

Mr Shaw again pointed out that the "T" Junction sign indicating Mallards Green service road had still not been erected. He asked members to consider changing tack in the matter of speeding vehicles on the C53 and to ask the DCC to support an idea to include chicanes as a method of slowing traffic. This appeared to work in other areas.

Action

A representative from DCC to be asked to advise this idea and if at all possible to attend the next meeting to discuss the matter. Mr Chalmers from DCC to be reminded of his promise to have the "T" junction sign erected.

Mrs Ashworth.

Mrs Ashworth read a prepared statement concerning the area of land at the east end of the village referred to as "the pond" which she had heard might be filled and if so what would happen to the stormwater which flowed into the area at times of high ground water levels.

Action

Clerk to visit the Land Registry at Weymouth to try to establish the ownership of the land and a watch to be kept to ensure that the "pond" was not filled.

Declaration of interests.

There were no declarations of interest.

The clerk explained each planning application for clarification of members but took no part in the recommendations.

Mr King declared his interest in planning application to extend Rose Cottage. He remained in the room but took no part in the discussion or decision on the application.

1. MINUTES.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 26th January 2004 having been circulated to all members were approved as a true & correct record & the minutes duly signed. Proposed by Mr P.Jeffery seconded by Mr M.Clarke.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES.

- a. The provision of a Display Board to be erected on the Village Green. A draft design had been agreed with Waste Watch Group and the detail had been checked and was now in the process of being approved by the DCC Environmental Officer.
- b. West Dorset Local Plan Review. Copy of the revised deposit Plan to hand and will be handed to Mr Rickard for perusing to see if the amendments were relevant to the Parish. Should any comments be required he will advise the clerk and a letter will be sent to WDDC accordingly.
- c. Litter pick-up sticks six now purchased.

3. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

Payments and Receipts.

The following payments had been made from the Parish Council Account since the last meeting: -

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| SEB electric | £ 14.84 |
| WDS litter pick-up tools | £ 30.00 |

The following accounts were approved for payment: -

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| S.Slade clerk half year fee and expenses | £1091.50 |
| HLB AV Audit plc. Audit fee | £ 141.00 |

A sum of £7,835.10 in the Parish Council account.

HLB AV Audit.

The clerk reported that the accounts for the year ended March 2003 as submitted for Audit purposes had now been approved and the account for the work had been presented for payment.

4. PLANNING MATTERS.

- a. Erect garage at 4, St Martins Field. Approved by WDDC.
- b. Proposed extension at Shaldon Cottage. Approved by WDDC.
- c. Dwelling on land at Martinstown south of Glenwood Farm. Refused by WDDC.
- d. Erect extension at Rose Cottage. No objections.
- e. Erect extension at Wylie Croft. No objections.
- f. Amendment to details for plan approved for garage/shed at Malsters Cottage. No objections.

5. CORRESPONDENCE.

- a. Dorset Arts Week 2004. Details of events being held were given and posters handed out.
- b. Code of Conduct and Register of Interests and other information from the Standards Board was considered and the contents noted. Further clarification on the matter of the declaration of interest can be obtained from the Monitoring Officer of WDDC.
- c. Changes in bus subsidy and timings of the service operated by First Bus were reported. It appeared that there would not be a reduction in the number of buses on the 31 Route.
- d. Dorset Waste Forum. A meeting to be held at Ansty Village Hall on 22nd April 2004. No member able to attend but a representative from Winterbourne Abbas will be attending and will advise the clerk on the outcome of the meeting.

6. FOOTPATH REPORT.

An up-date on paths in the area was given and noted.

7. FURTHER REPORT CONCERNING ASPECTS OF FLOODING.

The works to improve the Sewage Pumping Plant at Weymouth Road are almost complete. hopefully be completed in March. A meeting with representatives from the Environment Agency to provide information on the Flood Warning scheme could not be arranged. The Clerk had now received information from the EA on a CD and he and Mr Mould from Winterbourne Steepleton will inform members of the scheme at a meeting on 19th April 2004 at Winterbourne Valley School provided the technology can be "made-to-work".

8. REPORT FROM AMENITIES OFFICER.

- a. Best Kept Village Competition. Litter pick up sticks handed to members who will take part in the pick-up exercise. A schedule of dates for picking up litter was agreed and the clerk will finalise this and forward to those concerned.
- b. The position of the daffodil bulbs along the grass verges will be noted.

9. REPORT FROM ORGANISATIONS.

Waste Watch.

Mrs Hearing asked members to continue taking their old newspapers and magazines to the village recycling bins as the funds made from this exercise helped to provide valuable finance for village groups.

10. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The meeting was closed at 9.25 pm.

11. NEXT MEETING.

This will be held on the 24th May 2004 immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting.

.....Chairman

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