

Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St. Martin on Monday 25th November 2002.

The meeting commenced at 7.35 pm.

Present: - Mr N.Marsh (Chairman), Mrs M.Hearing, Mr M.Clarke, Mr A.King, Mr D.Rickard (from 9.30 pm), and Mr S.Slade, (Clerk) together with 9 members of the parish.

Apologies tendered on behalf of - Mr P.Jeffery, Mr C.Taylor and Mr D.Crowhurst (County Councillor).

### **Declaration of interest.**

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 23rd September 2002 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.**

Village Green. An estimate for the proposed works to repair the vehicular access and pedestrian access over the Green together with a cost of constructing an extension to the footpath opposite Chantry Cottage to the Green was to hand. The availability of grants to help towards the cost of this work was discussed. Two further estimates would be required in order to make application for grants. The Clerk would endeavour to obtain such estimates. Mr Jeffrey and the clerk had not yet approached residents of the Fishers Barn area regarding the possibility of charging them to park their vehicles on the section of Village Green opposite Chantry Cottage. Costing concerning a notice board to identify various features in the village would be investigated for future purchase and erection on a site in the centre of the village.

Mobile cameras would be requested to check the speed of vehicles travelling through the village. It was reported that the Dorset Safety Camera Organisation team was already monitoring the speed of vehicles through Winterbourne Abbas and Winterbourne Steepleton.

Legal notice concerning the proposed amendments to the speed limits along the C53 would be advertised in the local press shortly.

A prize of £50.00 had been awarded to the village in the Dorset Best Kept Village of the Year Competition. The details of the points awarded for the various sections in the competition would be included in a future issue of the parish newsletter. (NB Grant received not £100.00 as reported. Actual sum recorded).

Use of former cricket field at Manor Farm for football practice was discussed. There would be a need to obtain a planning consent for a change of use from agriculture to playing field. The owner was not willing to proceed in this regard but would not be adverse to children using the land unofficially on a very informal basis at their own risk.

A temporary store for use by Martinstown Waste Watch had been found at Church Farm thanks to Mr A.King who had made a garage on his land available for the purpose.

### **3. FINANCIAL MATTERS.**

The following monies received since the last meeting: -

Sale of Book of Martinstown ..... £ 10.00

Half-year precept ..... £1500.00

Fee for parking on village green ..... £ 50.00

Confirmation given to the following monies paid out since the last meeting: -

J.Marsh. Water charge ..... £ 32.00

K.Damen grass cutting ..... £ 40.00

A sum of £8464.51 in the Parish Council account including all of the above transactions. The Clerk had prepared the Parish Council Account for the year ended March 2002 and copies had been forwarded to members. Mr A.King proposed that the accounts as printed be approved. Mr M.Clarke seconded the proposal which, was duly carried. A copy was signed for presentation to the Auditors. The clerk advised that he was responsible for paying his own tax. The clerk had provided each member with a copy of his proposal for a precept for 2003/2004. After serious consideration members resolved that the WDDC be asked to provide a precept of £4000.00 for the Parish Council. A note to be included in the parish newsletter detailing the need for such a precept.

#### **4. PLANNING MATTERS.**

Erect conservatory at 5, Manor Farm Court. Approved by WDDC.

Extension at Lane End. Approved by WDDC.

#### **5. CORRESPONDENCE.**

- a. Register of Electors for 2003. One copy only of this document will be provided on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2002. Further copies will be provided in due course as per the usual schedule. Delay due to the boundary changes for the ward.
- b. Dorchester Area Partnership. Mr Rickard indicated that he would be attending the next meeting representing another organisation. He indicated that he would give a brief report on the meeting at the January meeting.
- c. West Dorset Housing Needs Survey. This survey had been sent to many households in the West Dorset District Area. The results of the survey would help determine the planning policies for housing for the district in the coming years.
- d. School Organisation Plan 2002-2007. Amendments to this plan noted.
- e. West Dorset District Council Local Plan Review. This will take place for a six-week period in January 2003 when comments will be invited. Members of the Parish Council will meet on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2003 to formulate their observations on the document. In the meantime The Chairman will attend a meeting at Kingston Mauward 9<sup>th</sup> January 2003 for a preview of the proposals to be hosted by the District Council.
- f. Mobile Library Service. Changes to the 2003 timetable were noted.
- g. Diversion of Bridleway 5 / Cycle Route 2 at Clandon Farm. Members had no objection to the proposal.
- h. South West Coastal Path 25 year celebration. Correspondence passed to the Martinstown Mileaters.
- i. A letter from Mr J.O'Brien giving notice of resignation from the Parish Council for personal reasons was read. Those present were sorry to receive this information. The contribution which Mr O'Brien and given to the parish during his period in office was greatly appreciated.

#### **6. FOOTPATH LIAISON OFFICER REPORT.**

No report to hand.

#### **7. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICEMAN.**

No report to hand.

#### **8. REPORT FROM AMENITIES OFFICER.**

Mr Marsh reported that some of the beech trees planted near McDonalds had failed and would have to be replaced. The slab path across the village green would be cleaned at the same time as the annual Churchyard "tidy-up" takes place.

**9. REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS IN THE VILLAGE.**

Village Hall. Mrs A. Matthews explained that the hall committee had been experiencing problems with young people who had been using the hall car park for skateboarding. Neighbours living near the hall had complained of noise and abusive behaviour. Skateboarding had now been banned at the car park. She was anxious that the matter be reported in the newsletter explaining the reason and advising that it was not the village hall committee who were responsible for providing such facilities in the village. A suitably worded report would be included in a future issue of the newsletter.

**10. NEW MATTERS RAISED**

- a. Footpath from Mallards Green to east-end of village. Mr I. Shaw asked if this subject could be further considered at a future meeting. This was agreed.
- b. Flooding. It was reported that the gullies along the C53 road had again blocked resulting in flooding of the carriageway. The DCC would be asked to attend to this matter as a matter of urgency.
- c. Number of meetings of Parish Council. Members discussed this subject and agreed that the present six meetings per year should continue with additional meetings being called as necessary. The number of meetings attended by each parish councillor to be reported annually in the newsletter.
- d. Erection of dwelling at Wentwell, Martinstown. Mr C. Abbott described the situation at this site. He explained that he had legal approval to live in a mobile home on the site but had started to construct a more permanent building on the site to accommodate him and his family. He had taken advice in the matter but had constructed the building larger than the permitted limit. WDDC had started enforcement action to have the structure removed. He sought support from the parish council to have the new structure approved. After due consideration and some input from the chairman and clerk who had previously visited the site members agreed that they were sympathetic to his request but could not support action that was unlawful. They advised that he should take legal advice and act accordingly.

**11. CLOSURE OF MEETING.**

The meeting was closed at 10.35 pm.

**12. NEXT MEETING.**

This will be held on the fourth Monday in January 2003.

.....Chairman

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