

Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Parish Council Meeting held in the Reading Room, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

Present: -

Parish councillors, Mrs D. Wiltshire, Mr P. Jeffery, Mrs A. Bennett, Mr D. Read, Mr M. Usherwood, Mr R. Eversden, Mrs K. Delafield, and Mr S. Slade (Clerk) together with seven members of the public.

**Democratic Period commenced at 7.00pm**

No new matters raised.

**The Parish Council meeting commenced at 7.06 pm.**

Parish councillors present as recorded for the Democratic Period above.

**Declaration of interests.**

Members were reminded that it was their responsibility to declare any interests, personal or prejudicial, in items set out on the agenda and to disclose pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in accordance with appendix A and Appendix B of the register of members interests in accordance with the Council's Code of the members registration of interests on any items set out on the agenda

**1. MINUTES**

a. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Reading Room, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2018 had been circulated to all members.

**Proposed by Mrs A. Bennett and seconded by Mr M. Usherwood**

**Resolved**

**That the minutes be signed as a true and correct record.**

**2. FINANCIAL MATTERS.**

**a. Confirmation of payments during the interim period since the last meeting.**

None reported.

**b. The Council approved the following payment: -**

DAPTC.....Delegate fee to planning meeting..... £65.00.

**c. Receipts since the last meeting: -**

Came and Co.....Insurance.refund ..... £90.73.

**d. Funds in the Parish Council Account.**

The clerk reported that the balance of £13,759.37 is held in the Parish Council Account and reconciled to bank statement No18 dated 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019).

**e. Expenditure and Income Statement.**

The expenditure and income statement of the Parish Council since the last meeting was noted.

**f. Appointment of Internal Auditor.**

A quotation for carrying out the annual audit of the Parish Council was reported.

Proposed by Mrs A. Bennett and seconded by Mr M. Usherwood

**Resolved that Darkin Miller be appointed to carry out the 2018/19 internal audit of the Parish Council accounts at a fee of £403.92 plus VAT.**

**3. PLANNING MATTERS.**

**A. Comments made on Planning Applications during the interim period since the last meeting.**

None reported.

**B. Applications considered at the meeting.**

WD/D/18/002659. Outline application to erect dwelling at Park Farm Close. No objection.

*(Mr Usherwood declared an interest as the owner of a neighbouring property)*

**C. Matters considered by WDDC.**

1/WD/D/18/001324. Erect three replacement agricultural buildings at Clandon Farm. Approved.

**D. Matters considered by Planning Inspectorate.**

None reported.

#### ***E. Other matters raised.***

The clerk had written to WDDC seeking information regarding the landscaping scheme at Rainbarrow Farm and when it would be implemented. He reported that a WDDC planning officer had sent a copy of the planning consent notice which indicated the time frame when the work had to be carried out. This was when the approved scheme had been substantially completed. Further contact will be made with WDDC planning officers to ensure that the scheme is implemented in accordance with the planning consent notice.

#### **4. BUS SERVICE.**

Members were apprised of an offer from a local bus company to operate a service through the village on school-days during the year. The cost was estimated to be £2,850.00 per annum and would fall on parish council taxpayers. The time of the service, costs etc were briefly reported by the group of residents who had been involved in trying to obtain a more user friendly bus service for the village. They considered that the matter should now be handed to the Parish Council.

It was agreed, after due consideration, that the parish council would seek further information concerning the proposal. When such information is available the parish council would consider how to proceed and if it was agreed to proceed and before making any firm commitment each household in the parish will be contacted to seek their views. Winterbourne Abbas and Winterbourne Steepleton parish council will also be informed of the proposal.

The group of residents who had been trying to obtain a better bus service for the village were thanked for their work in this regard.

#### **5. APPOINTMENT OF CLERK.**

The chairman gave an up-date on the appointment procedure for obtaining a new clerk for the Parish Council. The post had been advertised in various places including the DAPTC. .

#### **6. CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW MATTERS.**

i. A meeting will be held in the Winterbourne Valley School on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at which the National Grid would up-date progress on the scheme to remove pylons in the area. Three members will try to attend.

ii. An invitation from NHS Dorset Commissioning Group to a meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at the Allendale Centre, Wimborne was reported. The object of the meeting was to gain a better understanding of the Dorset Health Care System. No member was able to attend.

iii. Life Education had written to seek financial help towards their costs. It was agreed that no financial help would be offered.

iv. The clerk reminded members that Parish Council elections would be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019. Nomination forms for the election of parish councillors are now available from West Dorset District Council or on line. Forms must be returned to the Returning Officer between 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019.

v. A concern was voiced concerning large vehicles that used the access road to Eweleaze Dairy Farm late at night which appeared to cause a problem of noise and light pollution. The chairman advised that this was not a matter for the Parish Council.

vi. Mr Usherwood asked if any progress had been made concerning the cutting-back of the overhanging hedge to the east of the Blagdon Close. He was informed that this was not a matter for the Parish Council.

#### **7. FOOTPATH REPORT.**

A problem with dog fouling on the bridleway from the Brewers Arms to the A35 was reported. This will be referred to the Dog Warden with a request that appropriate action is taken to try to resolve the problem.

Farm vehicles using this bridleway to transport slurry from field to field have made areas of the surface difficult to walk along. However this was better than these vehicles using the B3159 for this purpose.

A "sink-hole" had developed on the Ridgeway path and the route had been temporarily diverted until investigations have been carried out to establish the reason for the problem.

#### **8. PCSO MATTERS.**

No report available.

#### **9. WASTE WATCH.**

More volunteers are always required to collect the newspapers.

#### **10 VILLAGE HALL**

The village pantomime had been a great success with all tickets sold. The annual meeting of the Hall Committee is on 1st March 2019. All will be welcome.

#### **11. BLANCHARD CHARITY.**

All members of the parish will be welcome at the annual meeting will be held in the Village Hall on 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7.00pm.

#### **12. COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH/ SID.**

No recent local speed watch exercise had taken place. The SID had been moved back onto the pole on the south side of the road at Mallards Green. The latest data obtained from the SID was reported from which it was noted that during the period of these recordings two vehicles had travelled at 70mph past the SID. It was also noted that the police speed camera had been in attendance at the site on several occasions.

#### **13 DAPTC MATTERS.**

Mr Usherwood had attended a planning meeting organised by DAPTC and he reported on this meeting and also provided a written report for members. The speaker at the meeting had suggested that Parish Councils might influence development in their area by working with applicants at an early stage in the planning process.

#### **14. AMENITY MATTERS.**

The works to the trees on the Village Green will commence as soon as approval from WDDC is obtained.

Estimates will be obtained for cutting the grass on the Village Green as the existing contractor no longer wishes to carry out the work.

#### **15. FLOOD WARDEN MATTERS.**

No problems reported but riparian owners should ensure that the stream bordering their property is kept clear. The ground water level is generally high as is the water level in the stream.

#### **16. FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS.**

The Chairman had contacted a representative of Magna Housing to ask if the Communal Room at Manor Grove could be used as a venue for Parish Council meetings. The response was that this would be possible at a cost of £10.00 per meeting. The matter was discussed following which it was agreed that if the facility is available the next meeting will be held at that venue. Members will be advised in this regard.

The next monthly meeting will be on **25<sup>th</sup> March 2019 commencing at 7.00pm.** - see below

#### **17. CLOSURE OF MEETING.**

The meeting was closed at 20.31 pm.

Chairman .....Date .....

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Tuesday 26 March 7pm. Manor Grove Community Room  
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