

**Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St. Martin on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2014.**

**Democratic Period commenced at 7.30pm.**

Present: - Mr D. Gargrave, (vice-chairman) Mr D. Read, Mrs M. Hearing, Mrs A. Bennett, Mr A. Whitty, Mr C. Barnes, Mr N. Hallett, Mr S. Slade (Clerk) and Mr I. Shaw.

Mr Shaw again voiced concern at the amount of debris deposited on the highway from various sources including run-off from fields and hedge trimming. He reported information on action taken by the police in other parts of the country to make his case for action to have the problem resolved locally. The clerk informed him that PCSO Sarah Pilcher would be including advice to landowners and their contractors on the farming website.

Mr Shaw was also concerned at the danger created to road users by haphazard parking of vehicles on the roadside verge near the entrance to Mc Donald's Restaurant. The matter will be referred to the appropriate authority with a request that action is taken to solve the problem.

**The Parish Council Meeting commenced at 7.48pm.**

Present: - As recorded for the Democratic Period above.  
Apologies tendered on behalf of Mr P. Jeffery

**Declaration of interests**

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 27<sup>th</sup> January 2014 had been circulated to all members.

Proposed by Mr D. Read and seconded by Mrs A. Bennett

**Resolved**

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

**2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES.**

Some members had attended a meeting at WDDC offices at which information had been given concerning the changes in the way in which domestic waste is recycled. The scheme is already in place throughout the rest of Dorset and the rest of the county will be included by the autumn. This includes the South Winterbourne villages. All residents will be advised in writing and a meeting will be held in the village hall to promote the project.

**3. FINANCIAL MATTERS.**

***a. Payments since the last meeting***

K. Damen	Seat painting	£ 60.00
SEB	Electric	£ 59.72
HMRC	Tax	£ 120.60
S. Slade	Salary	£ 482.10

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

DCC	Cleaning stream grant	£1305.60
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***c. Approval of accounts for payment.***

None reported.

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

The clerk reported that the balance of £9009.05 was held in the Parish Council Account and reconciled to the bank statement number 59 dated 7<sup>th</sup> February 2014. *Noted.*

**4. PLANNING MATTERS**

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

None considered.

***B. Matters considered at the meeting.***

The owners of Stevens Farmhouse and Stevens Farm Cottage had had to apply for Listed Building consent to take down and rebuild chimney stacks on their property. No objections were raised to this work.

**C. Matters considered by WDDC**

None reported.

**D. Meeting to consider Planning for Social Housing.**

The survey referred to at the November meeting is to be advertised in the Parish Newsletter.

**E. Material planning observations.**

Guidance from WDDC was reported which was designed to help Parish Councils make informed observations on planning applications referred to the council for comment. Such observations should not be of a personal nature but be based on sound planning reasons.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED.**

- a. Works to reinforce the culvert at Rew Corner were scheduled to be completed on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2014 but would likely overrun this date.
- b. The Dorset Wildlife Trust has confirmed that their insurance policy will cover those taking part in their Wildlife Survey. Noted.
- c. WDDC had forwarded a document detailing revisions to reduce the WDDC wards to 42 seats. The South Winterbourne Ward under these proposals would include West Stafford. No objections were raised to this proposal.
- d. A feedback of a survey on Dorset Highways was reported. This indicated a decline in satisfaction with highway conditions since 2011. This was put down to adverse weather conditions and a reduction in funding. The report was noted.
- e. WDDC draft statement of revisions in Licensing Policy procedure was reported. The document was noted and will be held on file for future reference.

**6. FOOTPATH REPORT.**

Mr Read gave an up-date on footpath problems. He had reported the broken pedestrian gate on the footpath near the south end of Batts Lane to the landowner. A temporary repair had been carried out but further work is required to afford easy access.

**7. AMENITY MATTERS.**

An application to enter the Tidy Village Competition 2014 will be submitted and effort will be made to win first prize this year.

A meeting will be held in the Village Hall on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at which representatives of the Dorset Waste Partnership will be attending to explain the changes with the method of collecting household waste.

**8. FLOOD WARDEN MATTERS.**

The clerk reported a very successful SWCFAG river clean exercise on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2014. The section of the stream from the Brewers Arms to the waterfall near the junction of the B3159 with the Monument Road had been cleared of branches and debris. An action plan was being formulated by SWCFAG and will be considered at the next meeting of the group.

**9. NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

This will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014 in the Parish Office starting at 7.30pm.

**10. CLOSURE OF MEETING.**

The meeting was closed at 8.40 pm.

.....Chairman

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