

Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St. Martin on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2005. The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm.

Present: - Mr N.Marsh (Chairman), Mr M.Clarke, Mrs M.Hearing, Mr D.Rickard, Mr A.King, Mr C.Taylor, Mr P.Jeffery, Mr I.Gibson, Mr B.Thompson, Mr S.Slade, (Clerk), and 5 members of the parish.

Apologies tendered on behalf of: - Mr D.Crowhurst (County Councillor).

#### **Democratic period.**

##### **Mr Ian Shaw.**

Mr Shaw again raised the matter of the highway signs in the village especially those along the C53 and stated that in his opinion the signs had not yet been completed in accordance with the agreement given by Mr Chalmers of the DCC.

##### **Mr G.Haine/Mrs M.Marchant.**

Mr Haine and Mrs Marchant reported that the village Garden and Craft Society had resolved to close as insufficient people could be found to continue operating the society. Funds in the region of £1000.00 were accrued in the account and a request to the Parish Council was that these funds be held in a ring-fenced account by the Parish Council to be released at such time as new Society was formed. Details of this release to be agreed in a document handed over with the funds. It was noted that interest in forming a new Society by retiring members was being investigated.

##### **Mr Cramp.**

Mr Cramp suggested that perhaps a youth club or other organised youth group might help reduce the problem with youngsters skateboarding on private roads and causing annoyance to other residents. It was commented that problems with youngsters "growing-up" had existed in the village for generations and would likely continue in the future. It was considered that even if there were organised activities without strong leadership youngsters would still operate outside of the organised activities.

##### **Mr I.Gibson.**

Mr Gibson reported that he had visited Mr J.Marsh and discussed the possibility of permission being granted to use the land to the south of the parish office on a formal basis for football and similar activities. It was felt that although this had been tried on an informal basis and had not been successful it would be worth pursuing the matter.

#### **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 observations or comments made.

#### **1. MINUTES.**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2004 having been circulated to all members were approved as a true and correct record and the minutes duly signed. Proposed by Mr B.Thompson and seconded by Mr C.Taylor.

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

- Village Green improvement work. A grant towards the cost of this work had been approved by SWEET-UK. The contractor who had provided the lowest estimate on which sum the grant had been awarded had, after a site meeting at which he had agreed a start date, subsequently withdrawn his offer to carry out the work.

The chairman and clerk had obtained an-up-to date estimate from Mr M.Fry which exceeded the original estimate. The finance officer at SWEET-UK had been contacted and the new estimate would be faxed to her with a request additional funding. This request would be considered at a meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2005. It be noted that Mr Fry had agreed to commence the work as soon as his estimate had been accepted.

- Highway signs removed by persons unknown have been replaced under an on-going DCC plan. Road markings including white lining will be carried out when funds permit. The DCC will be asked to complete the improvement to the 30mph signs on the C53 in line with their original promise. The Speed Indicator Device (SID) which had been located in the village had produced evidence that the percentile speed of vehicles through the village was 32 mph for the period when the device was in position. It was agreed that when works to improve the surface of the Village Green had been completed attention would be given to trying to introduce measures to slow the traffic through the village.
- The Clerk reported on the subject of Parish Plans and read documents which described the work likely to be required in this venture. It was agreed that an officer of the WDDC be asked to attend a future meeting to discuss the subject.

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

#### **Payments.**

Members confirmed the action of the Chairman in paying the under-mentioned accounts during the interim period since the last meeting: -

K.Damen grass cutting	£ 40.00
W.Robins repairs to office/decorate seats/ etc	£ 212.53
SWEET-UK donation towards works to Green	£1161.29

#### **Receipts. Since the last meeting.**

Contribution from Friends of the Green	£1474.40
Account interest	£ 278.91
C.Taylor rent garage	£ 374.00

#### **Payment of accounts.**

Mr M.Clarke proposed that the account in the sum of £141.00 from HLBV Audit for the audit work of the Parish Council accounts for the year ended March 31<sup>st</sup> 2004 be approved and paid. Mr C.Taylor seconded the proposal which was duly carried.

#### **Martinstown Garden and Craft Society - balance of funds.**

Mr D.Rickard proposed that the balance of funds from the recently closed Martinstown Garden and Craft Society be received by the Parish Council and held in a ring-fenced account until such time as a new society or similar organisation is formed. The funds then to be released to that organisation in accordance with terms compliant with the wishes of the closing society. Mr P.Jeffery seconded the proposal which was carried.

#### **Accounts for the year ended March 31<sup>st</sup> 2004.**

HLB AV audit plc had reported on the accounts and had drawn attention to one matter concerning the minute relative to the examination of the accounts. This was noted and will be addressed in future years.

A sum of £10,903.20 in the Parish Council account.

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

- a. West Dorset Local Plan commencement date of Public Enquiry is to be February 2005.
- b. New Access Rights under the Countryside Agency legislation came into effect in December. A map of the areas concerned reported at the last meeting had been amended. It appeared that the amendments did not affect this parish. Noted.
- c. Timber fence at The Bungalow, St martins Field. The clerk to seek guidance from WDDC if formal Planning Permission should be obtained for this structure.

- d. Proposed Airwave mm02 Ltd Site Share, Morn Gate caravan Park. Members were of the opinion that evidence concerning health issues caused by emissions from this equipment should be provided to demonstrate that the proposal would not be harmful.
- e. An application to carry out minor repairs and improvements to The Old Brewery House was presented. No adverse comments were made to the proposals. WDDC would be so informed.
- f. A further plan to extend Old Shepherds Cottage had been received during the interim period since the last meeting. The plans were viewed. The Chairman reported that these plans were little different from those previously refused. He had attended the WDDC planning meeting at which the plans were to be considered in order to object to the proposal. The meeting had been prolonged and he was unable to stay until the application had been considered. It was reported that the plan had been approved at the meeting much to his annoyance. Members agreed that the proposal was in very poor taste but were resigned to the fact that the proposal had been approved.

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

- a. Dorset Play Strategy. Meetings were announced at which this subject would be discussed. No member interested.
- b. Copy of Magna Housing Group Annual Report for 2003/2004 to hand for information.
- c. All aboard and other publicity. This was reported and concerned bus timetables which had been amended.
- d. Community Premises – Application for premises licences. It was reported that this legislation concerned the Village Hall and was being dealt with by the Village Hall Committee.
- e. Best Kept Village Competition 2005. It was agreed that an entry be made into this competition. Comments on the 2004 entry from the panel of judges indicated that the village hall and grounds had received top marks, the bus shelter had been marked down as it was not up to its usual standard and it was felt that the parish office could be improved. A full report will be included in a future issue of the Parish Newsletter seeking co-operation for help to improve the position this year.
- f. Dorset Vision for school provision in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. A debate on the future of education is being held throughout the County at public meetings arranged by the DCC. Views on the restructuring of the education system in Dorset were being suggested at these meetings and might be used to shape the future education system in Dorset. Firm proposals will be presented in due course.
- g. Rust In Peace. This was a scheme which was being promoted by WDDC to encourage owners of end-of-life vehicles to dispose of them free of charge. The scheme was for a limited two-week period.
- h. Freedom of Information Act. It was noted that for the purposes of this act the clerk was the Responsible Officer. The Chairman was empowered to act should the clerk be unavailable.
- i. Environment Agency. Applicants were being sought to serve on a committee of this agency to seek ways to improve the southwest environment.
- j. Community Champions 2005. Members suggested that the name of Mrs A. Matthews be included for an award in this context and appropriate action will be taken in the matter.

#### **6.FOOTPATH REPORT.**

Mr Taylor reported that the style on the footpath to the north of Rylstone was much improved. He would provide Mr Marsh with some signs so that they could be erected at intermediate points on footpaths for the avoidance of doubt as to the correct route on land at Eweleaze Farm.

**7. REPORT ON AMENITIES.**

- a. The 8 replacement trees near McDonalds will be obtained and planted in early February. They are being provided free of charge and will be Hornbeam.
- b. A litter pick-up will take place on Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup> starting from the Village Green at 2.00 pm.
- c. The ownership of the area of land known as The Pond is still being investigated by the Land Registry. Mr G.Duke will be asked for an up-date on the matter of registering the land in the name of the Parish Council.
- d. Dog litterbin at Manor Grove. The clerk reported that he had met on site with representatives of Magna Housing and had been able to obtain a promise that the bin would be lowered and made less obtrusive. This had been carried out.

**8. OTHER MATTERS RAISED.**

The Chairman stated that he would be holding a Country Sports Event on his land in May on a date to be confirmed.

**9. CLOSURE OF MEETING.**

The meeting was closed at 10.00 pm.

**10. NEXT MEETING.**

This will be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2005.

.....Chairman

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