

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Winterborne St Martin on Monday July 4th 1994.

The meeting commenced at 7.45 pm.

Present:- Mr C.Taylor, (Chairman), Mr J.O'Brien, Mr H.Bowering, Mr J.Godding, Mr A.Flowerdew, Mr P.Jeffery, Mr S.Slade, (Clerk) together with seven members of the Parish.

Apologies were tendered on behalf of Mr J.Marsh and Mr P.Bentley.

1. MINUTES.

The minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 9th May 1994 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.

- a. Members agreed that a copy of the minutes be forwarded to Mr P.Ennals the Parish Council Representative on the Village Hall Committee.
- b. Enforcement action taken by the West Dorset District Council in respect of illegal use of land at No Manor Grove, Martinstown had been upheld by the Inspector of the Department of the Environment. Members were advised that work to reinstate the land to its original use should take place in accordance with the original notice served on the appellant. This was noted. If the problem still existed contrary to the original notice then the West Dorset District Council would be asked to deal with the matter.
- c. Martinstown Open Days. The Parish Council would send a cheque to the organisers of the Open Days to help offset the costs of advertising and to congratulate them on an excellent effort for the village. The cheque to be in the sum of £200.00.

3. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

Confirmation of the following payments was given which had been dealt with since the last meeting:-

- a. Cornhill Insurance £124.05.
- b. Robert Eversden.... Skip .. £117.50.
- c. W.Robins Bus Shelter.. £195.12. Additional materials purchased to complete work to the gutter on the shelter.

The following accounts were approved for payment:-

- a. Martinstown Open Days £200.00.

Members agreed to make a donation to the C.A.B. in the sum of £40.00.

A fee to make a planning application to use land at Ashton for a Sports Field was approved in the sum of £70.00

It was noted that at the time of the meeting there was £2515.24 in the Parish Council account at the Birmingham and Midshires Building Society.

4. PLANNING MATTERS.

Members raised no adverse comments to a proposed extension at 6, Blagdon Close. The clerk took no part in the discussion or comments on this application.

5. CLEANING OF SOUTH WINTERBOURNE STREAM.

Members discussed this subject and resolved that the work of cleaning the stream and cutting of the verges in the village might be best carried out by the Parish Council. The method of cleaning the stream was considered with differing opinions being voiced. The Clerk was instructed to seek further guidance in the matter of the Parish Council being responsible for carrying out the work and to also ask the Abbas and Steepleton Parish Council to state their views on the problem.

6. FORMATION OF GROUPED PARISH COUNCIL WITH ABBAS AND STEEPLETON.

Members gave formal consideration to this subject which followed an informal meeting with the councillors of Abbas and Steepleton. It was agreed that it would be sensible to pursue the matter further by advert in the Parish Newsletter subject to the Abbas and Steepleton Councillors being of a like mind. In any event it would be sensible to meet again with the Abbas and Steepleton members on a regular basis to consider common problems which were at present dealt with by each Parish Council separately. A larger Parish Council might carry more weight. The Clerk to deal with the matter as appropriate.

7. SPORTS FIELD FOR THE WINTERBOURNE VALLEY.

This matter had been informally discussed with the Parish Councillors of Abbas and Steepleton and members agreed that the proposal to use a six acre field at Ashton for such a use should be progressed to the making of a Planning Application for a change of use. If the application is successful further meetings would be convened with all parties interested to set up committees to deal with the work which would be required to bring the field to a standard for Football and Cricket and other out of door activities.

8. ROAD SAFETY.

Members again voiced concern at the speed which vehicles drove through the village. It was noted that the proposed extension of the 40 mph sign towards the Mallards Green area was still on a list at the County Council. It was agreed that a further letter be sent to the Dorset County Council this time requesting that the present 40 mph speed limit through the village be reduced to a 30 mph limit. At this time traffic calming measures such as "sleeping policemen" or coloured tarmacadam would not be pursued.

9. BUS WAITING AREA, MALLARDS GREEN.

It was stated that this area would be cleared shortly as this should have been carried out last year.

10. DUSTBIN COLLECTION.

In response from a question from a parishioner it was agreed that a request be made to have the matter of the dustbin common collection point at Mallards Green moved to a more suitable position now that there was a metalled road serving the rear of the properties of Mallards Green. Members were advised that a letter would be sent to all householders in the District in the autumn advising of the different arrangements which would be put in place in October with regard to the dustbin collection from private dwellings.

11. BLOCKING OF FOOTPATHS.

It was stated that if a problem was found with a footpath which had been obstructed by a land-owner the matter should be referred to the Parish Footpath Liaison Officer. It was also stated that only the footpaths on the approved footpath map should be walked unless the permission of the landowner had been obtained to walk another route.

12. SOUTHERN AREA FORUM.

The next meeting of this forum would be held in the Village Hall, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 7th August 1994 at 7.00 pm. Members were asked to make special effort to attend and take part in the discussion on matters which concerned Parish Councils in the area of a like character. A question on the responsibility for cleaning the streams and ditches in the area would be forwarded for inclusion on the agenda.

13. TARGET AREA SCHEME.

A questionnaire concerning this subject from the West Dorset District Council would be answered by the clerk in consultation with the Parish Amenities councillor and returned by 1st August as requested.

The meeting concluded at 9.17 pm.

..... Chairman.

Date.