

WINTERBORNE ST MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 23rd March 2023 at 7.00pm.

In Attendance

Cllrs Pemberton (Chair) (MP),
Cllrs Read (RD), Usherwood (MU), Daw (AD), Rookes (RaR), Cllr Eversden (RE)

1 member of the public in attendance.

Action

Preliminaries

RT sent an email regarding the state of river waters further evidence for the Parish Councils stance for more action by Wessex Water.
No CPSO report.

Public period for comments on issues on the agenda – 5 mins per speaker

No comments

23/3-1 To receive apologies for absence and declarations of interests

Marion Baird (Clerk)
Cllr Delafield (Vice Chair) (KD)
Cllr Roland Tarr (RT) Ward Cllr.

No declarations received.

23/3-2 To approve draft minutes of the council mtg held on 23rd February 2023.

Accepted unanimously as a true record. P DR, 2nd AD. 6:0

23/3-3 To discuss matters arising from the minutes not covered in the Agenda

None

23/3-4 Co-Option and Elections

4.1 Elections Update

Papers received but only one position advertised. To be posted on Monday 27th and Elections Office to be asked the reason for just the single position advertised.

A member of the public informed the council of the difficulties they were having in obtaining Nomination papers from DC. Clerk to make enquiries. **Clerk**

23/3-5 Finance to note and approve.

Treasurers Acc. £24,266.03

Business Acc. £10,019.04

5.1 Proposal, Figures and reconciliation to Approve. P. RaR 2nd DR 6:0

5.2 Certificate of Exemption of Limited Assuranc

Noted. PC's spend is less than £25,000. After 31st March Chair or RFO to send off certificate **MP/Clerk**

5.3 CIL Update.

A request for CIL money had been received from the Village Hall for new AV equipment. Guidance had been sought from DC who would prefer this to be in the form of matched funding. This to be an Agenda item for the April Mtg. **Clerk**

23/3-6 Planning

-6.1 All outstanding comments have now been posted on DC planning portal.

23/3-7 Reading Room

The Chair updated the council on the progress with Porter Dodson since the last meeting. The Chair has a meeting arranged with one representative of the RR management group/trustees. A heated debate followed. RE insisted on calling the managing group 'alleged Trustees'. RE repeatedly asked the Chair why he had not posted a letter by Recorded Delivery as promised at a previous meeting. The Chair tried to explain several times but was interrupted at each attempt. The Chair accepted that he had made the statement but will refer to his emails and previous Minutes as to why this hadn't occurred maintaining that there must have been a good reason. The Chair invited RE to propose a motion of no confidence in him, but this was declined. The Chair admonished MU for an outburst regarding his comments to RE. MU apologised saying that it was difficult to take Minutes and keep up with the flow of debate especially with constant interruptions from Cllrs. The Chair stated that he would release a briefing note after his meeting with the "alleged Trustee".

MP

This debate also explored a communications gap between RE and the remainder of the Council, with RE adamant that he did not receive unanswered communications and that it was incumbent on others, and particularly the Chair, to ensure that he had received them. There was then discussion on who had access to RE's phone number and again how it was incumbent on others to research such matters to ensure that RE had information.

23/3-8 Washing Pool

AD + MP had met with the Historic Buildings Officer who agreed that remedial work could go ahead. She made several recommendations on how to complete the works satisfactorily. A builder who has shown the only interest in the task will be contacted for a quote now that permission has been granted. RE raised the issue that his suggestion that one of his tenants be approached had not been followed up, and made observations about the quality of materials required. On the former the timelines in relation to the offer to tender were not clear, and on the latter AD and MP assured RE that the Historic Building Officer had been quite specific in her recommendations. It was proposed that the PC confirmed that it was happy to continue with the only respondent to the tender offer. P AD 2nd MP 5:1(abstention) after clarification of voting procedure for RE.

AD

23/3-9 Highways and RoW

9.1 DC to continue to patch C53 from McDs to Clandon.

Weymouth Rd gateway to receive attention after markings have worn badly.

The roadway outside Church Cottage has been reported as being in a poor state of repair.

By the time of the mtg both the above had been surveyed and placed on a repair list by DC.

9.2 Nothing had been reported to the RoW cllr.

23/3-10 Flood Report and River banks

No report received.

10.1 MP had attended a meeting with Wessex Water representatives. Two Directors and an Engineering Officer were shown the points of sewage problems which concern residents. A report of the meeting will be circulated.

MP

23/2-11 Proposed Solar Farm Jurassic Coast AONB

A discussion was had on the council's approach to this pre-application consultation. To be placed on April agenda and monitored by the council. **Clerk**

23/3-12 Correspondence

12.1 Proposed scattering of ashes in the Winterborne. The Council have no objection but need the gentleman to contact the Environment Agency for further details. **Clerk**

12.2 An informal families picnic to celebrate the King's Coronation does not need permission to go ahead. There should be no commercial activities as part of the event. **Clerk**

12.3 RaR agreed to be council lead for the Hardy Half Marathon.

23/3-13 Councillor's Responsibility Matrix

13.1-The Chair outlined the need for councillors to volunteer to fill the positions. Groupings or pairings can be suggested for change. **ALL**

23/3-14 Motion

A motion by KD and 2nd by MP relating to making recordings of meetings public was deferred until April to allow KD a chance to speak for the motion.

23/3-15 Annual Parish Meeting

Village Hall booked for this event at 6.30pm on Friday 19th May.

23/3-16 Consideration of Urgent Matters and Open Forum

MU raised the possible loss of the allotments due to the prospective sale of West End House. Should this situation arise RE offered up to 6 allotments on his ground on a 99 year lease. RE was thanked by the Chair for his kind offer.

DR asked when the date of the next election is – Afternote: 4th May.

The Chair, being ignorant of such matters, asked how the election of Chair would be conducted next month*. The system of nomination and voting within the AGM was described by more experienced Councillors.

*This was a misunderstanding by the Chair, Standing Orders require this in May rather than in April.

23/3-17 Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting, which will be the Council AGM is on April 27th, 2023, 7.00pm in Winterborne St Martin Church.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed

Chair