

Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St. Martin on Monday 27th March 2000.

The meeting commenced at 7.38 pm.

Present: - Mr C.Taylor (vice-chairman) in the chair, Mr A.King, Mr N.Marsh, Mrs M.Hearing, Mr P.Jeffery, Mr E.Aylott, Mr S.Slade, (Clerk), together with PC M.Burgess (Community Policeman) and five members of the Parish.

Apologies tendered on behalf of - Mr A.Flowerdew, Mr D.Rickard, Mr J.O'Brien.

Mr King declared an interest in item 5e but took no part in the discussion but remained in the meeting.

1.MINUTES.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 24th January 2000 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. Millennium Celebrations The Millennium Manifesto Mrs Hearing gave an update on this project and it was agreed that a sub-group be set up of the Chairman, Clerk, Mrs Hearing and Mr Aylott and Mrs Marchant with delegated powers to act in the matter of the production of the book. The planting of trees in late February had to be delayed as advice in the matter had only lately been received from the DCC. Trees were now being purchased pot grown and would be planted shortly. Winterborne Farringdon Parish Council had kindly agreed to provide a grant of £75.00 towards the purchase of the trees and it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Chairman of that council thanking him for the grant. The activity weekend group will meet and Mr A.Flowerdew will co-ordinate. The meeting will be held on 17th April at 7.30 pm in the Parish Office. Trees in the churchyard, Wall around churchyard and Village Green works. Members will meet on the village green on Saturday 1st April 2000 to agree how best to proceed on these projects. A report on the condition of the trees was to hand and an estimate had been obtained for the work. A further estimate was awaited. Open Gardens 24th and 25th June 2000. Members were advised that The Garden and Craft Society were organising this event. The WI and the PCC would also be helping. A request for funding was to hand but it was noted that the Parish Council had agreed to make the whole of the events during the year self-financing. The Chairman of that Society would be invited to a meeting with Mr C.Taylor, Mr N.Marsh, the Clerk and Chairman to discuss this event in more detail as other activities would be arranged. The School reunion would be held on Saturday 16th September 2000. Mr King and the Clerk would organise and co-opt help as required. The Martinstown Cricket Club would officially open its ground on 4th June 2000 and would play an MCC team.

3. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

The following accounts paid since the last meeting were confirmed: -

Village Hall Committee hire of hall for annual meeting £ 10.50

The following accounts were approved for payment: -

Southern Electric office electric £ 14.43

WDDC rates for the year (half paid by Winterbourne Abbas PC£ 201.27

S.Murgatroyd..... report on condition of trees in the churchyard...£ 45.00

(NB Church will reimburse 50% of this cost)

A sum of £ 3432.66 in the Parish Council account after payment of the above accounts.

4.PLANNING MATTERS.

a. Extension at No 2, Bartletts Close Approved by WDDC.

b. Alterations to Rylstone Approved by WDDC.

c. Include additional land into garden of 3, Park Farm Close. The proposal be carefully conditioned to remain as garden only as part of 3, Park Farm Close.

An appeal lodged against the WDDC refusal to grant permission to change use of Picture Framing Building at Wentwell to holiday use had been dismissed by the Inspector.

5. CORRESPONDENCE.

- a. From Dorchester and District Crime prevention panel giving advice concerning unwelcome doorstep visitors. It was agreed that information on this subject be obtained from this organisation and distributed to all households in the parish.
- b. Parish Electoral Arrangements. This correspondence noted. A notice had been placed on the Noticeboards concerning the subject.
- c. National Spring Clean 1st -30th April 2000. A litter pick-up will be held on 29th April 2000, starting from the village green 2.00pm. A notice will be placed in the notice boards advertising this event.
- d. Recycling bins on Village Hall car park. Members discussed the request from the Village Hall Committee that these bins be removed and in so doing were appraised of the contents of an e-mail letter sent by the chairman to the village hall committee secretary. It was agreed that the first step in retaining the bins on this preferred and most central site would be to talk direct to the hall committee. Alternative sites were suggested each of which had its drawbacks. A thought was voiced to the effect that it might be best to do without the bins if there were too many difficulties. It was hoped that a reply to the e-mail would indicate a change of heart by the hall committee in the matter.
- e. Letter concerning condition of wall at Church Farm. The contents of this letter were read following which the clerk advised that he had contacted an officer of the WDDC in the matter who had advised that the work of repair together with the removal of a section of the wall could proceed. Members noted that the work was in hand.
- f. Letter from Joseph Weld Hospice Trust thanking the Parish Council for their donation to the Trust that had been given in memory of the late Peter Bentley.
- g. Letters of thanks to the Parish Council for organising the bonfire event over the New Year period read to members.

6. FOOTPATH LIAISON OFFICER REPORT.

Path from Bats Lane to Fishers Barn. Gravel had now been placed at the eastern end of this path by the DCC and had improved the situation. A request to place similar material at the position of the gate between Stevens Farm and Park Farm would be made to the DCC.

The Ramblers Association would be organising a "Spider walk" terminating at Maiden Castle in August to celebrate the marking of all footpaths in the County. Further details would be available in due course.

7. AMENITIES REPORT.

Additional litter bins and dog litterbins will be placed in the area shortly.

8. OTHER MATTERS RAISED.

a. Reprinting of Village Directory. This would be carried out this year.

9. COMMUNITY POLICEMAN.

The Community Policeman, PC Burgess, reported that at the present time there was thankfully little crime taking place in the village. Thieves had been arrested in Winterbourne Abbas following a spate of burglaries.

10. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The meeting was closed at 9.12 pm

.....Chairman.

Date.....