

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall,
Winterborne St Martin on Monday 9th January 1995.

The meeting commenced at 7.45 pm.

Present:- Mr C.Taylor (chairman), Mr J.O'Brien, Mr A.Flowerdew, Mr J.Marsh,
Mr P.Bentley, Mr P.Jeffery, Mr H.Bowering, Mr J.Godding, Mr A.King,
Mr S.Slade (clerk), together with two members of the Parish.

1. MINUTES.

The minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 7th November 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. TARGET AREA SCHEME....An estimate had been received from a local contractor to carry out repair work to the sheep wash which would attract a grant from the West Dorset District Council of 50% of the cost of the work. The other costs would have to be met from the funds of the Parish Council. This sum would be in the region of £450.00. An application for grant would be made when the second estimate had been obtained. It was agreed that if a suitable information notice could be obtained then it would be erected near the washing pool as an aid to portray the history of the structure.

The cost of trees to be planted along the access drive to Stevens Farm, would be approximately £90.00 for 9 number pot grown beech trees. A grant for the whole of this cost would be paid for from the funds of the West Dorset District Council provided the planting and protection works were carried out by the Parish Council. These trees were approximately 6-7 feet high. An application would be made for grant aid in respect of this matter.

The planting of shrubs along the eastern boundary of the children's playground at the Village Hall would be agreed with the Hall Committee and implemented if their agreement was forthcoming. Provided the work was carried out by the Parish Council a full grant for the costs of the trees and other materials would be met from the funds of the West Dorset District Council.

b. HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY....Following this survey the West Dorset Housing Association wished to meet with members to discuss the proposals. A meeting would be arranged for 23rd January at the Manor Grove Communal Room to which all Parish Councillors would be invited.

c. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION....Some of the prize money from this competition had been spent on bulbs which had been planted at various sites in the Parish.

d. PARISH VICAR....It was reported that a new Vicar would be inducted into the Benefice at some time in May. This was noted and further agreed that a letter of welcome from the Parish Council be sent to the new Incumbant.

d. GRASS CUTTING AND STREAM CLEANING....The Dorset County Council Area Surveyor had been advised of the problem with flooding of the public highway near Monkeys Jump Corner and to the West of Clandon Farm. His attention had also been drawn to a problem of flooding to the west end of the public footpath in front of The Terrace and measures to solve the problem had been suggested. It was hoped that the open ditch to the south of Fairfield and Sunnypatch would be culverted and the area then landscaped.

- e. SHEEP IN THE CHURCHYARD....It was agreed that a letter be sent to the P.C.C expressing concern at the intention to permit sheep to graze over the whole of the area of the churchyard.
- f. THE RIO CONFERENCE....The date of the next meeting of the local group concerned with this matter would be advised in March.
- g. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING....The Parish Council were now delegated to deal with the matter of street naming and numbering in the Parish.

3. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

The action taken to pay the following accounts during the interim period since the last meeting was approved:-

- a.C.O'Brien....bulbs....£22.50.
- b.R.Eversden...trailer...£117.50.

The present balance in the Parish Account was £2626.28.

4. PLANNING MATTERS.

- a. Proposed mast at Morngate Caravan Park....suggest approach owners of the mast at the Radio Station to use as an alternative and to advise that the area was one of outstanding natural beauty and to permit such a structure at this site would be very inconsistent with previous planning decisions at this site. The siting of the mast appeared to block the visibility to the east of the Rew Lane road.
- b.W.D.D.C had approved an application to erect an extension at the rear of 9, The Terrace following negotiations to have the overall floor area of the proposal reduced.
- c.W.D.D.C had approved an application to use land at Bats Lane for a football field for a limited period until May 1995 or until such time as the proposed sports field at Ashton had been brought into use.
- d.Dorset County Council Structure Plan....It appeared that this plan did not materially effect the West Dorset District Local Plan at present under review which had been approved by the Parish Council.

5. REPORT ON MEETING WITH ABBAS AND STEEPLTON PARISH COUNCIL.

A representative of the Dorset County Council had attended the meeting and had advised those present of the County Council views on local government proposed reorganisation. His comments had been noted and questions had been asked and answered from which it was clear that the Dorset County Council were not in favour of the proposed reorganisation as proposed by the Commission. It had been agreed that Mrs W.Hallett and Mr R.Sturrock be asked to represent the Abbas and Steepleton Parish Council in the matter of the Sports Field at Ashton on a sub-committee and then to report back to the full Parish Council. A further get-together meeting would be held in due course.

6. BLANCHARD CHARITY.

Mr H.Bowering and Mr T.Hearing were elected to serve on this Charity as representatives of the Parish Council for a further term.

7. VE/VJ DAY COMMEMORATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS.

It was resolved that in view of the many events which were planned in the area to mark this occasion the Parish Council would not enter the arena to carry out any special activities in the village.

8. SOUTHERN AREA FORUM.

The next meeting of this group would be held in the Village Hall, Winterborne St Martin on Thursday 2nd March 1995 at 7.pm. Questions on what action other Parishes took with regard to the maintenance of churchyards and how the erection of a network of masts to serve modern communication businesses was viewed generally would be forwarded to the W.D.D.C. for inclusion on the Agenda.

9. CORRESPONDENCE.

- A. New owner of the the Village Stores and Post Office. A letter of welcome to be sent to the new owner and best wishes for a happy retirement would be conveyed to Mr and Mrs Cudd.
- B. Permission had been given to fell trees at The Old Vicarage and at 8, Manor Grove. This was noted.
- C. Exercise "Ghosttex". The D.C.C. Emergency Planning Department were organising an exercise to test the competence of the Emergency Services to act in the event of a train crash at the Bincombe Tunnel and were in need of volunteers to act as casualties. Those desirous to take part to advise the clerk.
- D. C.P.R.E an invitation to join this organisation at a reduced rate was rejected by members.
- E. A form from the NRA would be completed which requested information on flooding in the parish.

10. READING ROOM.

Members considered a proposal that the Parish Council should rent the Reading Room for use as an office for all parish matters. After full consideration it was agreed that further details should be obtained in respect of the rent and likely running costs of the property. Further consideration would then be given to the proposal.

11. OTHER MATTERS RAISED.

- A. Estate agents advertising boards at East Farm....The planning officer of the District Council to be asked how long such boards can remain on site.
- B. Traffic Census....The County Surveyor to be asked the reason for the placing of apparatus across the B3159 near the entrance to Manor Grove.
- C. Reflectorised posts Weymouth Road....Action to be taken to have the posts replaced and refixed in the interest of road safety.

12. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The meeting closed at 9.22 pm.

..... Chairman.

..... Date.