

Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Parish Council Meeting held in the Reading Room, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 28th January 2019.

Present: -

Parish councillors, Mrs D. Wiltshire, Mr P. Jeffery, Mrs A. Bennett, Mr D. Read, Mr M. Usherwood and Mr S. Slade (Clerk). Mr R. Freeman (West Dorset District Councillor), together with ten members of the public.

Democratic Period commenced at 7.00pm

Matters raised and responses given were:-

- i. In response to a question if there was any further information available following the meeting held with Oliver Letwin MP when the matter of large farm vehicles travelling along the B3159 road was discussed. A further meeting had been held and notes taken at that meeting were read. The speed at which vehicles were driven through the village was raised and it was suggested that investigations would be made to try to enquire if the present 30mph restriction could be reduced to 20mph. The matter of large farm vehicles travelling to and from farms would unlikely be reduced but local farmers had instructed their contractors to use a one-way system to avoid passing one another which might help. However it was acknowledged that they had no control over other vehicles travelling along the roads. The periods for spreading slurry and harvesting crops were weather dependent and legally controlled. Information regarding these times might be made available for general information.
- ii. A request was made that paper copies of the agendas and minutes of meetings be placed in all notice boards in the village. This was agreed.
- iii. Attention was drawn to chalk being used to level land east of the junction of the C53 road with the B3159 road which presented a poor visual image. There appeared to be no contravention of planning regulations and in due time the chalk will weather-down.
- iv. A question regarding the latest data from the SID sign was raised. This is being processed. The "thank you" message recorded on the sign when speed is recorded at 29mph is helpful in making drivers aware of the speed limit.

The Parish Council meeting commenced at 8.04 pm.

Parish councillors present as recorded for the Democratic Period above.

Apologies tendered on behalf of: Mr N. Hallett.

Declaration of interests.

Members were reminded that it was their responsibility to declare any interests, personal or prejudicial, in items set out on the agenda and to disclose pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in accordance with appendix A and Appendix B of the register of members interests in accordance with the Council's Code of the members registration of interests on any items set out on the agenda

1. MINUTES

a. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Reading Room, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 26th November 2018 had been circulated to all members.

Proposed by Mr D. Read and seconded by Mr P. Jeffery

Resolved

That the minutes be signed as a true and correct record.

b. The minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held in the Reading Room, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 10th October 2018 were read.

Proposed by Mr M. Usherwood and seconded by Mrs A. Bennett.

Resolved

That the minutes be signed as a true and correct record.

D. W. Slade

2. CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS

The chairman explained that there were three vacancies on the Parish Council and two people had asked to be considered to fill these vacancies. They were thanked for volunteering.

Proposed by Mr M. Usherwood and seconded by Mr P. Jeffery

Resolved, that Mrs Karen Delafield and Mr Richard Eversden are co-opted to serve as Parish Councillors for Winterborne St Martin until the next election for Parish Councillors on 2nd May 2019. The chairman welcomed the new members to the Parish Council,

They were handed documents to complete and then return to the clerk regarding personal information and interests. These will then be forwarded to the WDDC Monitoring Officer.

3. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

a. Confirmation of payments during the interim period since the last meeting.

K. Damen..... Grass cutting £ 50.00

b. The Council approved the following payment: -

G.Herbert..... Web-site work£106.00
HMRC Tax£120.60
S.Slade Salary£482.10.

c. Receipts since the last meeting: -

WDDC C I L Payment £ 45.00
Osborne Garage rent£880.00

d. Funds in the Parish Council Account.

The clerk reported that the balance of £13,668.64 is held in the Parish Council Account and reconciled to bank statement No17 dated 9th January 2019).

e. Expenditure and Income Statement.

The expenditure and income statement of the Parish Council since the last meeting was noted.

f. Purchase of laptop computer.

In order that the business of the Parish Council might be carried out more efficiently it might be prudent to purchase a laptop computer for use by the clerk for this specific purpose. A sum of £500.00 was suggested to be made available in this regard. It was agreed after due consideration to defer this matter.

4. PLANNING MATTERS.

A. Comments made on Planning Applications during the interim period since the last meeting.

None reported.

B. Applications considered at the meeting.

WD/D/18/002659. Extension and alterations at Maiden Cottage, Martinstown

No objections.

C. Matters considered by WDDC.

i. WD/D/18/002587. Application for Certificate of Lawfulness, Grove Hill House, Martinstown.

Approved.

ii. WD/D/18/002478. Erect conservatory at The Coach House, Martinstown.

Approved.

iii. WD/D/18/00 /001219. Form slurry lagoon at Church Farm, Martinstown.

Approved.

D. Matters considered by Planning Inspectorate.

None reported.

E. Other matters raised.

A question was asked namely, when would the landscaping condition included on the approval notice for works at Rainbarrow Farm be implemented? The clerk was asked to write to WDDC for information in this regard.

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5. CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW MATTERS.

Dates for future meetings were discussed and it was agreed that the **Annual Parish Council** meeting will be held on **13th May 2019** in the **Reading Room** and will commence at **7.00pm**.

The frequency of Parish Council meetings will be considered by the new Parish Council at their meeting on **13th May 2019**.

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held in the **Village Hall on 20th May 2019** and will commence at **7.30 pm**.

6. FOOTPATH REPORT.

A problem with a locked gate on a bridle path had been resolved and footpaths are generally in a reasonable condition for the time of year.

7. PCSO MATTERS.

No report available.

8. WASTE WATCH.

More volunteers are always required to collect the newspapers.

9 VILLAGE HALL

A new chairman will be installed at the annual meeting of the Hall Committee in March 2019.

10. BLANCHARD CHARITY.

The annual meeting will be held in the Village Hall on **1st March** at **7.00pm**. The name of the charity will then be formally changed to, "The Winterbourne Valley Community Fund".

11. COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH/ SID.

No recent local speed watch exercise had taken place. The SID had been moved onto the pole on the north side of the road at Mallards Green. Data for the period when it was in place on the south side of the road at Mallards Green is being analysed and will be reported later.

12 DAPTC MATTERS.

The annual meeting of DAPTC will take place at Kingston Maurward on **Tuesday 26th March 2019** starting at **9.30am** finishing at **3.30pm**. There are a few places still available.

13. AMENITY MATTERS.

A further estimate for works to the trees on the Village Green was reported in the sum of **£290.00** plus any costs that may be required by WDDC. This estimate was lower than the first estimate.

Proposed by Mrs A. Bennett and seconded by Mr M. Usherwood

Resolved, that the estimate submitted for works specified to be carried out to the trees on the village green be approved in the sum of £290.00 plus any costs that may be required in the planning procedure regarding these works.

14. FLOOD WARDEN MATTERS.

The work being carried out in the area at the eastern end of the village near the junction of the C53 road with the B3159 road on land referred to as the "Pond" was not a matter for the Environment Agency.

The South Winterborne stream is not a main river. DCC are the responsible authority regarding the South Winterborne stream. The village flood wardens have visited the site and contact has been made with DCC. The water flow is not restricted and there appears not to be a problem.

(Note Mr Read informed that he had a family interest in this land).

Riparian owners were asked to remove any temporary obstructions from the stream and to generally make sure the water keeps moving.

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15. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS ACT) 1960

In accordance with this act it was proposed by Mr M.Usherwood and seconded by Mrs A. Bennett and resolved that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

The meeting then continued with only the members of the Parish Council present.

The chairman of the Personnel Committee was invited to report on the meeting held in the Chairman's house with the clerk.

However the clerk intervened before the report was given and informed that he had considered his position and it was with great reluctance and sadness that he had decided to retire as Clerk to the Parish Council from the end of April 2019. This would enable a new clerk to be appointed before the Parish Council elections in May 2019. Members accepted his retirement and would advertise the vacancy.

16. NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next monthly meeting will be held on **25th February 2019** in the Parish Office at **7.00pm**.

17. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The meeting was closed at 20.24 pm.

Chairman David Usherwood Date 28 Feb 2019