

Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Parish Annual Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St. Martin on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2000.

The meeting commenced at 8.15 pm.

Present: - Mr C.Taylor, Mr A.King, Mr N.Marsh, Mrs M.Hearing, Mr P.Jeffery, Mr E.Aylott, Mr J.O'Brien, Mr D.Rickard, Mr A.Flowerdew, Mr S.Slade, (Clerk), together with twelve members of the Parish.

There were no declarations of interest.

The Clerk advised that Mr O'Brien would not be standing for re-election as chairman. He was a Chairman who had been good to work with and one who had put much effort into the job on behalf of the Parish.

Mr Jeffery also thanked the out going Chairman for his dedication to the job and was sure that he would be as committed as a "back-bencher" and this would be most welcome.

### **1.ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.**

Mr O'Brien proposed that Mr E.Aylott be nominated for the post of Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing year. Mr C.Taylor seconded the proposal. There were no other nominations and on being put to the meeting the proposition was duly carried and Mr. Aylott took the Chair. He undertook to carry out the duties of Chairman to the best of his ability in the best interest of the Parish. He recognised that he had a hard act to follow.

### **2.MINUTES.**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2000 having been circulated to all members were approved as a true and correct record and the minutes duly signed.

### **3.MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES.**

**a. Millennium Celebrations ....** The Millennium Manifesto .... Mrs Hearing gave a further up-date on this project from which it was clear that more pages will have to be included owing to the amount of information being provided by those who lived in the village. The name of the book will likely now have to be changed as it was becoming more than a Manifesto. The sub-group will meet shortly to consider the next stage in the production. The planting of trees on the south side of the C53 road opposite McDonald's had been started and would be progressed in the autumn. The activity weekend will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> May and details had been included in the last issue of the Parish Newsletter. Trees in the churchyard, Wall around churchyard and Village Green works. Members met on the village green on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2000 and agreed how best to proceed with the projects. The Owner of the Green will be asked for his comments. 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 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June 2000. Members agreed to support the Farm Visits on this day and will help Mr N.Marsh as required. Those willing to help as Marshals for the car park will contact the Garden and Craft Society direct. The School reunion will be held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2000. Mr King and the Clerk will organise and co-opt help as required. The Martinstown Cricket Club had now completed their arrangements for the official opening of their ground on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2000 and all will be welcome to attend.

- b. Advice concerning unwanted doorstep visitors. Small cards for display in windows near the entrance doors to properties had been obtained from the Crime Prevention Panel and will be distributed to all households in the Parish. Further advice will be printed in the next issue of the Newsletter giving advice how to protect property from burglars.
- c. Recycling bins on village hall car park. These bins had now been removed at the instruction of the Village Hall Committee. Effort will be made to find an alternative site in the village.

#### **4. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.**

Mr P. Jeffery proposed that Mr C. Taylor be vice-chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing year. Mr A. King seconded the proposition, which in the absence of other nominations was, approved nem-con.

#### **5. ELECTION OF SUB-GROUPS.**

- a. Planning ---- Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Mr N. Marsh and Mrs Hearing.
- b. Footpaths Liaison Officer ---- Mr C. Taylor.
- c. Village Hall ---- Mr P. Ennals to be asked if he wishes to continue as Parish Council representative. His response to be considered at the next meeting.

#### **6. FINANCIAL MATTERS.**

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

K. Damen .... Grass cutting .... £60.00.

The first half of the Parish Precept had yet to be paid by The WDDC. An administrative error had occurred and the money was lost in the BACS system.

A sum of £ 3463.80 in the Parish Council account after payment of the above accounts.

#### **7. PLANNING MATTERS.**

- a. Application to erect dwelling on land at Manor Farm. Members noted the proposal and the concern expressed by a nearby resident vis-à-vis the drainage from the proposed dwelling. It was recognised that there was an existing planning permission for a dwelling on the site. No objections were raised to the proposal.

#### **8. CORRESPONDENCE.**

- a. Millennium Service at Sherborne Abbey on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2000. Invitation from Chairman of DCC for two members of the Parish Council to attend. Chairman to advise if he wishes to take up the invitation.
- b. Charitable Fund Raising. Advice on this subject to be printed in the next issue of the Parish Newsletter.
- c. From O. Letwin MP concerning the Government threat to abolish Parish Councils. Members agreed that a letter be sent to the MP deploring the threat and asking him to support the retention of Parish Councils.
- d. Quarterly report of Dorset Police. This noted.

**9. FOOTPATH LIAISON OFFICER REPORT.**

Footpath from Brewers Arms to A35 overgrown. Clerk had requested that this is cut and DCC had confirmed that this will be carried out within the next few days.

**10. AMENITIES REPORT.**

Mr Marsh had no matters to report.

**11. OTHER MATTERS RAISED.**

- a. Litter bin near bus-shelter not emptied. Clerk to inform WDDC.
- b. Road signs at Mayfield and Grove Hill Road to be erected shortly. Some consideration to be given to the positioning of the latter sign.
- c. Widening of bridge to Grove Hill Road. A meeting to be convened with the landowner in an effort to have this bridge widened in order to reduce damage to the verges in the area.
- d. Multiplicity of service buses at certain peak periods. Transport Department of DCC to be asked if this matter can be investigated with a view to providing a bus service at least once a week to the Morngate Caravan Park area.
- e. Possibility of the provision of a Footpath from the junction of the C53 with the B3159 to Mallards Green. This matter to be further investigated especially in view of the fact that traffic flows have changed along this road.

**12. CLOSURE OF MEETING.**

The meeting was closed at 9.22 pm.

**13. NEXT MEETING.**

Members agreed that this be held on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2000.

.....Chairman.

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