

Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St. Martin on Monday 27th January 2003.

The meeting commenced at 7.40 pm.

Present: - Mr N.Marsh (Chairman), Mrs M.Hearing, Mr M.Clarke, Mr A.King, Mr D.Rickard, Mr P.Jeffery, Mr C.Taylor, Mr A.Flowerdew and Mr S.Slade, (Clerk) together with 6 members of the parish.

Apologies tendered on behalf of and Mr D.Crowhurst (County Councillor).

Declaration of interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

1. MINUTES.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 25th November 2002 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. Village Green. Further estimates awaited. Grants available for such work are to be sought and this would now include a notice board to identify various features in the village.
- b. Legal notice period concerning the proposed amendments to the speed limits along the C53 now complete. Work to implement the scheme would be started within the next six weeks.
- c. Footpath link from the village to Mallards Green. This subject had been considered some time ago and it was felt that the acquisition of land would be required in order to enable any such work to be carried out. Mr Crowhurst to be asked to take the matter up with the DCC Engineering Department.

3. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

The following monies received since the last meeting: -

Sale of Book of Martinstown (Inc postage to Canada)	£ 27.00
Prize in Best Kept Village Competition.	£ 50.00
C.Taylor rent of Store/Garage	£ 365.00

Confirmation given to the following monies paid out since the last meeting: -

K.Damen grass cutting	£ 40.00
Audit fee	£ 434.29
SEB electric Parish Office	£ 13.31
S.Slade Clerk half year salary	£1000.00

A sum of £7418.91 in the Parish Council account including all of the above transactions.

4. PLANNING MATTERS.

- a. The Chairman reported on a meeting which he had attended concerning the West Dorset Local Plan Review. He concluded that the plan development boundary for the village and other villages was almost the same as the current plan. Scope for unrestricted development was limited but an exceptions policy could permit development for affordable housing outside of the development boundary subject to all other planning considerations such as access, design, landscaping etc being satisfactory. Any new development in rural areas would have to include an element of affordable houses. Members agreed to meet informally to discuss the document and forward their comments to the WDDC.
- b. Consent had been given to carry out surgery to trees at the Chantry which were in the Conservation area.

5. CORRESPONDENCE.

- a. Dorchester Area Partnership. Mr Rickard reported on this subject. Further meetings were planned which would include seeking views on how Dorchester should develop, transportation in the area and tourism. An update will be given at future meetings.
- b. Dorset Best Kept Village Award 2003. It was agreed to again enter this competition.

6. FOOTPATH LIAISON OFFICER REPORT.

It appeared that most paths in the area were in order but some markers were required to point the way at junctions along routes of paths.

7. REPORT ON A MEETING HELD CONCERNING ASPECTS OF FLOODING.

The Clerk reported fully on this meeting at which representatives of all authorities concerned were present. A full report will be included in the Parish Newsletter and an up-date will be given as appropriate in future issues of the newsletter.

8. REPORT FROM AMENITIES OFFICER.

Mr Marsh asked for volunteers to plant beech trees to replace those which had failed in the area of McDonald's at the same time an effort would be made to clean the lay-by south of St Martins Field. The date set for this work was 22nd February 2003 meet near the Parish Office at 9.30 am. A bottle bank will be provided in the car park of the Brewers Arms thanks to the new Landlord. This is to be advertised in the Parish Newsletter.

9. REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS IN THE VILLAGE.

Blanchard Charity. During the interim period since the last meeting the Chairman had confirmed that Mr P.Jeffery and Mrs S.Godding would serve as Parish Council representatives on the Blanchard Charity for the next period to replace Mr H.Bowering and Mr T.Hearing who had retired.

10. NEW MATTERS RAISED.

- a. Condition of triangle of land south of the copse at Batts Lane. This area of land was being damaged. Large vehicles turning had broken the grass surface. The ownership of the land was to be investigated prior to action being taken to try to have work carried out to protect the area.
- b. Erosion of bank of stream. This had been reported to the DCC on several occasions and the matter will again be "flagged-up" as being very serious.

11. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The meeting was closed at 9.30 pm.

12. NEXT MEETING.

This will be held on the fourth Monday in March 2003.

.....Chairman

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