

Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St. Martin on Monday 2nd November 1998.

The meeting commenced at 7.05 pm.

Present:-

Mr J.O'Brien (Chairman), Mr C.Taylor, Mr D.Rickard, Mr J.Godding, Mr A.Flowerdew (7.30 pm), Mr P.Jeffery (8.15 pm) together with 3 parishioners.

Apologies tendered on behalf of :- Mr P.Bentley, Mr J.Marsh, Mr A.King Mr A.Daw and PC R.Jackson.

1.MINUTES.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St Martin on Thursday 3rd September 1998 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.

b. Land to North of Rylstone Lease in respect of the land now signed. The field now being well used especially by the young footballers of the village. Letter to be sent to local Guides and similar groups encouraging them to make use of the field for some of their activities.

b. Cycle Routes Route to the south of Mallards Green into Dorchester through Clandon was further considered. It was noted that the matter of funding would determine when this route would be improved. Various sources of finance would be explored including the possibility of obtaining money from Landfill Site Operators. A study would be carried out in the village to try to establish the number of people who would use the route. A walk and or cycle ride of the route would be arranged to ensure that people were aware of the exact location and its factor of difficulty before they made comments.

c. Village Hall Extension Work on the extension now complete and final accounts awaited. VAT would be reclaimed as soon as the last account via the Parish Council had been paid.

d. Management of St Martins Churchyard The Parish Council Amenity members had met with the PCC representatives and agreed a plan of work for the future. An Officer from the WDDC had visited the site and had agreed that the work of repairing the walls, tree planting and an inspection of the existing trees would rank for grant aid. Estimates for the various works were awaited.

e. Village Green A lease to hand and its contents discussed. The implications of the matter of becoming the leaseholder were noted. The lease would be for a 99 year term at an annual rent of a peppercorn. Subject to clarification on minor points the lease would be signed.

f. Concealed Entrance Sign A request that such a sign should be erected near Bats Lane to indicate the access to Clandon had been considered by the DCC. They advised that such a sign was not legal but in recognition of the problem they would erect a sign to indicate Horses Crossing. In the event of the path being adopted as part of the National Cycle Route further signs would be erected.

g. Millennium Celebrations Comments from two parishioners on this subject were read and the matter discussed. The apparent lack of interest in the subject vis-a-vis the village was noted none-the-less it was agreed that each organisation in the village should be asked for their observations before any decision was taken in the matter.

3. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

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

Dorchester Build.....	£3525.00.
Weatherbury Roofing.....	£ 804.27.
Abbas & Steepleton re G.Mitchem.....	£ 25.00.
Bulbs	£ 30.00.
Account book	£ 16.32.
Dorset Works Grass Cutting	£ 349.62.
A.Whitty	£ 287.41.
M.Hallett	£ 646.25.
P.Elford	£ 519.35.
SEB electric	£ 11.49.

The following sums received since the last meeting :-

Tidy Village Competition	£ 75.00.
Grant re hall	£4758.00.
Half year precept	£ 950.00.

A sum of £1651.52 in the Parish Council account after payment and receipt of the above monies.

Precept for 1998/1999.

A schedule of the possible costs of administering the Parish Council and its responsibilities for the next period was to hand and considered in detail. The estimates were accepted and a precept of £2900.00 was approved with a note that the major increase for this period would be a one-off in order to cover the Parish Council Millenium projects. A note in this regard to be included in the Parish Newsletter.

4. PLANNING MATTERS.

Applications referred to the council for comment during the interim period since the last meeting which had been dealt with by the sub-committee were reported. The comments made were noted.

Breach of planning legislation in respect of a vehicular access off the C53 road near the junction with the B3159. WDDC had indicated that as gate posts had been erected a possible breach of planning permission had now taken place. If written evidence could be obtained to the effect that no access had existed at this point then the matter would be further considered. A local resident would be asked to provide such evidence which would then be forwarded to the WDDC.

The contents of a letter to Parker Homes concerning a proposal to erect a further dwelling at Park Farm Close was read which had been formulated following a meeting of the Planning sub-committee. The contents were welcomed by members.

An amended plan in respect of a garage/store/gamesroom at Rew Manor Farm was studied and the amendments noted with no adverse comment.

A planning application to use the Monkey Jump Cafe by the Little Chef Organisation had been approved. The proposal included some improvement to the site, some additional building work, some planting of trees and an improvement to the access. This was noted.

5. FOOTPATH LIAISON OFFICER REPORT.

Mr Taylor reported that he had received no complaints regarding footpaths. However a problem with a path in the Ashton Farm area was voiced by a parishioner and would be investigated by Mr Taylor.

6. AMENITY OFFICER REPORT.

A verbal report on behalf of Mr Marsh was given which indicated that bulbs had been planted on the village green and more were to be planted in the Mallards Green area and at St Martins Field. Trees at the Old Pound site which had failed would be felled and new trees planted. This would take place on 21st November at 10.30 am. Those wishing to help would be welcome.

7. LOCAL AGENDA 21 REPORT.

Mr Rickard stated that details of the 26th October function of the Local Group had been included in the latest edition of the Parish Newsletter. He highlighted the revised bus schedule of the 31 Service which operated hourly from 7.00 am to 6.00 pm on weekdays and two hourly on Sundays. A questionnaire aimed at the youth of the Parish had been circulated with the Parish Newsletter.

8. REFUSE COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR.

Details would be placed in the Newsletter and also on the Notice Boards.

9. RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

This correspondence concerned possible help to village shops and had been handed to the local shopkeeper for his action as appropriate.

10. SOUTHERN AREA FORUM.

The next meeting of this Forum would be on 26th November at Broadmayne Village Hall and would commence at 7.00 pm. All welcome.

11. ALLOTMENTS.

A request from a Parishioner seeking an allotment was to hand. It was generally agreed that as this was the only request which had been received by the Parish Council for an allotment for at least 15 years there was no real demand. A suggestion that perhaps owners of large gardens might be willing to let part of their land for such use was made but the possibility of the insecurity of tenure might be a drawback. The author of the letter would be visited and advised accordingly with a suggestion that the Dorchester Town Council might be able to help.

12. OTHER MATTERS.

a. Quarterly report of the Dorchester Policing Policy to hand. A letter to be sent to Inspector Mason seeking his help to bring attention to drivers of large vehicles of the correct procedure they should adopt when they drive on public highways. This is especially relevant to farming contractors.

b. Dorset Road Safety. This letter concerned the subject of mature drivers and a 3 hour course which would deal with the problems which can occur with mature drivers. The idea of holding such a course was welcomed and a note would be placed in the next issue of the Newsletter to see if at least 15 people would be willing to attend and if so a suitable date would be arranged.

c. Monkey Jump roundabout. DCC not to take action to lane mark the approach to this roundabout from the C53 but will renew the line markings.

d. Junction of C53 road with the B3159. Attention drawn to the speed of traffic in this vicinity. DCC to be asked to study the junction with a view to making alterations to improve the situation in the interest of road safety.

e. DAPTC An item to be placed on the next agenda to give consideration to rejoining this organisation.

f. An item to be placed on the next agenda asking members to declare any interest which they may have in any item on the agenda and then to indicate the action they intend to take in the matter.

13. NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting of the Parish Council would be held in the Parish Office on 1st February 1999 commencing at 7.00 pm.

14. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The meeting was closed at 9.25 pm

.....Chairman.

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