

Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St. Martin on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2005. The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm.

Present: - Mr A.King (Chairman for the meeting), Mr M.Clarke, Mrs M.Hearing, Mr D.Rickard, Mr I.Gibson, Mr B.Thompson, Mr S.Slade, (Clerk), and 6 members of the parish.

Apologies tendered on behalf of: Mr N.Marsh and Mr P.Jeffery. Mr R.Browning a parishioner had also tendered his apologies.

#### **Democratic period.**

##### **Mr I. Shaw.**

Mr Shaw raised the matter of road edge deterioration which was a problem probably caused by large and heavy vehicles. DCC had been asked to deal with some areas.

##### **Mrs M.Marchant.**

Mrs Marchant was concerned that the Display Board on the Village Green had not been vented and it was therefore being spoilt. Mr Marsh will be asked to deal with the problem on his return from holiday.

##### **Mr J.Crawford.**

Mr Crawford asked questions concerning the West Dorset Local Plan. He was advised that the plan was at the enquiry stage and the Parish Council had represented views concerning the defined development boundary. The Parish Council had put forward a proposal that Parish Councils should be given authority to recommend open market development on land outside of this boundary provided that some local benefit could be obtained in exchange from the landowner concerned. An objection to the area of the flood plain indicated on the original draft plan had been withdrawn as the plan had been amended to show the area more accurately. It was likely that the conclusion of the exercise might not be until the year end after all objections had been heard and the plan republished with amendments.

##### **Mrs Ashworth.**

Mrs Ashworth asked when the area around the Parish Office would be made tidy. She was advised that the hedge trimmings would be taken away and burnt in the near future.

#### **Declaration of interests.**

There were no declarations of interest.

The clerk explained each planning application for clarification of members but took no part in the observations or comments made.

#### **1. MINUTES.**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2005 having been circulated to all members were approved as a true and correct record and the minutes duly signed. Proposed by Mr B.Thompson and seconded by Mr M.Clarke.

Following approval of the minutes Mr Gibson stated that, "a few of us felt that the minutes could be written up by a person other than the clerk as the clerk appeared not to take notes and minutes could be incomplete". When asked who the "few" were he failed to respond but then thought that the minutes should be provided at an earlier date than at present. He was reminded that under the terms of the Standing Orders of the Parish Council minutes of the previous meeting were to be delivered to members on the Wednesday prior to the next meeting. In order to change this Standing Orders would have to be changed. An item will be placed on the next Agenda to consider if changes are required.

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

- Village Green improvement work. A grant towards the cost of this work had been approved by SWEET-UK based on the revised estimate in the sum of £15,180.00 plus VAT provided by Mr M.J.Fry. The work included the kerbing, hardcore, tarmac and topping with chippings. Landscaping work was not included. The grant awarded was £12,358.00 An account in the sum of £14,780.00 plus VAT submitted by Mr Fry for part payment had been forwarded to SWEET-UK. A sum of £11,958.00 had been received leaving a balance to be paid from the approved grant of £400.00 on completion of the work. The account submitted by Mr Fry had been paid including VAT. A claim for reimbursement of VAT from HM Customs had been made as soon as the account had been paid. This was still awaited. A representative of SWEET-UK will inspect the work later this week. Mr K.Damen has been asked to seed the bare patches as soon as possible. The bench seat at present in the Parish Office will be sited at the corner of the Green near Rylstone. This will be an additional cost. It was agreed that the work to place chippings on the tarmac should be delayed until June to give time to seek observations from others on the possibility of leaving the tarmac as at present the colour of which would fade and be less harsh. The Newsletter to be used to seek the views of others in this regard. Some members had received congratulatory reports on the work.
- Road signs and markings were still to be re-laced by DCC and reminders had been sent.
- A letter from the owner of the land at the east end of the village, known as the cricket pitch, stated that his agents had advised that he should not lease the land to the Parish Council for use as a football pitch or other similar use. This was noted.
- Litter pick-up held on March 12<sup>th</sup> 2005. Mrs Hearing was of the opinion that more volunteers should have taken part. The event had been advertised in the Newsletter. It was agreed that each member should be allocated an area to keep clean and free of litter to be carried out on an adhoc but regular basis. The clerk will provide each member with an area of responsibility.

## **3. FINANCIAL MATTERS.**

### **Payments.**

Members confirmed the action of the Chairman in paying the under-mentioned accounts during the interim period since the last meeting: -

SEB electric office	£ 12.01
SWEET-UK further donation to works at Green	£ 167.53
Audit fee	£ 141.00
B.Robins seats in bus shelter and decorate	£ 262.39
SEB electric office	£ 15.59
S.Slade clerk fee	£ 1030.00
S.Slade clerk's expenses (approved by chairman and Confirmed at the meeting 4/4/05)	£ 70.76
Rates	£ 505.37
M.Fry work to Green	£17366.50

### **Receipts. Since the last meeting.**

Rent of parking space on Green	£ 50.00
From SWEET-UK grant	£11958.00

### **Payment of accounts.**

An account from K.Damen for cutting grass on the Green was approved for payment in the sum of £20.00.

### **Book of Martinstown.**

£20.00 received for the sale of two further copies of the book.

#### **Martinstown Garden and Craft Society - balance of funds.**

A cheque in the sum of £1,035.81 handed to the Parish Council being the final balance in the funds of the Garden and Craft Society. This will be deposited in the Portman Building Society and ring fenced to be used as approved by the Parish Council. The signatories to the account to be as for the present Parish Council account. Mr I.Gibson made a request that a sum of £200.00 be paid from this fund to the newly formed Valley Club. It was agreed that further information concerning the Club should be provided before the request was considered.

A sum of £3,352.06 in the Parish Council account as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005.

#### **4. PLANNING MATTERS.**

- a. West Dorset Local Plan commencement date of Public Enquiry. The Chairman and Clerk had attended the hearing and had put the Parish Council request for consideration for an additional paragraph to be included in the plan to permit Parish Councils to recommend that land outside of the defined development boundary be included for open market development provided some local benefit could be provided elsewhere by the owner for local benefit.
- b. Timber fence at The Bungalow, St Martins Field. The WDDC Enforcement Officer had visited the site and had requested the owner to make a retrospective planning application to erect the fence.
- c. Proposed Airwave mm02 Ltd Site Share, Morn Gate caravan Park. A formal planning application now submitted Members confirmed their opinion that evidence concerning health issues caused by emissions from this equipment should be provided to demonstrate that the proposal would not be harmful. It was noted that central government tended to approve of these installations.
- d. An application to erect a Tetra Mast at Purlands for an unspecified period was considered. It was agreed that evidence concerning health issues relating to these Masts should be provided before the application is approved and furthermore it must only be in place for six months.
- e. Applications to construct extensions at Manor Farm Bungalow, Field Point Cottage and a modification of an extension previously approved at Wylie Croft had been dealt with under delegated procedure previously agreed. No adverse comments had been made to the proposals.

#### **5. CORRESPONDENCE.**

- a. Free promotion of Events in and around West Dorset in 2005. Details of such events can be advertised via the WDDC information department for wide circulation.
- b. Hire of Premises for one-day sales of pets. Noted that special action has to be taken by anyone seeking to hold such an event.
- c. Standards Board for England. Documents were handed to each member for them to complete and return to the Standards Board.
- d. Temporary Closure of B3157, Abbotsbury to Chickerell. This was necessary to facilitate major improvements to this road. It was noted that the road would be closed from 11.00 hours to 7.00 hours. The diverted traffic would be unlikely to have an adverse effect on the B3159 through Martinstown.
- e. Ironman Triathlon Event – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2005. Details of this event including the route were given and noted.
- f. Speed Indicator Device. Changes in procedure with the use of these devices had taken place and the Dorset Camera Partnership were taking responsibility for their placement in conjunction with DCC. A device will be put in place in the parish in due course.
- g. Sites for Volunteer Information Points. These sites would have to be inside a building which was open on a regular basis and accessible to all. It was agreed that the correspondence be forwarded to the Village Hall Committee for consideration and action as they felt fit.

**6.FOOTPATH REPORT.**

Mrs Hearing asked that action be taken to have the gate on the footpath on the east side of Bats Lane at the southern end be made workable. The DCC be asked to take appropriate action. The gate on the path north of the Churchyard was now in good order.

**7. REPORT ON AMENITIES.**

- a. The ownership of the area of land known as The Pond is still being investigated by the Land Registry.
- b. Insurance cover for events held on the Village Green must be provide by the organisers of the particular event. It was agreed that Mr G.Duke be asked to draw up a letter setting out the requirements in this regard.
- c. Mr Fry to be asked to provide a copy of the route of service cables under the Village Green which he had obtained prior to his carrying out the work on the Green
- d. A request that a tree be planted on land on the Green opposite 2 Hardy Close will be considered when the route of cables etc is available.
- e. A request submitted on behalf of the Blanchard Trust to erect a bench seat on the verge to the front (south) of The Barn House was discussed. It was agreed that Mr Jeffery and the Clerk view the site and take appropriate action. The seat would be in memory of Mrs Ethel Bowering.
- f. Mr Rickard will take photographs to locate the daffodils in the village in order to identify vacant sites for planting more bulbs in the autumn.
- g. A request will be made to WDDC to provide more litterbins in the Parish.

**8. OTHER MATTERS RAISED.**

A note to be included in the Newsletter asking householders to mark their property with a name or number clearly to aid identification for delivery van drivers and the like.  
Further copies of the Book of Martinstown to be taken to Ottakers Book Shop.  
Possibility of erecting a railing fence along the edge of the Village Green parallel with the B3159 to be considered at a later date.  
Skateboarders using the new path across the Village Green. A report that this activity was damaging the new surface appeared to be unfounded.

**9. CLOSURE OF MEETING.**

The meeting was closed at 9.22 pm.

**10. NEXT MEETING.**

This will be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2005 immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting.

.....Chairman

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