

Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St. Martin on Monday 24th January 2000.

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm.

Present: - Mr J.O'Brien, (Chairman), Mr C.Taylor, Mr D.Rickard, Mr A.King, Mr N.Marsh, Mrs M.Hearing, Mr P.Jeffery, Mr E.Aylott, Mr S.Slade, (Clerk), together with PC M.Burgess (Community Policeman) and two members of the Parish.
Apologies tendered on behalf of - Mr A.Flowerdew.

1.MINUTES.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 22nd November 1999 having been circulated to all members were approved, after correction, as a true and correct record and the minutes duly signed.

2.MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES.

a. **Millennium Celebrations** Mr Aylott reported the financial outcome concerning the Bonfire held on the 31st December 1999 / 1st January 2000. It was noted that the final cost would be within the budget and special thanks were accorded to Mr E.Aylott for his hard work in bringing the project to a very successful conclusion. The Millennium Manifesto Mrs Hearing gave an up-date on this project and it was agreed that she meet with the Chairman and the Clerk to plan the way forward. A grant would be sought to help towards the cost of the printing of the book. Trees would be planted towards the end of February at various sites in the parish and Mr N.Marsh would co-ordinate this work. The activity weekend would shortly be progressed and Mr Flowerdew had indicated that he would be willing to help with the organisation.

b. Footpath across the Village Green. After due consideration members agreed to further view the matter of access across the Green before taking further action.

3. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

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

Joseph Weld Hospice Trust in memory of the late Peter Bentley £20.00
E.Aylott reimbursement for fireworks etc re Bonfire £92.29
Post Office Counters Ltd re electric account for office £13.07

A sum of £3,795.00 in the Parish Council account after payment of the above accounts.

4.PLANNING MATTERS.

a. Extension at No 2, Bartletts Close No objections.

b. Alterations to Rylstone No objections.

An appeal had been lodged against the WDDC refusal to grant permission to change use of Picture Framing Building at Wentwell to holiday use.

WDDC had given permission to take down dangerous trees at Church Farm and at the Old Vicarage. A replacement tree had to be planted at the Church Farm site. No replacement would be required at the Old Vicarage as there were already sufficient trees in the area.

WDDC investigating the use of land to the north of the Pound and would report back.

5. CORRESPONDENCE.

- a. Local Environment Agency Plan Consultation Draft. The clerk would complete the questionnaire sent with this document and return to the Environment Agency.
- b. Milestones and Millennium Rights of Way Way marking project. This project included a survey carried out by the Ramblers Association on behalf of the DCC and an aim to erect signs to mark the paths. Parish Council footpath Liaison Officers would be helping in this regard.
- c. Community Safety. Information concerning this project was handed to members.
- d. Additional Bus service Bridport-Burton Bradstock-Swyre-Dorchester. This service operated at times, which clashed with the existing 31, Bus Service. It was reported that the operator did not take concessionary fare vouchers and did not wait in the bus depot at Dorchester therefore passengers were unable to leave their parcels on board nor return to the bus early to await departure for the return journey. The clerk would take the matter up with the DCC and also enquire if the bus could be routed to the Morngate Caravan Park area.

6. FOOTPATH LIAISON OFFICER REPORT.

Path from Bats Lane to Fishers Barn. The Clerk had discussed the matter with an officer of the DCC and had been informed that the Landowner would be asked if gravel or a similar material could be placed at the Bats Lane end of this path to make access easier. Mr Taylor advised that the new permissive footpath on land north of Stevens Farm was well signposted and well used. Footpaths in the parish were generally "walkable". A member of the parish reported that a least one path was difficult to use during the cropping season. A counter report indicated that alternative routes around the field boundaries were available.

7. AMENITIES REPORT.

Additional litter bins and dog litterbins would be placed in the area.

8. AGENDA 21.

Information on this subject was given concerning the Dorset Report.

9. VILLAGE HALL.

The "Bottle Banks" stationed on the village hall car park. A report was given that rusty cans were not being placed in the bins but being left on the car park and that the bins were often not emptied on a regular basis. The Village Hall Committee was addressing the problem. The clerk would ask the WDDC to empty the bins on a more regular basis. It was also reported that action would be taken to have the car park resurfaced in the near future subject to grants being available.

10. OTHER MATTERS RAISED.

- a. Fly dumping of green grocery produce at Goulds Hill and other sites in the area. This matter will be reported to the WDDC.
- b. Artsreach will be giving a presentation of Archive Films of Dorset and staging another performance in the Village Hall on 26th February. Details will be posted on the notice boards.

- c. Street Nameplate for Grove Hill. Action will be taken to have a street nameplate provided for this road.
- d. Street Nameplate for Mayfield. A nameplate will be provided subject to approval of WDDC.
- e. Burning of waste at the Brewers Arms. The Chairman will discuss the matter with the Landlord.
- f. Condition of boundary wall at Church Farm. Members noted that the owner was aware of the problem and had taken some action to make the wall safe and would carry out further work to remove the wall in due course.

11. COMMUNITY POLICEMAN.

The Community Policeman, PC Burgess, reported on the latest crime figures for the area and outlined his role as community policeman. He would be willing to visit any member of the public to discuss problems, which they might have vis-à-vis policing in the area.

12. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The meeting was closed at 9.32 pm

.....Chairman.

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