

Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St. Martin on Monday 24th March 2003.

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm.

Present: - Mr N.Marsh (Chairman), Mrs M.Hearing, Mr M.Clarke, Mr D.Rickard, Mr P.Jeffery, (left at 8.35 pm), Mr C.Taylor, Mr A.Flowerdew and Mr S.Slade, (Clerk) together with 5 members of the parish.

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

Declaration of interests.

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 27th January 2003 having been circulated to all members were approved as a true and correct record after correction 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. Speed restriction on C53 from Clandon to the junction with the B3159 now complete. Best of thanks accorded to all that had been involved in the matter.
- c. Footpath link from the village to Mallards Green. Mr Crowhurst discussing the subject with the DCC Engineering Department.
- d. Erosion of stream bank. DCC will be carrying out works to reinforce a section of the riverbank from Manor Farm Court towards Manor Grove. The work will be completed in approximately three weeks.

3. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

No transactions since the last meeting

A sum of £7418.91 in the Parish Council account.

4. PLANNING MATTERS.

- a. Erect extension at 13, St Martins Field, Martinstown. No Objections.
- b. Form Dormer windows on rear elevation 16, St Martins Field, Martinstown. No objections.
- c. Installation of 2 x 0.6m Microwave dishes at Morngate Caravan Park. Concern to be expressed as to the possible effect of radiation from such equipment.
- d. Permission granted by WDDC to carry out tree surgery to trees at Rew Manor, Martinstown.

5. CORRESPONDENCE.

- a. The Licensing Bill. The clerk read correspondence from defra and abstracts from a ministerial statement which indicated that village halls and similar community groups would be exempt from the regulations. This was noted.
- b. South West Coast Path Association celebrating 25 years. The Association planned to organise walkers for the whole of this 630 miles of path to mark the occasion.
- c. Social Enterprise. Invitation to a meeting from CDA at Shaftesbury on 26th March 2003.
- d. West Dorset Spring Clean 1 – 30 April 2003. A litter pick-up will be arranged for 5th 6th April a notice advertising this will be placed on the notice boards.

- e. Registration and Declaration of Interests. This subject was discussed and the clerk reported that he had omitted to forward forms by the due date to the WDDC which had resulted in correspondence with the Standards Board. The matter had now been concluded.
- f. Correspondence from Major H.O.B. Duke concerning blocked gullies, silt and debris left on the riverbank after stream cleaning was noted. The clerk would visit the author of the letter to discuss the matters raised.

6. FOOTPATH REPORT.

It appeared that most paths in the area were in order. The path now used as a cycle path to the rear (south) of Mallards Green was in a poor condition some repair had been carried out by residents of Mallards Green. The remainder of the path required reshaping and potholes repaired. DCC had been informed.

7. FURTHER REPORT CONCERNING ASPECTS OF FLOODING.

The Clerk reported on a meeting he had held with various people concerning the flooding of mud and water from land at Manor Farm, Winterbourne Abbas which was part of the effort to stop future flooding in the area. The MP had also visited the area and was lending his support to the initiative. Wessex Water had telephoned to advise that it was proposed to install 4 new pumps at the pumping station at Weymouth Road Martinstown. 2 would be used to lift sewage and two to boost the pumping. There would be alterations to the levels at the site. There will also be a screened pumped overflow settlement tank. The work was estimated to cost £800,000 and should be completed by February 2004 but hopefully could be brought forward to October 2003.

8. REPORT FROM AMENITIES OFFICER.

Mr Marsh reported that trees along the verge of the C53 near McDonalds had been planted to replace those which had failed. Mr Flowerdew asked if it would be possible to water these trees in the event of a drought. This would be borne in mind.

Estimates for work to improve the village green were to hand and Mr Marsh explained them in details. It was noted that the cost of the scheme would be increased if tarmacadam was to be the final surface. In order to help towards the cost of the project it might be a good idea to "sell" edging kerbs for an agreed sum such as £5.00 each. There would be approximately 300 kerbs needed to complete the work. The clerk advised that grants might be available but three estimates were required before applications could be made. He had obtained information about grants from the WDDC and would make an application when the estimates were to hand. Further estimates will be obtained.

9. REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS IN THE VILLAGE.

Waste Watch Group. A copy of the annual accounts of this group was available for inspection. The group had made an offer of financial support for a display board to be erected on the village green. It was agreed that the clerk would contact the treasurer of this group in the matter and set up a small group to bring forward ideas in due course as to the design for such a board. The project might be best incorporated with improvements to the village green.

A social event is being organised to take place in June and will incorporate the Open Gardens. Funds raised will be used to help provide a disabled WC facility at the village hall. Mrs Ann Matthews is organising the event and will be grateful for help.

10. NEW MATTERS RAISED.

- a. Mr Ian Gibson raised the matter of the area of flood risk indicated on the draft West Dorset District Local Plan Review. The plan was very inaccurate. WDDC had advised that the Environment Agency had provided the information. The accuracy was now being checked and the final plan would include a corrected plan.

11. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The meeting was closed at 9.40 pm.

12. NEXT MEETING.

This will be the annual Parish Council Meeting and will be held on the 12th May 2003.

.....Chairman

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