

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 5th September 1994.

The meeting commenced at 7.38 pm.

Present:- Mr G.Taylor, (Chairman), Mr J.O'Brien, Mr P.Bentley, Mr J.Marsh, Mr J.Godding, Mr H.Bowering, Mr A.Flowerdew, Mr S.Slade, (Clerk). Mr P.Ennals, (Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Committee). Four members of the parish were also present.

Apologies were tendered on behalf of Mr P.Jeffery and Mr A.King.

1. MINUTES.

The minutes of the meeting held in the village hall, Winterborne St Martin on Monday July 4th 1994 having been circulated to all members were approved as a true and correct record and the minutes were duly signed.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

- a. Letter of thanks received from the Dorchester C.A.B. in respect of a donation made by the Council in the sum of £40.00.
- b. Extension of dwelling at 6, Blagdon Close approved by W.D.D.C.
- c. The Divisional County Surveyor had agreed that the Parish Council could clear the stream if they so wished. He would advise the sum of money which he would make available to have this work completed and then discuss details with the Parish Council.
- d. Further information on the matter of widening the group Parish Council of Abbas and Steepleton to include St Martin was requested by the Abbas and Steepleton Parish Council and any decision would therefore have to wait until this information had been obtained.
- e. The bus waiting area at Mallards Green had now been cleared.
- f. The dustbin collection point at Mallards Green at present in the lay-by to the north of the site was being investigated to see if a more suitable site could be found. A change in the cycle of emptying bins in the village would be put into place in the autumn. All householders would be informed.
- g. A meeting of the Southern Area Forum had been held which had indicated that several of the problems experienced by Parishes in the Winterbourne Valley were also evident in other parishes in the group. In particular the problem of grass cutting and stream clearing.
- h. The Target Area scheme had been discussed with a representative of the West Dorset District Council and as a result some funding might be provided to provide landscaping along the front of the Village Hall and some further funds might be made available to repair the sheepwash.

3. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

The following accounts were approved for payment:-

- a. S.Slade.... Clerks half year fee.... £277.00
- b. Audit fee in respect of 1992/1993 audit..... £84.

The current sum in the Parish Council account stands at £

4. PLANNING MATTERS.

- a. Erect extension at Sunnypatch to form double garage.... no objection.
- b. Demolish existing outbuilding and rebuild as already approved, Balston Cottage, no objections.
The clerk took no part in these applications.
Mr O'Brien took no part in item 4a.
- c. Develop land at the Brewers Arms Car Park.... revised observations on the amended scheme had been forwarded to the District Council following the site visit earlier. It was hoped that the scheme would be rejected in its present form by the W.D.D.C or at least a site visit held at which the Parish could be represented to speak.

5. VILLAGE EVENTS.

Members agreed that any events which might be planned for 1995 in the village should be reported to the West Dorset Tourism office for inclusion on the calendar of events which is circulated throughout the area. Details of such events to be handed to the Clerk for onward transmission.

6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION.

After due consideration it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Local Government Commissioners stating that the Parish Council supported the reorganisation of local government to include two unitary authorities for the rural area of the county.

7. QUALITY IN TOWN AND COUNTRY.

A circular had been received from the Department of the Environment seeking the views of the Parish Council on the contents of the document by the 30th September 1994. The clerk was instructed to deal with the matter as appropriate.

8. GIRL GUIDES..... BULB PLANTING.

The local Guides had requested that a site be found for them to plant 80 bulbs in the area. It was reported that a site would be suggested at the Reading Room grass area to the east of the building. This was noted.

9. HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY IN THE PARISH.

Members had agreed that before any support could be given to any further Social Housing in the Village a Needs Survey had to be undertaken. The West Dorset Housing Association had also agreed to this course of action before submitting an application for Planning Permission. Parish Councillors agreed to help in the distribution of letters to the houses in the Parish which would seek to find the need for further Social Housing in the Village. The outcome would be communicated to the Parish Council in due course.

10. DIVERSION OF TRAFFIC THROUGH THE VILLAGE.

Correspondence had taken place with the Dorset County Council concerning the matter of the diversion of traffic through the village whilst road works were being carried out on the A35 west of the Monkey Jump Cafe in July. A suggestion that some compensation should be made to the Parish to compensate for the nuisance caused to the residents as a result of this diversion had fallen on deaf ears. However in future it was hoped that an early warning would be given of such action. This was noted.

11. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION.

Two members of the Parish Council would attend the prize giving of this competition. This would take place at Sturminster Marshall War Memorial Hall on 13th September.

12. REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVE ON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE.

Mr Ennals advised that new table tops had been purchased and would be fixed shortly. Cob-webs would be cleaned down in the main body of the hall. The Play area had been refurbished and was being well used.

The Clerk asked for support and approval from the Village Hall Committee to the planting of trees and shrubs on the area of land to the east of the Play Area to "balance" the area and enhance the conservation area.

A letter to be sent to the Village Hall Committee congratulating them on the work carried out to improve the area of the swings and slides.

13. PARISH VICAR.

Effort would be made to have a representative of the Church attend the next or a future meeting of the Parish Council to explain the rules and regulations covering the appointment and retention of a Vicar in a Parish.

14. The meeting concluded at 9.15 pm.

..... Chairman.

..... Date.