

**Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Parish Council meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 25 July 2016.**

**Democratic Period commenced at 7:30 pm.**

Present: Two members of the public together with District Councillor Mr R Freeman, Mr P Jeffery, Mr D Read, Mr N Hallett, Mrs D Wiltshire, Mrs A Bennett, Mr J Walker and Mr S Slade (Clerk)

Mr P Jeffery chairman, in the chair welcomed those present.

Matters arising were as follows:

The speed of vehicles travelling through the village and particularly Mallards Green area, the untidy state of the verges, roads not being swept leading to blocked gullies especially at the southern end of Bats Lane, the out-of-date notices in notice boards and repair required to the Mallards Green notice board, the delay in replacing the fence at the bus waiting area at Mallards Green, dog urinating on a porch in Hope Terrace and the continuing problem with haphazard vehicle parking in the vicinity of McDonalds restaurant.

**Appropriate action will be taken to have outstanding matters resolved as soon as possible. Some are already in hand.**

**The Parish Council meeting commenced at 7:42 pm.**

Present: As recorded for the Democratic Period above.

Apologies tendered on behalf of Mrs A Priddle who is confined to hospital.

**Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

**1. RESIGNATION FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Letters of resignation from the Parish Council were read from Mr D Gargrave, Vice-Chairman, and Mr A Whitty. The Chairman will write and thank them for their contribution to the work of the Parish Council during their term in office.

A new Vice-Chairman will be elected when the council is at full capacity.

**2. MINUTES**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 23 May 2016 had been circulated to all members, Proposed by Mr D Read and seconded by Mr J Walker.

**Resolved that the minutes be signed as a true and correct record.**

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES**

A report from the Communications Group will be given at future meetings.

Mrs Bennett will be added to the list of members to attend future meetings of DAPTC.

The meeting with representatives from National Grid held in Martinstown Village Hall on 22 June 2016 was well presented and well attended.

DCC had refreshed the 30mph roundel on the B3159 road but had yet to refresh those on the C53 from the A35 to the B3159.

Mr Hallett had produced and erected a notice to indicate the location and numbering of properties at Mallards Green.

**4. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**a. Payments since the last meeting**

HMRC	Tax	£120.60
S Slade	Clerk Fee	£482.10
SSE	Electric	£35.58 + VAT £1.81
DAPTC	Membership fee/Course fee	£294.27
K Damen	Grass cutting	£50.00

**b. Receipts since the last meeting**

None received.

c. **Approval of accounts for payment**

None presented

- d. In order to carry out work during the interim period between meetings members resolved to approve a sum of £1000.00 to be used for such works. Proposed by Mrs D Wiltshire and seconded by Mr Jeffery. The spending in this regard will be reported to the next meeting.

e. **Funds in the Parish Council account**

The clerk reported that the balance of £14,411.29 was held in the Parish Council account and reconciled to the bank statement number 86 dated 8 July 2016. Noted.

5. **PLANNING MATTERS**

a. **Comments made on Planning applications during the interim period since the last meeting.**

None reported

b. **Matters considered at the meeting.**

Remove section 106 agreement from land at Morngate Caravan site.

Section 106 agreement should not be removed. This had been previously reported.

c. **Matters considered by WDDC/DCC.**

None reported.

d. **Changes in submitting comments on planning applications.**

The clerk informed members that he was part of a pilot group set up by WDDC to put in place the procedure for a paperless planning consultation scheme. This was to save costs. Changes will be implemented and come into place in January 2017. Further meetings are planned.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED**

- a. Mrs Wiltshire reported that the Speed Watch group had again carried out speed monitoring exercises in the area. 31 motorists had been recorded travelling at speeds well over the legal limit. They had been reported to the police. Further exercises will take place in the area on an ad-hoc basis. The police have also carried out speed checks.
- b. Proposals regarding the provision of sites for the disposal of domestic waste suggested by DCC were reported. It was noted that a site at Poundbury had been withdrawn. Sites at Stinsford and Charminster were possible alternative locations but both had difficult access. The present site at Loud's Mill would appear to be the best option provided the access and site area could be improved. A Waste Transfer site proposed to be located at the former Radio Station, Bridport Road would appear to be reasonable but entrance and egress to and from the site might be difficult.

7. **FOOTPATH REPORT**

- a. The replacement of a pedestrian access gap near the southern end of Manor Farm Lane appeared too narrow. The DCC will be asked if there is a standard width for such an access on a public footpath.
- b. Attention was drawn to the overgrown condition of the permissive footpath leading off Bats Lane. It was noted that this was a path offered by the land owner as an additional path for use by pedestrians. No information was to hand regarding the clearing of such paths.

8. **AMENITY MATTERS**

- a. The following matters require attention: brushing-up lay-by south of St Martinsfield, repairs to notice boards, painting of seats, removing weeds from around the Parish Office. The Chairman suggested that the notice board that had been fixed to the west side of the Parish garage should be replaced. Members agreed to seek an estimate for such a notice board.
- b. Investigations will be carried out to find out if speed restriction notices can be made available for sticking on waste bins to indicate the speed level in the area. This happens in other villages.
- c. The lack of parking in Manor Grove estate has become a problem apparently due to the change in criteria for occupation of Magna property. The original occupation of these premises was by local senior citizens most of whom did not own cars. Tenancies are no

longer limited to such persons. The present tenants often have at least two vehicles and sometimes vans which are parked haphazardly on the Manor Grove road. This makes access difficult and pedestrians have to walk in the road. Magna Housing will be contacted to see any additional parking spaces can be made available on land in their control.

- d. The DCC annual highways survey completed..

**9. FLOOD WARDEN MATTERWS**

The SWCFAG will be carrying out a manual clearing of the stream in the near future. The dates for this will be forwarded to those on the SWCFAG team list. Mr M Fry had agreed to remove the material taken out and deposited on the river bank. An estimate is awaited for the mechanical clearing of the stream in October 2016. Drainage work will be carried out at the west end of the village early in September 2016 which will entail closure fo the B3159 for up to six weeks. DCC had advised local residents and others who might be affected.

**10. NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

This will be held on 26 September 2016 in the Parish Office starting at 7:30pm.

**11. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

The meeting was closed at 9:04pm.

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