

Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Parish Council meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 26 September 2016.

Democratic Period commenced at 7:30 pm.

Present: Four members of the public, Mr D Read, Mr N Hallett, Mrs D Wiltshire, Mrs A Bennett, Mr J Walker and Mr S Slade (Clerk)

It was proposed by Mr D Reed and seconded by Mr J Walker and resolved that Mrs D Wiltshire is elected Chairman for the period of the meeting.

Mrs Wiltshire welcomed those present.

Matters arising: Advanced warning signs on the A35 to indicate hidden access at North Rew Lane. The Highways England will again be contacted to request that such a sign be erected in the interest of highway safety. Can notices be erected on all village notice boards in future? This will be actioned. The erection of a replacement fence at the bus waiting area at Mallards Green was appreciated and the area looked tidy. The small garden area on the village green east of Church Cottage is overgrown. The occupier of the cottage will be contacted to ask him if he will prune the shrubs. The dates when the stream cleaning is planned might encourage more participants to take part. SWCFAG advertises these dates on its website. How will the two vacancies on the Parish Council be filled? These will be decided by an election. Nominations can now be submitted.

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 Mr P Jeffery.

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 25 July 2016 had been circulated to all members,

Proposed by Mr N Hallett and seconded by Mr D Read.

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

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES

None considered

4. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. Payments since the last meeting

HMRC	Tax	£120.60
S Slade	Clerk Fee	£482.10
SSE	Electric	£28.41 + VAT £1.42
K Damen	Grass Cutting	£50.00
Arena Fencing	Fence Mallards Green	£390.00
Fencing Centre	Materials Fence	£133.90 + VAT £26.78

b. Receipts since the last meeting

None received.

c. Approval of accounts for payment

M J Fry	Removal of river weed	£273.00 + VAT £54.60
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d. Audit report

The Parish Council auditors have issued an unconditional report on the Parish Council account for the year end 31 March 2016.

e. Funds in the Parish Council account

The clerk reported that the balance of £13,128.08 was held in the Parish Council account and reconciled to the bank statement number 88 dated 9 September 2016. Noted.

5. PLANNING MATTERS

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

Application to fell trees at 15 Manor Grove had been withdrawn before comments could be made.

Erect replacement garage at 27 Grove Cottages. No objection.

b. Matters considered at the meeting.

Erection of extension at Fairfield. No objections to the proposed extension.

c. Matters considered by WDDC/DCC.

None reported.

6. PARKING ALONG THE C53 ROAD NEAR MCDONALDS RESTAURANT

Much publicity and discussion had been given to the haphazard parking along the C53 road in the vicinity of McDonalds restaurant. There appeared to be little likelihood of arriving at a solution to resolve the problem without the co-operation of the adjoining landowner. To this end a deputation of members of the Parish Council to meet with the agent of the owner of the land surrounding the site will be convened. If the outcome of such a meeting proves unhelpful then further publicity to the problem will be given in the press and elsewhere.

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED

Correspondence was reported seeking views of the Parish Council on the options for reshaping councils. The suggested options were reported following which a form was completed in response to the questions and will be returned.

8. FOOTPATH REPORT

a. The replacement of a pedestrian access gate situated at the junction of the footpath from St Martinsfield and Steven's Farm access road was a concern. The replacement was a stile and difficult to climb over. It was reported that the landowner had indicated that this was a temporary structure and he will be erecting a 'kissing gate' as a permanent replacement in due course. This was noted and progress will be monitored.

b. A report was made to the effect that slurry had been spread on some footpaths in the area making walking along these paths a little difficult. It was hoped that the slurry would be ploughed in and the path reinstated in accordance with guidelines.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

An update will be reported at the next meeting.

10. WASTE WATCH

The collection of used newspapers and magazines is continuing and is still achieving payment to be used for village purposes.

11. VILLAGE HALL

The village hall committee are considering purchasing a defibrillator for erecting at the village hall. Funding will be required. Support in this regard may be available from the Parish Council if requested.

12. MARTINSTOWN CRICKET CLUB

The club has had a good season and supports almost 100 juniors of all ages. The proposed extension to improve the facility at Ashton has gained planning permission and building control approval has now been sought. Funding for the work of constructing the extension might require help from the Parish Council to trigger grants from other sources.

13. AMENITY MATTERS

a. The following matters still require attention: brushing-up lay-by south of St Martinsfield, repairs to notice boards, painting of seats, removing weeds from around the Parish Office.

- b. A guide price for a new notice board to be erected on the west side of the parish garage was reported to be in the region of £500-£600. Further estimates for a bespoke notice board are awaited.
- c. Investigations continue to find out if speed restriction notices can be made available for sticking on waste bins to indicate the speed level in the area.
- d. A 'dead' willow tree near the front of the Brewers Arms will be felled.
- e. The lack of parking in Manor Grove estate has become a problem. Magna Housing has been contacted and asked if any additional parking spaces can be made available on land in their control.

14. 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.

An estimate for the mechanical clearing of the stream in October 2016 was reported in the sum of £840 plus VAT. This was approved.

15. NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

This will be held on 28 November 2016 in the Parish Office starting at 7:30pm.

16. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The meeting was closed at 9:25pm.

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