

**Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St. Martin on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016.**

**Democratic Period commenced at 7.30pm.**

Present: - Parish councillors Mr P. Jeffery. (Chairman) Mr D. Read, Mr N. Hallett, Mrs D. Wiltshire, Mrs A. Bennett, Mr M. Usherwood, Mr M. Hall, and Mr S. Slade (Clerk) and eight members of the public.

The chairman informed that he had invited Mr Graham Herbert to address the meeting on the subject of creating a website which could be used to inform people of the work of the Parish Council. Mr Herbert explained that the website would be shared with other village organisations including the Village Hall and the Church. The likely costs would be £60.00 per page plus an annual fee in the region of £100.00. It was agreed that these guide costs were very reasonable. After due consideration it was agreed that Mr Hall, Mrs Wiltshire and the clerk would meet with Mr Herbert on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016 to progress the project. The website will be called the “martinstown news and views.”

**The Parish Council meeting commenced at 8.02 pm.**

Present: - As recorded for the Democratic Period above.

Apologies tendered on behalf of Mr J. Walker and Mrs A. Priddle.

**New members.**

The chairman formally welcomed recently elected new members Mr M. Hall and Mr M. Usherwood to the parish council.

**Declaration of interests.**

Mr M. Usherwood declared a personal interest in planning item 5bi referred to below and retired from the meeting and took no part in the matter when it was discussed.

**1. MINUTES**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016 had been circulated to all members.

The minutes were corrected to indicate that the proposer of the acceptance of the minutes was Mr Read.

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

**Resolved**

That the minutes as amended be signed as a true and correct record.

**2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Mr D. Read proposed that Mrs D. Wiltshire is elected to serve as vice-chairman of the Parish Council for the period until the Annual Parish Council meeting in 2017. Mr N. Hallett seconded the proposal which was carried.

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES.**

None considered.

**4. FINANCIAL MATTERS.**

***a. Payments since the last meeting***

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| K.Damen | Grass cutting           | £100.00              |
| M.Fry   | Removal of river debris | £273.00 + VAT £54.60 |

***b. Receipts since the last meeting: -***

£200.00 from Winterbourne Abbas and Winterbourne Steepleton Parish Council. Contribution for use of Parish Office.

£2250.00 second half of precept from WDDC.

***c. Approval of accounts for payment.***

None reported.

***d. Funds in the Parish Council Account.***

The clerk reported that the balance of £14,950.48 was held in the Parish Council Account and reconciled to the bank statement Number 90 dated 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016. *Noted.*

***e. Precept for 2017/2018***

Proposed by Mrs D. Wiltshire and seconded by Mr P. Jeffery that the fixing of the precept for 2017/2018 be deferred until the next meeting.

**5. PLANNING MATTERS.**

***A. Comments made on Planning Applications during the interim period since the last meeting.***

i. Erect extension at 16, Cowleaze. No objection.

***B. Matters considered at the meeting.***

i. Carry out work to Ash tree at "Fairfield". No objections.

ii. Erect extension at 6, Radio Station Cottages. No objection.

iii. Outline application to erect dwelling on land at "East Lodge". No objection in principle.

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

Noted that an appeal under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 against the WDDC refusal to grant permission for the erection of a dwelling on Grove Hill west of 7, Manor Grove had been lodged.

**6. PARKING ALONG THE C53 ROAD NEAR McDONALDS RESTAURANT.**

A meeting will be arranged with the chairman, a member of Winterborne Monkton parish and Mr S. Coniber from the Duchy of Cornwall Estate to discuss the possibility of land in the ownership of the Duchy Estate, adjacent to the restaurant, being used for parking by customers of the restaurant.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED.**

a. The 2017 Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Village Hall independent of the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

b. It was reported that action is being taken to have another taxi-bus service provided for the village.

c. The village shop must be supported in order to keep it viable.

d. An-update report will be given at future meetings concerning the DAPTC.

**8. FOOTPATH REPORT.**

a. The replacement of a pedestrian access gate situated at the junction of the footpath from St Martins Field and Stevens Farm access road was again raised. It appeared that the farmer who was responsible for erecting the stile had been approached by a member of the Parish Council and asked to replace the temporary stile that he had erected with a more easily accessible stile or gate. This had resulted in the stile being removed until a gate is provided.

Members agreed that in future matters concerning footpaths must be dealt with by the footpath liaison officer with help from the clerk if difficulty arose.

**9. COMMUNICATIONS.**

This is being progressed with the creation of a website referred to in the public participation period and will be reported at the next meeting.

**10 PCSO MATTERS.**

Mr M. Hall reported that PSCO Sarah Pilcher is helping to train new PCSO officers. A new PCSO for the area will soon be in post. Tractor drivers who were texting whilst driving have been reported to the PSCO. Further speed checks will be carried out in the near future. The use of the speed indicator device (SID) periodically used in the Mallards Green area to alert motorists to the speed limit will be discontinued. Awareness of on-line SCAMS may be reported to the police.

**11. WASTE WATCH.**

The collection of used newspapers and magazines is continuing. More helpers to collect and take the papers to the central store will be welcome. In this regard Mr Usherwood volunteered his services.

**12. VILLAGE HALL**

The village hall committee will be meeting shortly and will be discussing the new village website.

**13. MARTINSTOWN CRICKET CLUB.**

The proposed extension to improve the facility at Ashton has now received building control approval. Estimates for the work will now be sought.

**14. AMENITY MATTERS.**

- a. The following matters still require attention: - brushing-up lay-by south of St Martins Field, repairs to notice boards and removing weeds from around the Parish Office. Some members agreed to clear the weeds from around the office.
- b. The matter of providing a notice board to be erected on the Parish Garage was further discussed following which it was agreed that such a notice board was no longer necessary.
- c. The notice board in the bus shelter will be refurbished and an additional one erected primarily for the display of Parish Council information.
- d. A willow tree near the front of the Brewers Arms will be reduced in height in the interest of safety.
- e. The parking problem in the Manor Grove estate has increased. Magna Housing has been contacted and asked if any additional parking spaces can be made available on land in their control. This is unlikely but they have yet to respond formally. .
- f. Village seats will be removed for maintenance and painting during the winter months.
- g. The clerk reported that he had had a site meeting with an officer of the DCC at the Wash Pool who had indicated that a grant to be match funded would be available for repairs to the structure. Estimates are required before full consideration can be given to the project by DCC.
- h. A letter had been sent to the occupier of "Rylstone" informing him that vehicles belonging to him or his guests must not park on the village green.
- i. The owners of Park House will be asked to cut-back the ivy from their property which is overhanging onto the public footpath.
- j. Vehicles that were parked without permission on the parking area to the west of the parish office cause a problem to users of the office building. A no-parking notice will be erected.

**15. FLOOD WARDEN MATTERS.**

The SWCFAG will consider if it might be necessary to carry out a manual clearing of loose material from the stream in the near future when hedges that abut the stream have been cut.

The responsibility for clearing a build-up of silt under the access bridge to Park House/Sunnypatch would be investigated.

**16. NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

This will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017 in the Parish Office starting at 7.30pm.

**17. CLOSURE OF MEETING.**

The meeting was closed at 10.10 pm.

.....Chairman

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