

Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St. Martin on Monday 27th March 2017.

Democratic Period commenced at 7.30pm.

Present: - Parish councillors Mr P. Jeffery. (Chairman) Mr J. Walker, Mr D. Read, Mrs D. Wiltshire, Mr M. Usherwood, Mr M. Hall, Mrs A. Priddle and Mr S. Slade (Clerk) and seven members of the public.

Questions raised and responses given were:-

i. A problem with overrun on grass verges especially near the junction of the C53 with the B3159 is a problem and damage is being caused to gullies and hedges.

DCC and others will be asked to take appropriate action.

ii. It was reported that rats were becoming a problem along the stretch of the south winterbourne stream near Manor Grove flats. This would appear to be as a result of food being “put out” for the birds. *Magna Housing will be informed and asked to take appropriate action. The occupants of the properties will also be asked not to place food out at this location.*

iii. The local authority is seeking possible sites for future housing development and landowners had submitted sites for inclusion in this exercise. This included land in the ownership of the Duchy of Cornwall estates bordering the village.

West Dorset District Council will be considering these sites along with many others submitted for inclusion in the local plan.

iv. Work to repair the sheep-wash is required.

Estimates are being sought for this work. In the meantime a local contractor will be asked to deal with urgent repairs.

v. The daffodils planted many years ago along the river banks and elsewhere in the centre of the village are very prolific this year and could further daffodils be planted in other areas next autumn.

It was agreed that further bulbs will be purchased and planted next autumn.

vi. Small heaps of sand had been noticed at various locations in the area and it was wondered what the reason for this was.

They were route-markers for an orienteering group.

The Parish Council meeting commenced at 8.02 pm.

Present: - As recorded for the Democratic Period above.

Apologies tendered on behalf of Mrs A. Bennett.

Declaration of interests.

There were no declarations of interests.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 23rd January 2017 had been circulated to all members.

Proposed by Mr M. Usherwood and seconded by Mrs A. Priddle

Resolved

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

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES.

None considered.

3. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

a. Payments since the last meeting

K.Damen	Painting bench seats	£133.99
SSE	Electric	£ 74.80 + £ 3.74 (VAT).
HMRC	Tax	£120.60
S.Slade	Clerk fee	£482.10

b. Receipts since the last meeting: -

Grove Valley Shoot Hire of office room £617.00

c. Approval of accounts for payment.

None presented.

d. Funds in the Parish Council Account.

The clerk reported that the balance of £13,708.73 was held in the Parish Council Account and reconciled to the bank statement Number 94 dated 9th March 2017. ***Noted.***

4. PLANNING MATTERS.

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

None reported.

B. Matters considered at the meeting.

- i. Fell tree at Manor Farm. No objection.
- ii. Erect building for store at on land west of Radio Station Cottages, Bridport Road. Object as there is no over-riding need for the building which will likely increase traffic movements to and from the busy A35 at this location.

C. Matters considered by WDDC/DCC

- i. Convert swimming pool building to dwelling at Rew Manor Farm. Refused.

5. PARKING ALONG THE C53 ROAD NEAR McDONALD'S RESTAURANT.

The Chairman and clerk had met with Mr Simon Conibear of the Duchy Estates and discussed the problem of parking in the vicinity of McDonald's Restaurant. Mr Conibear agreed to refer the matter to the Duchy agricultural representative and would report the outcome. A reminder had been sent asking for an up-date but no response had been forthcoming. A letter will be sent to the land owner seeking his help in the matter.

6. CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED.

- i. DCC is consulting on proposed Waste sites in the Blandford and Purbeck areas and is inviting comments on the proposal. The proposal appears not to affect the parish and no observations were made on the proposal.
- ii. Further consideration was given to the possibility of purchasing the telephone kiosk in the village. It was agreed to adhere to the previous decision not to purchase the kiosk.
- iii. In a continuing effort to make drivers more aware of the speed restriction through the village it was agreed to support a suggestion that 30mph signs be purchased and offered to householders for sticking on their domestic waste bins. The cost was reported as £99.00 for 100 stickers. It was agreed to support the suggestion and the chairman would seek funding from the Waste Watch Group.
- iv. The chairman reported a brief history of the Parish Office. The Parish Council had taken on all aspects of the responsibility for the building many years ago although no formal paperwork had been completed in this regard. Investigation will be under-taken to see if this can be rectified. The title of the building had been passed to trustees by the original owner.

7. FOOTPATH REPORT.

Mr Read reported that there were no serious problems with footpaths. Mr Walker drew attention to difficulty in accessing the footpath at the rear of the churchyard from the west end. At present there is only a stone stile affording access. Contact will be made with all parties concerned with a view to replacing the stone stile with a gate.

8. COMMUNICATIONS.

The new website created by Mr G. Herbert is now "live" and has had 3000 hits. The Parish Council page has had 300 hits. Further information has been included on the Parish Council site and will continue to be up-dated.

9. PCSO MATTERS.

The PCSO will be asked to contact the various agricultural contractors who travel, seemingly above the speed limit, through the village on large tractors towing slurry and similar containers. These vehicles often overrun the grass verges resulting in damage and the reduction of the width of the verge. She will ask the drivers of these vehicles not to overrun the verges and to drive slowly through the village.

Vehicles left parked on public footpaths are causing problems for those pushing prams and the like on footpaths. This is a particular concern in Manor Grove. The PCSO will be asked to take appropriate action. Speed monitoring by the police in the village last September “caught” 20 offenders in one hour.

10. WASTE WATCH.

More newspapers and magazines will be welcome to be collected to help raise funds for the community. A note in the parish magazine reminding parishioners of the scheme might result in a greater quantity being saved in this way. The Waste Watch representatives will take appropriate action in the matter.

11. VILLAGE HALL

The chairman reported that the village hall was well used and the recent pantomime had raised £1000.00 for the hall funds. He reported that there appeared to be a damp problem in the rear storage cupboard. This is being investigated.

The village hall committee are considering purchasing a shed in which to store items not regularly used such as pantomime scenery.

12. MARTINSTOWN CRICKET CLUB.

Plans for the proposed extension to improve the facility at Ashton are moving forward. The club is most grateful for the recent grant given to them from the Waste Watch Group.

13. AMENITY MATTERS.

- i. The litter bin at the southern end of Stevens Farm Lane is too small. Dorset Waste Partnership has been asked to provide a larger bin at this location.
- ii. An entry has been made into the 2017 Best Kept Village Competition.
- iii. Information regarding bonfires was provided. A copy of the document detailing this information will be added to the website and included in the Parish Newsletter.

14. FLOOD WARDEN MATTERS.

DCC have been asked to clear the interior of the drainage pipe in front of and to the south of Park House nursing home.

15. NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

This will be held on 22nd May 2017 in the Parish Office starting at 7.30pm.

16. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The meeting was closed at 9.06 pm.

.....Chairman

Date.....