

Minutes of the Winterborne St Martin Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Office, Winterborne St Martin on Monday 25 September 2017.

Present: Parish Councillors Mr M Hall, (vice-chairman in the chair) Mr J Walker, Mr D Read, Mr M Usherwood, Mr S Slade (Clerk), Mrs J Dunseith (County Councillor) and six members of the public.

Democratic Period commenced at 7.30pm

Matters raised and responses given were:

- i. It was reported that some actions had been taken to fill potholes in North Rew Lane but more was required to make the surface up to a standard of a BOAT (Bridleway Open to All Traffic). Mrs Dunseith would again raise the matter with Mr Blair Turner at DCC.
- ii. The responsibility for cutting hedges that front onto the highway was raised. An overhanging hedge bordering the C53 road to the northern side of the access road to the Mallards Green was highlighted in this regard. It was noted that farmers had a certain period in which they were allowed to cut their hedges. This work will be started in the near future.
- iii. Mr Tom Marsh was invited to speak about changes in farming practises especially regarding the storing and spreading of slurry. His farm was farmed organically. He has already increased his cattle herd by a further 100 animals and would be upgrading his farm buildings accordingly to comply with the regulations and to be more efficient. Changes in Environment Agency Rules regarding the storage and spreading of slurry will be coming soon. He informed that the slurry from his farm would be used on his land and not transported elsewhere. He also reported that one of his cows had become ill after eating some garden waste that had been thrown into a field from an adjoining property and asked that such material be disposed of within property boundary.
- iv. Some buses have been withdrawn from the Winter 2017/2018 schedule of First Bus compared to the level of service seen in 2016/2017. Reasons for the change in the level of service are fully detailed on the First Bus Web-site and social media outlets. The local 'taxi-bus' organised by those needing to gain access to Dorchester was working well and fulfilled the needs of those who organised this service.

The Parish Council meeting commenced at 7.55pm

Present: As recorded for the Democratic Period above.

Apologies tendered on behalf of Mrs A Priddle, Mrs D Wiltshire, Mr P Jeffery, Mrs A Bennett, Mr N Hallett.

Declarations of Interest

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 24 July 2017 had been circulated to all members.

Proposed by Mr J Walker and seconded by Mr M Usherwood

Resolved

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

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES

- i. **The Washing Pool**

The Clerk had previously reported two estimates for repair work to the Washing Pool, both in the region of £2000.00, and hoped that some grant funding might be available to help towards the cost of the work. He had now been informed that funding will be available to help towards the cost of the work but will require a contribution from the Parish Council.

Proposed by Mr D Read and seconded by Mr J Walker

Resolved that the Parish Council will make a contribution, not exceeding £500.00, towards the cost of the work to repair the Washing Pool.

3. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. Payments since the last meeting

K Damen	Grass Cutting	£100.00
SSE	Electric	£16.93 + VAT 84p
M Usherwood	Materials for bus shelter	£66.85

b. Receipts since the last meeting

None reported

c. Approval of accounts for payment

DAPTC	Annual subscription	£276.44
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d. Funds in the Parish Council account

The Clerk reported that the balance of £14,722.65 was held in the Parish Council account and reconciled to the bank statement number 1 dated 8 September 2017. **Noted.**

e. External Auditors report

The Clerk informed members that the submitted report had had to be amended as a figure to the Parish Council assets had been carried forward incorrectly. This had been corrected and the accounts approved.

f. Income and Expenditure to date

The Clerk reported income and expenditure to date.

Expenditure: Grass cutting £250: Insurance £546.72: Electric £67.97: Repairs £66.85: HMRC £120.60: Clerk £482.10: Hire of room £20.00: DCC £480.00 (Traffic sensors).

Income: Precept £2750.00: VAT £271.55.

4. PLANNING MATTERS

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

Works at Eweleaze Dairy – ref WD/D/17/001814 – No objection.

b. Matters considered at the meeting

Goldcombe Farm. Change of use of farm buildings to use for storage – ref WD/D/17/002260 – No objection. There were concerns about storage containers and important that they were not visible from the road and sympathetic to the surroundings, also about any possible increase of traffic through the village and in its change of use.

c. Matters considered by WDDC/DCC

- i. Erect dwellings on land at 2 Alington Place – ref WD/D/17/000654 – Refused.
- ii. Alterations and modifications to mast at Morngate – ref WD/D/17/000284 – Approved.

5. TRAFFIC CALMING

The Chairman of the meeting reported on the matter of speeding traffic in locations in the village and provided further detailed data gained since the last meeting. This information was discussed in particular relating to the Mallards Green area. A proposal to purchase a Speed Indicator Device (SID) for use at this location was discussed and each Councillor given the opportunity to debate the matter. The Clerk read three e-mails received from residents on the matter of providing a SID at the Mallards Green area. One was against the proposal and two were in favour.

It was proposed by Mr M Hall and seconded by Mr M Usherwood that a Speed Indicator Device (SID) is purchased by the Parish Council together with the provision of an additional post necessary for the erection of the device at the Mallards Green area.

It was noted that the Clerk expressed a concern on the eligibility of the Parish funds being used for such a purchase and so the resolution was amended as below.

Resolved, on the casting vote of the Chairman of the meeting, that a SID together with an additional post to accommodate the device on the North side of the road is purchased from funds of the Parish Council, subject to confirmation of the funding.

6. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Members had been provided with information concerning this matter. The formation of such a committee to consist of three members was discussed and each Councillor present given the opportunity to debate the matter.

It was proposed by Mr J Walker and seconded by Mr D Read for an amended resolution that a Personnel Committee not be formed by the Parish Council.

Resolved by three votes to one, that a Personnel Committee would not be formed by the Parish Council.

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED

- i. National Grid's proposal to replace some pylons in the area with underground cables is proceeding to the next stage and a formal planning application for the work will be submitted in due course.
- ii. The Clerk will complete the latest highway survey with relevant detail gathered from recent traffic surveys and traffic speeding detail that the Parish Council had and return the document to the DCC.
- iii. The Dorset Local Access Forum is seeking members who have time to join the forum. The footpath officers were not able to commit to this forum.
- iv. DCC will be asked to give consideration to upgrading the C53 road from the A35 junction to the junction with the B3159 to a 'B' class road.
- v. Christmas trees this year will not be collected by Dorset Waste Partnership.

8. FOOTPATH REPORT

The Clerk had written to the DCC regarding the overgrown condition of the footpath from the Brewers Arms to the A35 and would write again if overgrowth was not cleared.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

The Parish Council Web-site continues to be well read and appreciated.

Further public policies to be made available via the Web-site are to be worked on.

10. PCSO MATTERS

PCSO Sarah Pilcher and her colleagues continued to attend the village on a regular basis, other duties permitting. A change of time when these visits are scheduled will be updated on adverts in due course.

11. WASTE WATCH

The Waste Watch collection of newspapers and magazines continues. A note will be placed in the Parish Newsletter asking people to continue placing old newspapers in the bins as funds raised help local groups and communities.

12. VILLAGE HALL

A new storage shed is to be erected in the grounds of the Village Hall on an existing concrete base.

13. COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

An update report was provided from those involved with the Community Speed Watch group. The Speed Watch would continue to operate on an ad-hoc basis.

14. AMENITY MATTERS

Several members of the Parish Council with help from others had cleared the area around the Parish Office, which is appreciated.

The village seats will be removed, painted and repaired as required during the winter months and the trees on the village green inspected to see if any work is required to remove dead or loose branches.

Mr Usherwood was thanked for painting the bus shelter and erecting an additional notice board in the shelter.

15. FLOOD WARDEN MATTERS

Most riparian owners had now cleared the stream of summer growth. The mechanical cleaning of the stream will be carried out in October/ November.

16. NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

This will be held on 27 November 2017 in the Parish Office starting at 7.30pm.

17. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting was closed at 9.39pm.

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