

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

**Councillors Present:**Mrs D Wiltshire (DW)(*Chairman*)

Mr P Jeffery (PJ)

Mr D Read (DR)

Mrs A Bennett (AB)

Mr B Carter (BC)

Mr N Hallett (NH)

Mrs M Harding (Clerk)

4 members of public

**2020/02-1 Apologies, welcome, housekeeping and to receive any apologies for absence-** Mrs K Delafield (KD) Mr M Usherwood (MU) Roland Tarr -Dorset Councillor. The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and noted that a projector was being used as a trial to show all meeting documents.

**2020/02-2 To receive declarations of interest and grants of dispensation-** none

**2020/02-3 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

Proposed AB

Seconded DR

Resolved

**2020/02-4 Matters arising from the minutes for info only**

The Chairman reported that all the documents pertaining to the PC and stored in the Reading room have now been collected approx. 30 years' worth. No minute books up to 2014 have come to light but it is hoped to produce sets of minutes from the papers collected, this will take time to sort through and scan.

**2020/02-5 Democratic forum 15 minutes –**

A resident raised concerns about the lack of bus service in the village. It was explained that the PC had previously carried out a consultation in the village to gather support for a PC funded service. This was not supported by the electors; it was noted that there are many villages who have no bus service at all unlike Martinstown .

**2020/02-6 To consider all correspondence received for decision, consultation and information (see list)-Items for noting:**

- a. Item 4- Public consultation on the draft North East, draft North West, draft South East and draft South West Marine Plans- no comments to be submitted
- b. Item 6- Concerns raised at parking on the village green for services in wet weather- following a recent funeral. The current lease for the village green states that the green should be available for church goers. It is hoped that common sense will prevail in wet weather as the PC cannot stop this from happening but could raise this issue with the PCC. The PC will contact the Church wardens to ask them to remind parishioners to park thoughtfully so as not to damage the village green. This will also be mentioned to the vicar.
- c. Item 8- DAPTC central area committee- next meeting is 17<sup>th</sup> March, DW to attend.
- d. Item- 9- DAPTC conference Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March- it is hoped a Cllr will attend.
- e. Item- 10- Dorset Best Village competition 2020- entries to be in by 17<sup>th</sup> April. DW explained that following last year's awards the PC will enter more categories this year, the Washingpool being one area.
- f. Item- 12- Invitation to the Dorset Council Place day event 2<sup>nd</sup> April
- g. Item- 15- Highway flooding on C53 Martinstown- gullies and drains have yet to be cleared and road to be cleaned, Cllr Tarr had commented by email that there were many areas in Dorset that had been worse affected by the flooding so it may take a while for the highways to get to the village.
- h. Item 18- The new sign for Bartlett's Close is on order.

- i. Item 30- Support has been received from Winterborne Farringdon PC for the work towards the issues at McDonald's.

2020/02-7 Finance

i. To consider the finance report of payments and receipts for Feb:

Payee	Detail	Amount
M Harding	Salary/Expenses	296.33
HMRC	PAYE	68.20
D Wiltshire	Materials for finger post	14.75
<b>Receipts</b>		
None		

All payments were made in line with internal controls

Bank balances as at 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020 £13704.72

Proposed PJ

Seconded AB

Resolved

ii. To consider the village green contract for 2020-23

DW, DR, MU and the Clerk had a site meeting to look at the areas to be included in the spec. A draft spec and supporting report with photos were circulated to the Council prior to the meeting. The Council agreed to the draft spec with some amendments. The new spec will include most of the areas that are included in the lease of land. The areas to be included in the new spec are Blagdon Close entrance, the village green, (to include making good the edges of the green), to cut back the overgrown vegetation by the garage and sensitive removal of the ivy from the garage. Owners of property where branches are overhanging the areas the PC are responsible for will be asked to cut these back. PJ explained he will continue to maintain the area in front of Fishers Barn. Also, he will check with the residents near the area of Rylestone to check how much of this area they wish to maintain but the over grown bush will be cut back in this area. It was noted that because of the area at Blagdon Close was so over grown it was agreed to speak to the current contractor to ask him to cut back the vegetation asap. BC had spoken to the contractor and owners of the property that is screened by the over grown hedge as the owners did not want to be left exposed. The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with the contractor and DR to look at the work and its cost to see what can done. The Council agreed to the new draft spec and the Bladgon Close works. As there was working reserves in the budget to carry out this extra work.

Proposed AB

Seconded BC

Resolved

During the site visit the PC were approached by a resident who asked to rent an area of land for parking near their property, this will be investigated with the landlord initially.

iii. To consider the "Gather on the Green event on Martinstown Green on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2020"

The Licenced Lay Minister attended the meeting to speak on the event to be arranged. In 2018 the first 'Gather on the Green' event on Martinstown Village Green was organised, it was then decided to hold it bi-annually so as not to clash with the Open Gardens event.

The idea is that we invite local people to come to the green for an afternoon. If they wish they may bring a picnic. There would be live music, a bar-b-que, and some entertainment. This year there will be a local Morris Dancing side and Wessex Bird of Prey Rescue. The local shop opens for teas etc, also the shop provides a toilet, local charities can put up their own stalls. There will be a mobile bar. The whole event is run by the church and is non-profit making in nature, although there will be a raffle to help with expenditure. As it is a Church event the Ecclesiastical Insurance covers the Public Liability requirement a full 'Risk assessment document together with a map showing the

evacuation areas has been provided. The local police will be advised and invited to attend and the area will be properly cleared at the end of the afternoon.

The event was supported by the PC

Proposed PJ

Seconded DR

Resolved

## 2020/02-8 Planning Consultations-

### i. To give consideration to Planning matters-

**WD/D/20/000067-** 6 Blagdon Close- Replace part of flat roof over rear extension to pitched roof  
No objections

**WD/D/20/000199- Land at Allington Place Martinstown-** Application for approval of reserved matters for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, in relation to outline approval APP/F1230/W/17/3188760 (LPA Ref no: WD/D/17/000654) Erection of 2no. detached dwellings (3rd dwelling to form a separate application)- The PC raised no objections to the application for reserved matters but the planning department need to take into consideration the issues of flooding in this area especially over the last few months. The rain and surface water coming from this site over the recent weeks has exacerbated the flood issue on this section of the road. It is essential that appropriate drainage is put in place so that run off from this developed area does not cause additional flooding to the road and that all drains and gullies can support this development.

Proposed DR

Seconded NH

Resolved

**WD/D/20/000257-Land South West of Fairmont, Weymouth Rd-** Erection of building for storage of agricultural equipment- The Council need to carry out a site visit in order to make a comment.

### ii. To consider any other planning/enforcement or ongoing issues- none

**iii. To comment on the -Dorset Local Plan -settlement hierarchy-** DW spoke on this consultation having attended the event organised inform Parish and Town Councils. The consultation was based on the criteria of villages where development would be considered based on electors, and facilities i.e. schools, village halls, shops, businesses and location from closest town. There were 5 questions that were discussed by the meeting and response prepared, a draft will be sent to all Cllrs prior to submitting.

## 2020/02-9 Highways, Countryside & ROW:

### i. To update on progress with the issues of parking and litter outside the McDonald's site (MU/KD)

As both MU & KD were unable to attend the meeting the Clerk gave an update on the progress and that we are now waiting for a meeting with the new franchisee, McDonald's and Highways to look at the next steps to funding the bunds. Cllr Tarr will be asked to follow up the offer of materials to make the bunds from a local farmer which are available now.

### ii. To consider any other highways issues- none.

**iii. To discuss speeding vehicles and another SID location for the village at a cost of £250 for the survey** – DW explained that although the PC do not promote Facebook as a form of communication there had been issues raised on speed in the village so the Chair had responded. It was disappointing that no one who raised these concerns had contacted the PC direct or attended the meeting. When previously surveyed, the area to the West of and centre of the village did not meet Dorset Councils criteria of quantity of speeding vehicles. The costs of carrying out a traffic speed survey to identity a second SID site is £250 plus vat. The PC considered this cost and supported the speed survey. The Clerk will contact the SID team.

Proposed AB

Seconded NH

5 For 1 Against

**2020/02-10 To receive reports from:**

- i. **Footpath liaison officer**- The bridleway from the pub to the A35 is very wet and muddy and now impassable. The ranger will be contacted again.
- ii. **Waste watch representatives**- Money has been awarded to the village hall and play group.
- iii. **Village Hall representatives**- none.
- iv. **Winterbourne Community Fund (was the Blanchard Trust)**- none
- v. **PCSO matters**- Nothing further reported.
- vi. **Speed Indicator Device report-Feb 2020**

Total number of speed readings taken =

134,953

>30mph = 42,353

>40mph = 2,567

>50mph = 77

Average Recorded Speed = 34mph

*n.b.*

*Number of speed readings does not equal number of vehicles.*

*Slower moving vehicles record more speed measurements than slower moving vehicles.*

*A vehicle travelling at 30mph will record 3 or 4 measurements, vs a vehicle moving at 50mph would only record a single measurement.*

Top recorded speeds:

66 mph (29/1/2020 11:43 AM)

65 mph (9/2/2020 2:19 AM)

61 mph (28/1/2020 11:00 PM)

58 mph (1/2/2020 12:18 PM)

58 mph (3/2/2020 4:58 AM)

- vii. **DAPTC**-The Clerk reminded Cllrs of the current conferences and the retirement of the current CEO as of the end of March.
- viii. **PC Flood Rep**- further sandbags have been delivered and are situated by the Reading Room

**2020/02-11 To receive a report on amenity matters**- The PC had previously been approached by a resident for an allotment, a proposed piece of land has come forward and Cllrs had been to the site, the PC are now discussing this with the landowner and will gather interest from residents.

**2020/02-12 Items for the Parish Council meeting on Weds 25<sup>th</sup> Mar 2020**

Grass cutting quotes, speed survey

**2020/02-13 Democratic forum 15 minutes** – A resident commented on the flood issues to land in the village related to an area of land that is not registered or owned. Unfortunately, this is not really a PC matter.

Meeting closed 9.08pm