

St Martins Parish Council

To: All Members of St Martins Parish Council.

Dear Councillor

Councillors are hereby summoned to attend a **MEETING OF THE ST MARTINS PARISH COUNCIL** to be held in St Martins Village Hall commencing at **7.00 P.M.** on **THURSDAY 14th MARCH 2024** for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Edward Davies
Clerk to the Parish Council
8th March 2024

IMPORTANT please do not attend this meeting if you have any symptoms of Coronavirus, have been in contact with anyone displaying symptoms or have been told to self-isolate.

A G E N D A

050/03/24.C Apologies for absence.

To receive from Members any apologies and approve reasons for absence.

051/03/24.C Declarations of interest and dispensations

- a) **To receive** any Declarations of any disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter to be discussed at the meeting and which is not included in the register of interests.
- b) **To consider** any applications for dispensation.
- c) **To receive** any Declaration of any other interests in the agenda items.

052/03/24.C Parish Council Casual Vacancies

To consider any applications received to fill these vacancies.

053/03/24.C Council Minutes

To confirm and **adopt** the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 8th of February 2024 (previously circulated).

054/03/24.C Urgent Items

At the discretion of the Chairman, **to consider** any urgent items that relate to financial, health and safety issues or issues that require immediate attention and not included in this agenda.

055/03/24.C Public Session

At the discretion of the Chairman, a period of 15 minutes will be set aside for residents of St Martins Parish, who have given prior notice to the Parish Clerk, may ask questions of the Council concerning matters on the agenda. Attendance will be limited so residents might wish to raise any issues with any of the parish Cllr's.

056/03/24.C Parish Clerk's Progress Report

To receive a progress report from the parish clerk on matters raised at the last meeting and any issues raised by Cllr's since that meeting.

To note that previous agenda items on Rights of Way and Health Care and are all still under discussion and will be included in future agendas when appropriate.

057/03/24.C Police Report (To be considered at approx. 7.30 pm)

To raise any questions on policing matters. Latest report (February) has been circulated to all Cllr's.

To receive an update on our application to the Safer Roads Grant Scheme for funding towards additional Speed Indicator Devices in the parish.

058/03/24.C St Martins Recreation Partnership

To receive an update report from Tessa Lanstein (Project Manager) on the MUGA project.

059/03/24.C Highway Issues

To receive an update on highway issues raised at the last meeting and on ones raised by Cllr's since the last meeting.

060/03/24.C St Martins Amenities Fund

To receive a report on the grass verge/amenities/play areas grass cutting contract and replacement of damaged street name plates.

061/03/24.C Street Lighting

To receive a report on any outstanding issues.

062/03/24.C Financial Matters.

To consider any accounts for payment.

To consider a grant application from Graham Edwards Memorial Football Tournament in aid of Leukaemia. (Attached)

063/03/24.C Planning

To consider any new planning applications received since the last meeting.

Reference: 24/00502/FUL (validated: 15/02/2024)

Address: Smithy Cottage, Overton Road, St Martins, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 3AS

Proposal: Erection of detached garage

View online at: <http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=S8JX0RTDFJP00>

Reference: 24/00628/OUT (validated: 21/02/2024)

Address: 55 New Ifton, St Martins, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 3AE

Proposal: Erection of single two storey detached dwelling

View online at: [http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-](http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=S8WVJPTDFQC00)

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Schedule of additional planning applications

To comment on planning applications not listed above that are received after the date of publication of this agenda due to response time frames set by Shropshire Council.

To receive and comment as necessary on the planning decisions and recommendations of the planning authority listed in the schedule below.

Reference: 23/05518/FUL (validated: 22/12/2023)

Address: Bryn Awelon, Rhyn Lane, St Martins, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 7AY

Proposal: Proposed new single-storey rear extension to an existing dwelling

Decision: **Grant Permission**

Reference: 24/00029/FUL (validated: 05/01/2024)

Address: Ponderosa, St Martins, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 3HJ

Proposal: Replacement of side extension and alterations to internal layout.

Decision: Grant Permission

064/03/24.C Shropshire Council

To receive a report from Shropshire Cllr Steve Davenport.

065/03/24.C Arthan's Pond/Allotments

To receive a progress report from the Chairman on the future management of Arthan's Pond/Allotments.

066/03/24.C Funding various projects through CIL.

To receive a progress report from the Chairman on the current position of funding various projects in the parish through CIL.

067/03/24.C Biodiversity Policy

In accordance with the duty imposed on town and parish councils by Section 40 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, updated by Section 102 of the Environment Act 2021, St Martins Parish Council (hereinafter referred to as the Council) which has any functions exercisable in relation to England must from time to time consider what action the authority can properly take, consistently with the proper exercise of its functions, to further the general biodiversity objective.

This duty also means that town and parish councils can spend funds in conserving biodiversity.

Cllr Sophie Hughes-Saunier to present a report on this. (Please refer to an email sent to all Cllr's on 1st February 2024 at 18.46).

068/03/24.C Stans Field

To consider what action if any can be taken to reduce the amount of dog poo now being found in this area.

069/03/24.C North Shropshire MP Helen Morgan

To receive an update on recent correspondence with our MP Helen Morgan.

070/03/24.C Shropshire Association of Local Councils (SALC)

To note any correspondence received from the County Secretary.

To consider the motion proposed by Oswestry TC and approved at the Area Committee Meeting on the 19th February for a policy of not using glyphosphate or neonicotinoids on our land, to include allotments. (See Appendix A)

071/03/24.C Correspondence

To note any correspondence received and not included in any of the above agenda items.

072/03/24.C Members Reports

To receive reports from Members on any areas of concern.

073/03/24.C Next Meeting(s)

Full Council Meeting on Thursday 11th April 2024@ 19.00 in St Martins Village Hall.

The press and public may be excluded from any item on the agenda in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 s1 due to the confidential nature of the matter to be discussed.

Motion from Oswestry TC to Oswestry Area Committee on the 19th February 2024

To ask all local councils to make a policy of not using glyphosphate or neonicotinoids on their land, to include allotments. At present bio degradable weedkillers are used in many of our parks and open spaces and although these may be a safer option , as research continues these may be found to be toxic . At present most research shows them as very low risk. But manual or non-chemical methods would be a safer choice. Background:- In 2015, the International Agency for Research on Cancer {an agency for the World Health Organisation, } published its findings into the relationship between cancer and glyphosate – a herbicide – and classified it as possibly carcinogenic to humans– it had scientific data that it definitely caused malignant tumours in animals. Glyphosate potentially causes damage in human DNA and chromosomes and is associated with the blood cancer, Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma. Mosanto and German owner Bayer face 9,000 lawsuits in the US from those that believe their illnesses are caused by this product and have already paid out billions of dollars in lawsuits that have found against them with regard to illnesses and glyphosphate exposure. European studies have found that nearly half the population have glyphosphate in their urine due to widespread use. It is particularly dangerous to children who are still growing. Equally worrying is the damage it inflicts on our insect and mammal species. We are in a period of ecological emergency where over the last 20 years we've lost 60% of our insects, both those that we need to pollinate our crops and the many other uses they have as part of the food chain controlling populations of other insects and breaking down products like decaying creatures. In this time of species depletion should we be removing plants that provide food necessary for all manner of insects at all? Or could we trial leaving weeds {which are often simply wildflowers} to grow in certain areas to test public opinion. They can of course be manually removed if causing hindrance to pedestrians. Destroying these plants in itself causes biodiversity loss. Many countries have already banned its use e.g Italy, Germany and Portugal, Saudi Arabia and Qatar and between 70 and 80 UK councils have also done so.