

0St Martins Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held by (Zoom Virtual Meeting Platform) of the St Martins Parish Council on Thursday 11th March 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllrs, Andrew Cast, Mark Hayball, Sophie Hughes-Saunier, Duncan Laing, Nina Mistry, Natalie Rowley, Pierre Saunier, Sue Schofield and Helen Williams.

Also in attendance: Shropshire Cllr Steve Davenport and The Parish Clerk.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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049/03/21.C	Apologies for Absence	
	Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr's Brian Herbert (No Internet), John Hodgson (working), Fatema Kapasi (packing for house move), Lesley-Anne Roberts (Family issues) and Paula Rooney (Family issues).	
	Proposed, seconded and carried that these apologies are accepted.	
050/03/21.C	Disclosable Pecuniary Interests	
	a) Declaration of any disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter to be discussed at the meeting and which is not included in the register of interests. None received.	
	b) To consider any applications for dispensation. None received.	
	c) Declaration of any other interests in the agenda items. None received.	
051/03/21.C	Minutes	
	Proposed: Cllr Nina Mistry Seconded: Cllr Natalie Rowley	
	Resolved: with one abstention, that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting (Virtual) held on Thursday 11th February 2021 having been previously circulated be confirmed as a correct record and adopted. Due to current Covid-19 restrictions authority was given for them to be signed by the Chairman at the earliest opportunity.	Chairman
052/03/21.C	Urgent Items	
	The Parish Clerk explained that he had received the nomination packs from Shropshire Council and had posted them to all Cllr's who had indicated that they wish to stand again. He outlined the main areas on the forms that required filling in, the tight timescale for completing these forms and the venues for handing these in as they could not be posted.	Parish Clerk
	Although the Government had permitted local authority meetings to be held remotely, including by video and telephone conferencing, until May 2021, there was still discussions going on about extending this period.	Parish Clerk

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There were no other urgent items that related to financial, health and safety issues or issues that required immediate attention.

053/03/21.C Public Session

There were no members of the public present.

Cllr Duncan Laing joined the meeting at 7.16 pm.

054/03/21.C Parish Clerk’s Progress Report.

The Parish Clerk reported that Huw Manford had expressed concern over the number of green gloves that are being blown from the adjacent filling station onto the football field. The Chairman said she would contact Stan’s over this.

Chairman

The broken footpath style at the end of Moors Lane next to Yew Tree House had been logged with Shropshire Council’s Outdoor Partnership.

An insurance claim for the new bus shelter on Ellesmere Road had been submitted to Shropshire Council’s Head of Highways.

Parish Clerk

Sean Vallely from Primoris Homes had confirmed that the rules around building and planting near the gas main are very strict and we will of course fully comply with them. I can therefore confirm that we won’t be planting anything over the gas main as indicted on the attached marked up version of the of the Landscaping Plan.

The Parish Clerk said that all other matters were covered in the agenda.

055/03/21.C Recreation Partnership

With Cllr Paula Rooney unable to attend this meeting the Chairman and Parish Clerk gave a brief report on the latest Recreation Partnership meeting.

New plans are to be checked and assessed for groundworks including the location of overhead wires. At a future meeting the group needs to liaise with the Football Foundation on aspects that must be completed for planning requirements to be met. A funding group needs to be set up including terms of reference. A business plan needs to be agreed and presented to the parish council and school.

Agreement from Parish Council was required Reference the Focus Group starting work for widening the entrance - needs starting as soon as possible to ensure the business plan can be submitted to Football Foundation. Funding for this was from the school up to £5000.

Cllr Paula Rooney

Proposed: Cllr Helen Williams **Seconded:** Cllr Pier Saunier

Resolved: with two abstentions that permission is approved for the Focus Group to start work on the widening of the entrance to this site.

Cllr Paula Rooney

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056/03/21.C	Highway Issues																																	
	Cllr Sue Schofield reported that the road surface is still breaking up School Lane and Coopers Lane.	Parish Clerk																																
	The parish clerk reported that all highway issues are now being reported and logged through My Shropshire which we now have a separate account for reference checking and updating.	Parish Clerk																																
057/03/21.C	Street Lighting																																	
	Highline Electrical had now installed the new light in the Memorial Garden. Huw Manford has been instructed clean and paint the existing light pole and remove branches obstructing the light.	Parish Clerk																																
	Cllr Sue Schofield reported Light No. 50 on Overton Road opposite the junction to Kimberley Lane not working. This would be reported to Shropshire Council.	Parish Clerk																																
058/03/21.C	Broadband																																	
	Cllr Natalie Rowley reported that funding available for this financial year was £4,000 per residential property and £7,000 for businesses which included a rural uplift from Shropshire Council Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme. Currently they have 13 residential households and 1 business, who want to take part in the Moors Bank Project that will benefit 56 households including the school. However, there is a new scheme in April, and as yet they do not know the exact funding per household. Agreed that further clarification was required from Shropshire Council. Cllr Nina Mistry said she had heard nothing from Shropshire Council as regards a similar scheme for Moors Lane.	Cllr Natalie Rowley Cllr Steve Davenport																																
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	Proposed: Cllr Duncan Laing	Seconded: Cllr Nina Mistry																																
	Resolved that the above payments be agreed in accordance with the Parish Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.	Parish Clerk																																

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060/03/21.C	Planning	
	To consider any new planning applications received since the last meeting.	
	Reference: 21/00281/FUL (validated: 10/02/2021)	
	Address: 42 Cherry Tree Drive, St Martins, SY11 3HX	
	Proposal: Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension	Parish Clerk
	Parish Council Decision: support.	
	Reference: 21/00356/FUL (validated: 09/02/2021)	
	Address: Foundation Piling Limited, Ifton Industrial Estate, St Martins, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 3DA	
	Proposal: Erection of first floor extension to provide additional office space with additional windows and removal of one roller door, plus some other internal changes	Parish Clerk
	Parish Council Decision: support.	
	Schedule of additional planning applications	
	There were none	
	Schedule of planning decisions	
	The planning officer dealing with the Ifton School site had reported that the local planning committee resolved that this application be deferred to allow time for the applicant to consider the reasons for refusal and provide additional information and/or amendments.	Parish Clerk
061/03/21.C	Shropshire Association of Local Councils (SALC)	
	All correspondence received from the County Secretary had been previously been circulated to all Cllr's.	
062/03/21.C	Shropshire Council Free Tree Scheme.	
	The Parish Clerk reported that there had been an unavoidable delay in getting all the trees prepared for the Community Tree Scheme. The nursery that is supplying the trees has had difficulties with frost preventing lifting of the trees and also problems with staffing due to Covid; unfortunately, this means that they are going to have to put the collection date back by one week. These will now be available for collection from the week beginning on Monday 29 th March 2021.	Parish Clerk & Cllr Helen Williams
063/03/21.C	Highway Improvements.	
	Still no update from Paul Field-Williams at Shropshire Council who is leading on the CIL commission for St Martin's roundabout. Cllr's along with Shropshire Cllr Steve Davenport are getting very frustrated that design work has not been released.	Shropshire Cllr Steve Davenport

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064/03/21.C Shropshire Climate Action Partnership

Shropshire Cllr Steve Davenport agreed to forward contacts at Shropshire Council to Cllr Sophie Hughes-Saunier with reference to wild flower planting on highway grass verges. Other suggested areas including the old BMX track past Ifton School and the waste land at the rear of the Miners Institute.

Cllr
Sophie
Hughes-
Saunier

065/03/21.C Parish on Line

The Parish Clerk reported that at the time of our request we were under the impression that it would be a 90-day free trial. We have now been informed that it would only be a 30-day trial. Although the system looks good what with year-end accounts and elections the Parish Clerk explained that he was unable to spend time to fully appreciate and evaluate your system. Parish on Line have agreed that we can have a further trial at a later date in the year.

Therefore, we wish to cancel this trial and come back later in the year when I have more time.

Parish
Clerk

066/03/21.C Members Reports

Cllr Sue Schofield asked for a meeting on the future of the Village Life newsletter.

Parish
Clerk

Cllr Andrew Cast asked for an update on the garage extension at Rhos y llan cottage which he thought had been refused but has now gone up. The Planning Officer dealing with this had reported that During the consideration of the application the applicant did say that if planning permission was refused then they would instead build a slightly smaller garage that fell within their permitted development rights (i.e., not need planning permission). This is what they have done.

Cllr Andrew Cast enquired whether there had been a planning development application received for Pentre Nursery.

Parish
Clerk

067/03/21.C Next Meeting(s)

The next meeting - Full council (**VIRTUAL**) will be held on Thursday 8th April 2021 @ 19.00.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.20

Signed Date

Chairman