

St Martins Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the St Martins Parish Council held on Thursday 3rd June 2021 at 7.00 p.m. in St Martins Centre.

PRESENT: Cllrs, Neil Arthan, Andrew Cast, Sophie Hughes-Saunier, Duncan Laing, Glenn Pennington, Lesley-Anne Roberts, Natalie Rowley, Pierre Saunier, Sue Schofield and Helen Williams.

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

The Chairman welcomed back Cllr Sue Schofield.

	<u>Action</u>
<p>109/06/21.C Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr's John Hodgson (family issue), Nina Mistry (child care) and Paula Rooney (away).</p> <p>Proposed, seconded and carried that these apologies are accepted.</p>	
<p>110/06/21.C Disclosable Pecuniary Interests</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p>111/06/21.C Minutes</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Neil Arthan Seconded: Cllr Andrew Cast</p> <p>Resolved: with one abstention, that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 13th May 2021 having been previously circulated be approved and adopted as a true record.</p>	Chairman
<p>112/06/21.C Urgent Items</p> <p>The Chairman reported that the St Martins Centre CCTV had picked up an incident of graffiti being sprayed on items on the skate park in the early hours of the 3rd June. The persons involved had posted images of this on social media. The police have been informed.</p> <p>The Parish Clerk reported that we still had no one to water the hanging baskets which are due to go up in a weeks' time. The Chairman reported that Huw Manford had agreed to sell his bowser and attachments for £100.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Sue Schofield Seconded: Cllr Lesley-Anne Roberts</p>	Parish Clerk

Resolved: with one vote against and one abstention that this offer is accepted.

Action
Parish
Clerk

We still had to find someone to carry out this watering.

All Cllr's

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

113/06/21.C Public Session

There were no members of the public present.

114/06/21.C Parish Clerk's Progress Report

The Parish Clerk reported that Pickstock Homes will complete the remedial work relating to the surfacing of the roads and footpaths within the next four weeks.

A request for the Parish Council to take over the maintenance and upkeep of a planter near the St Martins sign from the Gledrid direction from Ron Jones who had maintained this over a number of years was considered.

Proposed: Cllr Sue Schofield **Seconded:** Cllr Natalie Rowley

Resolved: with one vote against that this offer is accepted subject to a satisfactory inspection of the planter.

Chairman
& Parish
Clerk

The Parish Clerk reminded everyone that the revealing of the plaques on the Miners Statue will be held on Saturday 12th June at 11.30 am. Invites have been restricted due to current Covid restrictions.

Cllr Sue
Schofield

The Parish Clerk reported that work to improve the flooding situation in Ifton Meadows started yesterday and should be completed by the end of June.

The Parish Council was asked if they had any objections to a road closure in Church Lane for Openreach to carry out urgent replacement cabling in carriage way boxes in this area. There would be no excavating work. There were no objections.

Parish
Clerk

The Parish Clerk reported on the April Police report which was noted.

There had still been no interest in the two vacancies on the parish council. Closing date was Friday 11th June.

All Cllr's

115/06/21.C Recreation Partnership

There had been no meeting of the recreation partnership since the last meeting.

A planned presentation from Andrew Joseph on a draft business plan to the Parish Council on Thursday 10th June at 7.00 pm in St Martins Centre will now have to be

postponed as Cllr Paula Rooney will be in isolation on that date. This will now be held on Thursday 1st July at 7.00 pm in St Martins Centre.

Action
Cllr Paula
Rooney

116/06/21.C Doctors Surgery

Rachel Robinson, Head of Public Health at Shropshire Council was still trying to arrange a meeting with the Practice Manager from the Chirk surgery. Cllr Steve Davenport suggested that the Chairman, Cllr's Glenn Pennington, Lesley-Anne Roberts, Sue Schofield, a representative from the elderly, Clinical Commissioner Groups (CCG), Rachel Robinson, the Practice Manager from Chirk Surgery and himself attend this meeting which he would follow up and arrange.

Cllr Steve
Davenport

All residents would be encouraged to fill in the latest survey that had been issued from the surgery. Closing date was the 25th June.

All Cllr's

117/06/21.C Highway Issues

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. Shropshire Council however still have issues with their IT system.

118/06/21.C Highways Improvements

Cllr Steve Davenport reported on the design work for improvements at the junction by Stans Superstore including Shropshire Councils report on a recent Feasibility study for Road Safety Works and Recommendations. He added that a site meeting had been arranged at 11.00 am on the 10th June with highway officers. It was agreed that the parish council supports Option 5.

Cllr Steve
Davenport

Cllr Lesley-Anne Roberts again expressed concern over vehicle fumes around this junction.

Proposed: Cllr Pierre Saunier **Seconded:** Cllr Sue Schofield

Resolved: **with one abstention that Shropshire Council are requested to monitor the pollution issue in this area.**

Parish
Clerk

119/06/21.C Street Lighting

All of Ellesmere Road Street lights are now not working except the one by the Chapel. These would be reported to Shropshire Council. The Parish Clerk added that the light opposite Green Lane was still with Scottish Power to repair. He would follow this up.

Parish
Clerk

120/06/21.C Financial Matters

120/06/01/21.C Accounts for payment;

BACS	E Davies	Salary & Expenses	£841.02
BACS	HMRC	Month 1 PAYE & NI	£248.13
BACS	Nigel Thomas	Play Area Inspections	£24.00
BACS	Huw Manford	Litter Picking, etc.	£268.06
BACS	SALC	Affiliation Fees	£1224.47
BACS	DPA	Consultancy Work	£612.00
BACS	Ash Allum	Lighting for Ifton Colliery	£600.45
DD	Veolia	Bin Emptying	£31.13

Proposed: Cllr Duncan Laing **Seconded:** Cllr Helen Williams

Resolved **that the above payments be agreed in accordance with the Parish Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.**

Action

Parish Clerk

120/06/02/21.C Grant Application

A grant application had been received from St Martins Youth Club.

Proposed: Cllr Natalie Rowley **Seconded:** Cllr Andrew Cast

Resolved **with two votes against and two abstentions that a grant of £500 is awarded to St Martins Youth Club in accordance with the Parish Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.**

Parish Clerk

120/06/03/21.C Financial Risk Register

The Parish Council's Financial Risk Register had been circulated to all Cllr's prior to the meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Helen Williams **Seconded:** Cllr Duncan Laing

Resolved **that this be adopted.**

Parish Clerk

Parish Clerk

Cllr Pierre Saunier suggested we look at other banks that are more have missions to make money work for positive social, environmental and cultural change, such as the Triodos Bank. This was agreed.

Parish Clerk

121/06/21.C Audit of Accounts

121/06/21.1 Internal Audit

Cllr's noted the comments from the Internal Auditor. No actions were required.

Proposed: Cllr Duncan Laing **Seconded:** Cllr Andrew Cast

Resolved **that this report be noted.**

Parish Clerk

121/06/21.2 Annual Governance StatementAction**Proposed:** Cllr Duncan Laing **Seconded:** Cllr Andrew Cast**Resolved:** **that the Annual Governance Statement (Part 1 of the Annual Return) be approved and signed off.**

Chairman

121/06/21.3 Accounting Statements**Proposed:** Cllr Duncan Laing **Seconded:** Cllr Pierre Saunier**Resolved:** **that the Accounting Statements (Part 2 of the Annual Return) for the financial year ending 31st March 2021 be approved and signed off.**

Chairman

122/06/21.C Planning**To consider** any new planning applications received since the last meeting.

There are none

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.**Reference:** 21/02435/FUL (validated: 12/05/2021)**Address:** 26 Hollands Drive, St Martins, Oswestry, SY11 3FG**Proposal:** Change of use of domestic garage to beauty parlour**Parish Council Decision: Resolved to support with two votes against and two abstentions although concern was expressed over resulting additional parking in a residential area.**Parish
Clerk

The planning decisions and recommendations of the planning authority listed in the schedule below were noted.

Reference: 21/01628/FUL (validated: 31/03/2021)**Address:** Bryngwilla Lodge, St Martins, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 7AY**Proposal:** Change of use of former lodge entrance (currently offices, B1a) to form holiday let accommodation (C3) including internal reordering and minor external landscaping works**Decision: Grant Permission****Reference:** 21/01629/LBC (validated: 31/03/2021)**Address:** Bryngwilla Lodge, St Martins, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 7AY**Proposal:** Change of use of former lodge entrance (currently offices, B1a) to form holiday let accommodation (C3) including internal reordering and minor external landscaping works affecting a Grade II Listed Building

Decision: Grant PermissionAction**Ifton School Development**

With reference to the erection of 35 dwelling units and associated operational development following demolition of existing school buildings and retention of the former Ifton schoolhouse as a single dwelling (amended description), the planning officer had forwarded the following comments;

Additional information and amended plans have been submitted to address the earlier reasons for refusal, which were as follows;

1 The application is for residential development of a site that is situated outside of the development boundary for St Martins and the proposal is contrary to the adopted development plan and conflicts policies relevant to the location of housing (CS1, CS4, and CS5 and SAMDev policies S14.2(v), MD1, and MD7a). The presumption in favour of sustainable development outlined in paragraph 11 and 12 of the NPPF is not engaged as Shropshire Council has in excess of a 5-year housing land supply. Little weight can be given to the emerging development plan as the local plan review has not yet reached a sufficiently advanced stage.

2 Although the proposal includes some material benefits above those that would in any case be required for development of this part brownfield site (including 12 additional affordable homes) it is not considered that the application provides sufficient overriding benefits that would justify a departure from the adopted Development Plan. Furthermore, the proposal includes the demolition of the former Ifton School, a non-designated heritage asset, and the benefits delivered by the scheme are not considered to outweigh its loss as required by SAMDev policy MD13 and the tests as set out in the NPPF. (par 197). Consequently, it is not possible to complete part 2 of the European Protected Species Test Matrix and conclude that there is no satisfactory alternative arising from the development.

3 Whilst the scale, design and layout of the development is acceptable the applicant's noise assessment recommends that a 1.8m acoustic fence be provided along the front boundary to mitigate against noise and no details have been provided and it is considered that this would be visually prominent and would have an adverse impact on the character and appearance of the locality contrary to Local Plan policies CS6, CS17, and MD2.

4 Many of the garden areas will not be able to achieve the recommended noise levels and optimum noise standards and it has not been satisfactorily demonstrated that noise mitigation to provide acceptable internal noise standards could be achieved without an acoustic glazing and ventilation scheme that requires windows to be kept closed. It is considered that the proposed development would therefore have a detrimental impact on the quality of life of future occupants and would not protect the operation of neighbouring businesses and would be contrary to Local Plan policy CS6 and MD2, paragraph 180 and 182 of the NPPF and the Professional Practice Guidance on Planning and Noise (ProPG).

These comments were noted.

Action

123/06/21.C Shropshire Council

Cllr Steve Davenport reported the Shropshire Council were investigating better signage and possible traffic lights at Escob Bridge along with extending the 30mph zone further towards Gledrid roundabout. Survey work was also underway on introducing 20mph zones outside schools in the County.

Cllr Duncan Laing expressed concern that a number of the outside school lights were annoying residents in properties on the opposite side of the road to the school.

He also added that traffic is still turning right towards St Martins from the Garage at Gledrid when section 106 agreement on this development clearly stated that all vehicles should turn left and go around the roundabout to get to St Martins.

Cllr Steve Davenport & Parish Clerk

Cllr Steve Davenport

124/06/21.C Shropshire Association of Local Councils (SALC)

All correspondence received from the County Secretary had been previously been circulated to all Cllr's.

Cllr's Natalie Rowley and Sue Schofield to attend Code of Conduct Training.

Parish Clerk

125/06/21.C Members Reports

Cllr Glenn Pennington asked if the hedge surrounding the play area and footpath to Garden Village could be cut.

Parish Clerk

Cllr Lesley Roberts expressed concern over the amount of heavy traffic using Colliery Road.

Parish Clerk

Cllr Duncan Laing again reported pot holes in Church Lane adjacent to the Church.

Parish Clerk

126/06/21.C Next Meeting(s)

Presentation to the Parish Council on a draft Business Plan by the Recreation Project Team on Thursday 1st July 2021 @ 19.00 in St Martins Centre.

Full Council meeting on Thursday 8th July 2021 @ 19.00 in St Martins Centre.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.25

Signed Date

Chairman