

## St Martins Parish Council

### Minutes of a Meeting of the St Martins Parish Council held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7.00 p.m. in St Martins Centre.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs, Neil Arthan, Andrew Cast, Sophie Hughes-Saunier, Duncan Laing, Nina Mistry, Glenn Pennington, Lesley-Anne Roberts, 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.

#### 127/07/21.C Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr's John Hodgson (broken arm) and Natalie Rowley (working late).

**Proposed, seconded and carried that these apologies are accepted.**

The Parish Clerk reported that he had received a letter of resignation from Cllr Paula Rooney who was leaving the country.

#### 128/07/21.C Parish Council Vacancies

The Parish Clerk reported on the current vacancies on the parish council. With the resignation of Paula Rooney there was now three vacancies on the Council. This new vacancy would have to be advertised through Shropshire Council. As regards the other two we had received an application from Mark Hayball to rejoin the Parish Council.

**Proposed:** Cllr Neil Arthan      **Seconded:** Cllr Sue Schofield

**Resolved: that Mark Hayball is accepted on the parish council to fill one of the casual vacancies.**

Subject to no call for an election the two remaining vacancies would be advertised again with a view to try and fill these by the September meeting.

#### 129/07/21.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.**

Action

Parish Clerk

		<u>Action</u>
<b>130/07/21.C</b>	<b>Minutes</b>	
	<b>Proposed:</b> Cllr Duncan Laing <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Andrew Cast	
	<b>Resolved:</b> <b>with one abstention, that the minutes of the Parish Council held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 having been previously circulated be approved and adopted as a true record.</b>	Chairman
<b>131/07/21.C</b>	<b>Urgent Items</b>	
	The Chairman and Parish Clerk had dealt with recent correspondence from the Secretary of St Martins Allotment Association.	Parish Clerk
	There were no other urgent items that related to financial, health and safety issues or issues that required immediate attention.	
<b>132/07/21.C</b>	<b>Public Session</b>	
	There were no members of the public present.	
<b>133/07/21.C</b>	<b>Parish Clerk's Progress Report</b>	
	The Parish Clerk reported that Pickstock Homes have still to complete the remedial work relating to the surfacing of the roads and footpaths at Irvine Gardens.	Parish Clerk
	Our handyman has repaired a water leak at the corner of the Skate Park.	
	All baskets are up and we have purchased the water bowser from Huw Manford for £100. Callum Fox will now carry out the watering.	
	The hedge around the play area is scheduled to be cut by our contractor at the end of the month.	Parish Clerk
	Our thanks go to Cllr Sue Schofield for getting the production of the Village Life up and running again.	
	We have received a request for a 'Moors Chapel' road sign and speed restriction in Moors Lane from a local resident.	Parish Clerk
	The overhanging vegetation along the footpath on Moors Bank has also been reported to highways.	Parish Clerk
<b>134/07/21.C</b>	<b>Recreation Partnership</b>	
	There had been no meeting of the recreation partnership since the last meeting. Paula Rooney had now passed on all the documents and paperwork to Cllr Natalie Rowley. Ian-Hill Trevor and Gareth at DPA would be informed of this change.	

**Proposed:** Cllr Glenn Pennington      **Seconded:** Cllr Neil Arthan

**Resolved:**      **with two abstentions, that the Business Plan is adopted.**

**135/07/21.C      Doctors Surgery**

Cllr Glenn Pennington read out a report he had forwarded to the Oswestry Advertiser expressing concern over the response he had received.

Cllr Steve Davenport on a meeting they had with representatives from the Chirk Surgery who were not very helpful and could not see any reason for re-opening the St Martins Surgery. Both Oswestry and Ellesmere surgeries did not have the capacity to take on any extra patients from St Martins. Talks will continue.

Cllr Steve  
Davenport

**136/07/21.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.

**137/07/21.C      Highways Improvements**

Following results of a feasibility study carried out by Shropshire Council on various designs for improvements to the roundabout by Stans the parish council had resolved that Option 5 was the best. Shropshire Council will now be asked why Option 5 was ruled out and they are now considering Option 2.

Parish  
Clerk

**138/07/21.C      Street Lighting**

Shropshire Council are aware that all Ellesmere Road Street lights are now not working except the one by the Chapel. The Parish Clerk added that the light opposite Green Lane was still with Scottish Power to repair.

Parish  
Clerk

**139/07/21.C      Financial Matters**

**139/07/01/21.C      Accounts approved since last meeting;**

BACS	Neil Rheade	Hanging Baskets	£1155.00
BACS	Cllr Helen Williams	Plants & Compost	£29.12

**139/07/02/21.C      Accounts for payment;**

BACS	E Davies	Salary & Expenses	£844.85
BACS	HMRC	Month 1 PAYE & NI	£248.13
BACS	Nigel Thomas	Play Area Inspections	£36.00
BACS	Huw Manford	Litter Picking, etc.	£373.44
BACS	Huw Manford	Repairing Water Leak	£345.00
BACS	RoSPA	Annual Play Area Inspection	£128.40
BACS	Rialtas Business	Annual Support & Maintenance	£148.80

BACS	Shropshire Council	1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr. Street Lighting Energy	£1356.24
BACS	Vision ICT	Website Hosting	£150.00
BACS	Vision ICT	Hosting Email Accounts	£216.00
BACS	Callum Fox	Watering Baskets	£360.00
BACS	Stans Superstore	2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr. Field Lease	£375.00
BACS	Ash Allum	Lighting for Ifton Colliery	£600.45
DD	Veolia	Bin Emptying	£31.13

Action

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

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

Parish Clerk

The following payment approved at the last meeting has been withdrawn subject to a revised account.

BACS	Ash Allum	Lighting for Ifton Colliery	£600.45
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**139/07/03/21.C      1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. Accounts**

These were noted.

**140/07/21.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.

**Previous Planning Comments**

RE: 21/01012/FUL - Darjeeling, School Lane, St Martins

The Planning Officer has contacted the Parish Clerk with reference to a recent submission of the following comments by the Parish Council:

*'St Martins Parish Council object and have serious reservations to this application on the following grounds;*

*Over development as regards size on a limited site.*

*Size of development will limit the area of outside space.*

*Design not in keeping with the area.*

*Very imposing on School Lane and Ifton Villa.*

*Therefore, the planning officer assigned to this application should take into account all these concerns when making their decision.'*

	<u>Action</u>
<p>In response to these concerns the applicant has explained that since Darjeeling is also within their control there is an option to move the boundary to include more land within the ownership of the new dwelling to improve the ratio of house to curtilage. Therefore, the Planning Officer would be grateful if we would advise as to whether this proposed revision would change the Parish Council's view in any way or whether the above comments would still stand in their entirety.</p> <p><b>Resolved: that our comments still stand.</b></p> <p>There had been no planning decisions and recommendations of the planning authority since the last meeting.</p>	<p>Parish Clerk</p>
<p><b>141/07/21.C Shropshire Council</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Still concern over traffic 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.</p>	<p>Cllr Steve Davenport</p> <p>Cllr Steve Davenport</p>
<p><b>142/07/21.C Shropshire Association of Local Councils (SALC)</b></p> <p>All correspondence received from the County Secretary had been previously been circulated to all Cllr's.</p> <p>Cllr's Helen Williams and Sophie Hughes-Saunier to attend the next area committee meeting.</p>	<p>Parish Clerk</p>
<p><b>143/07/21.C Members Reports</b></p> <p>The Chairman reported that the Parish Council had been presented with a medal to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the closure of Ifton Colliery. This would now be mounted in a frame.</p> <p>The Chairman also reported that Greg Moore had made new planters for the Memorial Garden. These would now be planted up and watered by the Chairman. Cllr Sue Schofield agreed to help with this.</p> <p>The Chairman asked the Parish Clerk to contact Wrekin Housing Trust as hedges from 7, 9, 11 and 13 Overton Road were now protruding over the footpath.</p> <p>Cllr Nina Mistry reported a pot hole in Moors Lane.</p> <p>Cllr Sue Schofield reported that a new 8ft fence has been erected either side of a new apron entrance but no gate and being used regularly as an access to Gilrhos, Overton Road, St Martins, Shropshire which we understand was not part of the original planning approval.</p>	<p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p>

Cllr Sue Schofield also reported that the Speed watch team are now operational.

Action

Cllr Glenn Pennington expressed concern that footballs were coming into the gardens in Garden Village and hedges being damaged from people trying to retrieve them. Cllr Steve Davenport said he would contact Stan’s Superstore over this matter.

Cllr Steve Davenport

Cllr Duncan Laing said that although many people in the village were involved in litter picking there was still a litter problem in many parts of the village and surrounding roads. He also reported all three lights not working in Homestead Avenue, a pot hole at the entrance to this estate and pavement access required at no. 6.

Parish Clerk

Cllr Andrew Cast reported that the roadside bollards have again been damaged in Back Lane.

Parish Clerk

**144/07/21.C Next Meeting(s)**

Full Council meeting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021 @ 19.00 in St Martins Centre.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.14

Signed .....

Date .....

Chairman