

St Martins Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the St Martins Parish Council held on Thursday 14th July 2022 at 7.00 p.m. in St Martins Village Hall.

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

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

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

153/07/22.C Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr's Vivienne Fisher (holiday), John Hodgson (holiday) and Nina Mistry (holiday) plus Tessa Lanstein (no report to give) and the police.

Proposed, seconded and carried that these apologies are accepted.

Cllr Alan Langley was absent.

154/07/22.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.**

155/07/22.C Minutes

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

Resolved: with three abstentions that the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 9th June 2022 having been previously circulated be approved and adopted as a true record.

156/07/22.C Urgent Items

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

157/07/22.C Public Session

No members of the public were present.

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158/07/22.C Parish Clerk's Progress Report

- **Green Lane Hedge.** The hedge belonging to the Ifton Miners Welfare Institute that was overhanging the footpath on Green Lane had now been cut back.
- **Memorial Garden.** Highline Electrical have been asked to investigate one of the Globe Lights in the Memorial Garden which is now on 24/7.
- **Allotments.** Royce Landscapes have cut back the hedge adjacent to the Allotments on Overton Road.
- **Finger Post.** The new finger post for the Moors Lane Chapel has been delivered to them.
- **Notice Boards.** These have all been updated with dates of forthcoming meetings, Councillors, Shropshire Councillor and our MP contact details also added. If space is available other notices relating to events in the parish will be allowed.
- **Manhole Cover.** A missing manhole cover exposing a large dangerous hole in the grass verge on Overton Road adjacent to the entrance to the footpath to Garden Village next to St Martins Village Hall and play area has been reported to Shropshire Council and marked as urgent.
- **Footpath.** The footpath adjacent to Oakfields Farm on Ellesmere Road has been reported to Shropshire Council's Rights of Way Officer for urgent attention.
- **Oswestry – Gobowen Strategic Outline Business Case.** A smaller version of this report has now been forwarded to all Cllr's.
- **Speed Indicator Devises.** Following our concerns over why these devices seem to experience intermittent breaks in power including the position of the one on Overton Road, Cllr Mark Hayball met with a representative from Morelock signs who have now come back with a report and quotation.
- **Pinfold.** Awaiting a quotation from Shropshire Council on repairs required to this.
- **War Memorial.** A pre-application for grant aid has been submitted to the War Memorial Trust. (£4550.25)

159/07/22.C Police Report

PCSO Peter Roberts had sent his apologies. The latest police incident report had been circulated to all Cllr's.

Only Cllr's Sue Schofield and George Smith had forwarded to the parish clerk a response to the latest Police Survey 2022. Proposed by Cllr Sue Schofield, seconded by Cllr Duncan Laing and carried that these are forwarded to the police on behalf of the parish council.

As regards the latest report on 'We Don't Buy Crime' a Towns & Villages Project, the parish clerk would present a report to the September meeting outlining the costs of this project.

Parish Clerk

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160/0722.C St Martins Recreation Partnership

There had been no meeting of the partnership since the last meeting. A report would be presented at the September meeting.

Cllr Glenn Pennington raised the subject of the 3PBL £20,000 grant that had been made to the Recreation Partnership. As a Partner in the 3PBL, he was also the Media Representative, and has been tasked, over the years, with recording some of the grants they have given out and have been doing that over the years. He would like to combine an interview with a Big Cheque presentation (a huge cheque, not real, just looks good displaying the sum of money) with, probably Haulwen, their Chair, presenting it to the Parish Council. Agreed this would take place on Monday 18th July at St Martins Village Hall at 11.30 am with the Chairman of the parish council and parish council representatives on the recreation partnership.

161/07/22.C St Martins Branch Doctors Surgery

The parish clerk reported that the surgery has been part of our community for many years and the building was originally a school and was owned by the Parochial Parish Council and the Lichfield Diocese until 1994 when it was then purchased by the then partners of Chirk surgery, at a purchase price reflecting its use as a community building. The parish council has now written to the Practice Manager at Chirk Surgery asking them to look favourably at our request for a valuation to enable us to work with partners and stakeholders, including themselves to provide local health and care services from the building. We are the largest village in Shropshire without local health care provision; therefore, we have requested a prompt reply to our offer to purchase the building at a fair and reasonable price on behalf of the community and retained as a community asset.

Parish Clerk

Following receipt of letters from Helen Morgan, MP North Shropshire and members of St Martins Parish Council, the GP Partners/building owners have invited us to attend a video meeting to discuss the questions raised. Along with the Chairman and Parish Clerk, Cllr’s Vivienne Fisher, Glenn Pennington and Steve Davenport will attend.

Parish Clerk

162/07/22.C Highway Issues

All recent highway issues are now being reported via Shropshire Council’s Highways department at Whittington and then logged on their ‘Fixmystreet’ At present this seems to be working satisfactory.

163/07/22.C Financial Matters

163/07/01/22.C Accounts Approved since Last Meeting

BACS	N. Chilvers	Watering	£800.00
BACS	BHIB	Insurance	£1028.66

163/07/02/22.C Accounts for Approval

BACS E Davies	Salary & Expenses	£885.64
BACS HMRC	Month 4 PAYE & NI	£255.06
BACS Nigel Thomas	Play Area Inspections	£24.00
BACS Huw Manford	Litter Picking, etc.	£274.79
BACS Office Express	Cllr's Cartridges & Paper	£267.94
BACS PlaySafety	RoSPA Play Area Inspection	£130.20
BACS Stans Superstore	Field Lease 2 nd Qtr.	£375.00
BACS Contas	Moors Lane Finger Post	£222.00
BACS RBS	Alpha Annual Support/Licence	£154.80
BACS Shropshire Council	Street Lighting Energy	£1347.83
BACS Shropshire Council	Local Election Expenses 2021	£100.00
BACS Gallagher	Insurance	£371.36

Proposed: Cllr Duncan Laing **Seconded:** Cllr Glenn Pennington

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

Parish Clerk

163/07/03/22.C Insurance

The parish clerk reported that to cancel the current insurance cover with Gallagher would be £371.36. Compared with their quotation of £1932.90 against BHIB of £1028.66 this still showed a saving of £532.88 by taking out new cover with BHIB. Cllrs retrospectively approved this decision.

163/07/04/22.C Grants

Cllr's Lesley-Anne Roberts and Helen Williams reported that what started off as a small Tuesday morning coffee etc gathering in St Martins Village Hall, had now developed into a very popular event with a wide range of people attending. So far these had been provided by kind donations but now they were looking at a small grant to carry on. Cllr Natalie Rowley questioned why the parish councils small grant application had not been submitted. After some discussion on an amount, it was.

Parish Clerk

Proposed: Cllr Glenn Pennington **Seconded:** Cllr Sue Schofield

Resolved **with 9 votes for and 3 abstentions that subject to receipt of a completed grant application a grant of £500 is approved.**

Parish Clerk

164/07/22.C Street Lighting

Still waiting for Highline Electrical to provide a quotation for an additional streetlight in Garden Village and an update from Shropshire Council on outstanding issues with streetlights that are owned and maintained by them.

Parish Clerk

		<u>Action</u>
165/07/22.C	<p>Planning</p> <p>To consider any new planning applications received since the last meeting.</p> <p>Reference: 22/02528/FUL (validated: 15/06/2022) Address: High Clear, St Martins, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 3HJ Proposal: Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the erection of a single storey extension to bungalow Parish Council Decision: Support</p> <p>There were no planning applications not listed above that were received after the date of publication of this agenda.</p> <p>The following planning decision and recommendation of the planning authority was noted.</p> <p>Reference: 22/01728/FUL (validated: 08/04/2022) Address: 80 New Ifton, St Martins, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 3AB Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension; elevational alterations and ancillary works Decision: Grant Permission</p>	Parish Clerk
166/07/22.C	<p>Shropshire Council</p> <p>Shropshire Cllr Steve Davenport reported that he was still waiting for another design for the roundabout by Stans Superstore.</p> <p>St Martins Village Hall were considering applying for a Lottery Grant to extend this hall.</p> <p>Cllr Sue Schofield reported that staff attending the Shropshire Home for children with special needs were still parking in School Lane.</p>	Cllr Steve Davenport
167/07 /22.C	<p>Shropshire Association of Local Councils (SALC)</p> <p>All correspondence received from the County Secretary had been previously circulated to all Cllr's. The parish clerk reported that he had recently attended a training event on Contracts and Procurement.</p>	
168/07/22.C	<p>North Shropshire MP Helen Morgan</p> <p>There was nothing to report.</p>	
169/07/22.C	<p>Ifton School Development</p> <p>Cllr George Smith reported on a meeting of Ifton Green Stakeholders held on Tuesday 12th July 2022 including a drone fly-over marketing video. See report Appendix A SM/07/22/01 attached. The parish clerk was asked to obtain the plans showing the line of the new water and waste pipes to Ridgeway Rentals.</p>	Parish Clerk

170/07/22.C	Save Our Shropshire	<u>Action</u>
	Cllr Sophie Hughes-Saunier reported that there had been no recent meeting of the Working Group appointed to the Climate & Ecological declaration procedure for St Martins.	
171/07/22.C	Remembrance Day 2022	
	Agreed that Cllr Sue Schofield and the parish clerk would now start on the schedule of events for this year's Remembrance Sunday.	Cllr Sue Schofield & Parish Clerk
172/07/22.C	Members Reports	
	Cllr Neil Arthan said that the broken bollard was still sticking up in the grass verge on Halls Corner.	Parish Clerk
	Cllr Sue Schofield reported that although the bus shelter had been repaired on Ellesmere Road, it still need cleaning including a fresh coat of paint.	Parish Clerk
	Cllr Sue Schofield felt that the slate roof on the bus shelter on Overton Road just before the junction to New Ifton was in need of attention. Cllr George Smith agreed to look at the possibility of installing planting cells that are filled with soil or compost and planted up with low growing perennials and grasses.	Cllr George Smith
	Cllr Helen Williams reported the metal cover loose on the fire hydrant in the grass verge opposite the entrance to New Ifton.	Parish Clerk
173/07/22.C	Next Meeting	
	Full Council meeting on Thursday 8 th September 2022 @ 19.00 in St Martins Village Hall.	
	There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance, and declared the meeting closed at 20.34.	
	Signed	Date
		Chairman

APPENDIX A

<p style="text-align: center;">St Martins Parish Council</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Report Date</u> 12th July 2022</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Parish Council Minute Ref/Date</u> 169/07/22.C - 14th July 2022</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Report Ref</u> SM/07/22/01</p>
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REPORT OF IFTON GREEN STAKEHOLDERS

Councillor: George Smith.

There had been a substantial delay in work due to issues specific to the drainage. However an agreement had been reached with Welsh Water to use the pipe which runs towards Ridgeway Rentals. The pipe will be in need of some relining and the contractors confirmed that 100% of the water and waste will be directed to this pipe. No waste or grey water will run into the Overton Road pipes but the developers will re-line that pipe with a hope it helps the general area.

The contractors have not however been idle. They have revised their schedule and have laid out the road scheme and have constructed the bases of several properties. They are hoping to have built the show home by early 2023.

They have created a drone fly-over marketing video and which will shortly be released. However they will share the video with the stakeholders before publishing. I in turn will share with my fellow councillors. Concern had previously been made over the lack of parking at the Shropshire Home for children with special needs. Great discussion ensued. The contractors explained that they had liaised with Shropshire about the parking restrictions and had made provision for 4 off-road parking spaces during the development. Shropshire had approved this temporary scheme.

Due to Health and Safety restrictions and a legal need to cordon off the whole site, it was impossible for more spaces to be provided. The meeting agreed that the present situation was the best that could be achieved in the short term, despite the occasional parking problems.

The contractors advised that they were still in discussion with the school concerning input from pupils as to the naming of the homes. The school had been contacted on several occasions but without any active response. Hopefully there will be more feedback and cooperation from the school once the new terms starts.

Mention was made about a previous concern that external suppliers were not adhering to the demand of only arriving on site after 8am. The lead contractor admitted that this was a concern to them and that are actively monitoring the times when external vehicles arrive on site to mitigate noise disruption to nearby residents.

Finally the contractors advised that they were still monitoring the issue of bats and the new bat roost. They had been advised that the professional inspection would be around October.

Next meeting planned for September / October and with a hope that there can be a walk-round the site.