

St Martins Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the St Martins Parish Council held on Thursday 12th January 2017 at 7.00 p.m. in the Community Centre, St Martins.

PRESENT: Cllr's A. Allum, A. Cast, G. Fryer, N. Graham, M. Hayball, B. Herbert, J. Hoos, D. Laing, J. Lewis, N. Mistry, G. Pennington, L. A. Roberts, J. Sands, S. Schofield and J. Stevens.

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

In the Chair: Cllr S. Schofield.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting including our new member Nina Mistry. The Chairman added that we should seek nominations again for the Unsung Hero Award by placing an advert in the village life so that these can be awarded before the elections in May. This was agreed.

001/01/17.C Public Participation

Resolved that with no members of the public present, the Council moved on to the next item of business at 7.01 p.m.

The Chairman updated members on the Ifton Colliery Project, the next event being held on the 18th February 2017. She was visiting all adjoining parishes to seek support on this and was undertaking herself a sponsored swim.

002/01/17.C Apologies for Absence

All Members were present.

003/01/17.C Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Resolved: to note that no Disclosable Pecuniary interests were received on any item included on the agenda in accordance with Sections 50-52, Local Government Act 2000 and The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (England) Act 2001 and no applications for dispensations.

004/01/17.C Minutes

Proposed: Cllr G. Fryer

Seconded: Cllr J. Hoos

Resolved: with two abstentions that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 8th December 2017 having been previously circulated be confirmed as a correct record, signed by the Chairman and adopted.

Action

Chairman

005/01/17.C Parish Clerk's Progress Report

With the Christmas and New Year period since the last meeting there was very little to report. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Cllr John Stevens had been very busy over this period however working on details for next year's budget which will be presented to the Finance Committee at the end of the month.

Finance: - Accounts for payment

E Davies	Salary & Expenses January	£970.21
Nigel Thomas	Play Area Inspections	£24.00
Daren Brewer	Cleaning Play Areas/Planting	£155.00
Highline Electrical	Street Lighting Repairs	£569.56
SALC	Training	£66.00
Stans Superstore	4th Quarterly Lease	£375.00

Report/update from Divisional Surveyor

All highway reports from last meeting have been reported through the Oswestry. Please note always report any issues to the Parish Clerk as soon as they occur so they can be reported to highways that day.

Report/update from Police by Kate Le'Clere

Police report for December now received and circulated. Apologies received for tonight's meeting.

Kate Le'Clere has however reported that a place has come up for St. Martins on the Community Speed watch Scheme and I have passed your email address to Adnan Ali who is the Speed watch Co-ordinator. He will be in touch with you to get the ball rolling. I expect we may need to meet up at some point to discuss it. Awaiting further information.

Street Lighting:-

All reported faults have been repaired by either Highline Electrical or Shropshire Council.

Planning

Below is a copy of a letter sent to Nick Scott straight after our December meeting by Mark Perry Shropshire Council's Planning Officer;

Dear Mr Scott,

I understand that there has been a lot of discussion with the Parish Council about the existing hedgerows that runs along the south eastern and north boundaries of the development site and whether they are to be removed.

To clarify, the plans that were approved by the Local Planning Authority clearly show that these hedgerows are to be retained as part of the development and not removed. This is other than the short sections that need to be removed to create the access and footpath links. The landscaping details shown on the approved plans were then secured by condition 11 of the original planning consent (OS/07/15162/FUL). The existing mature hedgerows make an important contribution to the character of St Martins helping it to integrate with its rural surroundings. If the hedgerows have become overgrown or too large I am sure that with appropriate maintenance and management they will continue to make a valuable contribution both to the appearance of the new development and St Martins as a whole. If the hedges are removed then this would be a breach of planning permission and could result in the Council considering enforcement action. I would be grateful if you could confirm to me what the intentions are for the hedges referred to.

Next Meeting(s)

Members noted the following next meeting(s) of the parish council;

Three Parishes Council Meeting 19th January 2017 at 7pm at St Martins Community Centre.

Finance Committee Meeting 26th January 2017 at 7pm at St Martins Community Centre.

Full Council Meeting 9th February 2017 at 7pm at St Martins Community Centre.

006/01/17.C Police Report

The latest police update on local incidents had been circulated to all Members prior to the meeting. Adnan Ali, Community Speed Watch (CWS) Co-ordinator for the Warwickshire Police and West Mercia Police had informed the parish council that following our enquiry from St. Martins in August 2015 via a member of the Safer Neighbourhood team (SNT) they are now in a position to offer CSW to St. Martins and the next step is for volunteers to be recruited.

The police have a criteria and a procedure in setting up CSW and St Martins has gone through this procedure successfully. The roads of concern that was brought forward was Overton Road, between Stans Superstore and The Keys. This section of road is where we would look to set up a group. Other areas can be considered at a later date.

They require a minimum of six volunteers to form a group, one of which is nominated as group leader. They have no limit on the amount of members that a group can have. If the roads are suitable for Community Speed Watch then they carry out a risk assessment on the roads and choose the locations where the volunteers will stand and conduct their activities. Safer Roads Partnership provide all training and equipment to get the scheme going.

Action

Anyone wishing to be considered should firstly contact the Parish Clerk at clerk@stmartinsparishcouncil.gov.uk or on 01743 366420 for further details.

007/01/17.C Financial Matters**007/01/17.1 Accounts for payment;**

2146	E Davies	Salary & Expenses January	£970.21
2147	Nigel Thomas	Play Area Inspections	£24.00
2148	Daren Brewer	Cleaning Play Areas/Planting	£155.00
2149	Highline Electrical	Street Lighting Repairs	£569.56
2150	SALC	Cllr Training	£66.00
2151	Stans Superstore	4th Qtr Lease	£375.00
2152	Glenn Pennington	Travel	£24.30

Proposed: Cllr D. Laing

Seconded: Cllr N. Graham

Resolved: that the above payments be authorized.

Parish Clerk

007/01/17.2 Income

There had been no income since the last meeting.

007/01/17.3 Bank Statements

These were on file and noted.

008/01/17.C Planning

The following schedule of planning application(s) was considered;

New Planning Applications published on 05/12/2016 relating to parish of: St Martins

Reference: 16/05463/TPO (validated: 05/12/2016)

Address: 1 Firs Close, St Martins, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 3LT

Proposal: To drawback limbs by 30% of 1 No Sycamore Tree protected by The Council of the Borough of Oswestry (The Land at the Firs, Ellesmere Road, ST Martins, Oswestry) TPO 2003

Applicant: Mr George Smith (1 Firs Close, Ellesmere Road, St Martins, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 3LT)

The Parish Council agreed to support this.

Parish Clerk

Schedule of additional planning application(s)

To consider any 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.

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New Planning Applications published on 10/01/2017 relating to parish of: St Martins

Reference: 16/05399/FUL (validated: 09/01/2017)

Address: 7 Irvine Road (Plot 9 Irvine Gardens), St Martins, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 3FH

Proposal: Erection of a detached single garage

Applicant: Pickstock Homes (FAO Mr William Davies, 17 Mile Oak, Maesbury Road, Oswestry, SY10 8GA, Shropshire)

The Parish Council deferred a decision on this until more detailed plans were available.

Parish Clerk

There were no other additional planning applications received after the date of publication of this agenda due to response time frames set by Shropshire Council.

Members noted the following planning decisions and recommendations of the planning authority listed in the schedule below.

Planning Decisions published on 21/12/2016 relating to parish of: St Martins

Reference: 16/04553/FUL (validated: 14/10/2016)

Address: Gilrhos, Overton Road, St Martins, Oswestry, SY11 3HA

Proposal: Conversion of outbuilding to form self-contained ancillary accommodation to include erection of first floor extension and single storey extension

Decision: Grant Permission

009/01/17.C Shropshire Council

Shropshire Cllr Steve Davenport reported that he still had to arrange a meeting to progress the sale of Ifton School.

He reminded Cllr's that it was important that as many as possible attend Three Parishes Council Meeting on the 19th January 2017 at 7pm at St Martins Community Centre. Even at this stage the parish council should place a register of interest in possible devolved services. Cllr's stressed that this would only be on the condition that these areas are freehold. As regards the new SC Highway Maintenance contract Cllr's requested a copy of the tender documents when these are released by SC.

In response to a previous discussion on planning conditions, Cllr G. Pennington suggested SC are asked to consider in future holding a small bond on developers until SC are happy that they have met all the requirements and conditions agreed in the application. This was agreed.

Parish Clerk

	Street Lighting	<u>Action</u>
010/01/17.C	<p>Cllr J. Sands reported a light out opposite the Church by the bungalows.</p> <p>Cllr N. Graham reported a light out in Colliery Lane.</p>	Parish Clerk
011/01/17.C	<p>Shropshire Association of Parish/Town Councils (SALC)</p> <p>Members noted correspondence received from the County Secretary.</p> <p>There was nothing further to report.</p>	
012/01/17.C	<p>War Memorial</p> <p>This was on going.</p>	
013/01/17.C	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>All items of correspondence had been circulated to all Members via email since the last meeting. Other items included;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Community Speed Watch ➤ Road Closure Rhyn Lane ➤ Garden Party Buckingham Palace ➤ Police & Crime Commissioner ➤ SC Expressions of Interest ➤ Election Timetable ➤ Register of Electors, Updates ➤ Clerk's & Councils Direct 	
014/01/17.C	<p>Members Reports</p> <p>Cllr D. Laing reported on previous concerns he had in the Cottage Lane area. A pedestrian sign which was removed by the developers had not been put back although it is sitting in the hedge. The give way road markings have not been applied on the entrance to the new development and what appears to be Police cones are blocking the unfinished air vents on septic tank on said development.</p> <p>Cllr N. Graham reported more fly tipping in Clerk's Lane.</p> <p>Cllr G. Fryer asked if you could chase up a dog/litter bin for Cottage Lane.</p> <p>Cllr G. Fryer reported signs by the pedestrian crossing pointing in the wrong direction.</p> <p>Cllr J. Stevens said that recent repairs to the road surface either side of Escob bridge, which were done to a poor standard, are now breaking up again and the road surface is being washed away.</p>	<p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p>

Cllr J. Lewis expressed concern over the lack of road salting in the Glynmorlas area.

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015/01/17.C Next Meeting

Members noted that the next meeting of the parish council will be;

Finance Committee Meeting 26th January 2017 at 7pm at St Martins Community Centre.

Full Council Meeting 9th February 2017 at 7pm at St Martins Community Centre.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.08 p.m.

Signed

Date

Chairman