

St Martins Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the St Martins Parish Council held on Thursday 9th February 2017 at 7.00 p.m. in the Community Centre, St Martins.

PRESENT: Cllr's A. Cast, G. Fryer, N. Graham, B. Herbert, J. Hoos, 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 a representative from the press.

023/02/17.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.

024/02/17.C Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr's M. Hayball (working) and D. Laing (working).

025/02/17.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.

026/02/17.C Minutes

Proposed: Cllr J. Hoos
Seconded: Cllr G. Fryer

Resolved: that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 12th January 2017 having been previously circulated be confirmed as a correct record, signed by the Chairman and adopted.

027/02/17.C Finance Committee

Cllr N. Graham declared a non-pecuniary interest in Ifton Meadows.

Cllr J. Stevens as Chairman of the Finance Committee explained the budget proposals for 2017/18 including insurance cover, Chairman's Allowance, training and the spread of the £75,000 received from the Wrekin Housing Trust.

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Chairman

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Proposed: Cllr G. Fryer
Seconded: Cllr L. A. Roberts

Resolved: with one abstention that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on Thursday 26th January 2017 having been previously circulated be confirmed as a correct record, signed by the Chairman and adopted.

Chairman

028/02/17.C Parish Clerk's Progress Report

Finance: - Accounts for payment

E Davies	Salary & Expenses February	£1119.71
Nigel Thomas	Play Area Inspections	£24.00
Daren Brewer	Cleaning Play Areas/Planting	£130.00
Highline Electrical	Street Lighting Repairs	£338.50
Stans Superstore	Christmas Tree	£50.00
Agritel	Paper	£157.92
Village Life	Grant	£700.00

Report/update from Divisional Surveyor

All highway reports from last meeting have been reported through the Oswestry. Below is the latest update from DS.

Glynmorlas Area - lack of road salting in this area. Action: - Routes other than the defined network are only treated in times of snow or when the road temperature has been <0Deg C for more than 24hs. If you'd let me/Nick know exactly where you'd like a salt bin in the Glynmorlas area we'll do a risk assessment & see if the location is suitable

Escob Bridge - recent repairs to the road surface either side of Escob Bridge. Action: - This has recently been potholed, we'll monitor it to ensure that it is kept safe

Overton Road - road sign by the new pedestrian crossing in Overton Road, St Martins, is pointing in the wrong direction. Action: - We'll inspect & turn it to point in the correct direction

Cottage Lane - request a dog/litter bin in Cottage Lane St Martins. Action:- These combined bins are £300 to buy & install and £300 per year to empty, we can supply if you have the funding

Clerk's Lane -fly tipping in Clerk's Lane, St Martins. Action: We'll inspect & deal with

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. Action: - This has not yet been adopted, we'll ask the developers to replace the sign next time we're in the area, we will only adopt this once all the markings have been done, the cones/septic tank issue is not highways related. I've copied this to Mark Wootton, Mark deals with development control issues in North Shropshire

Street Lighting:-

All reported faults have been repaired by either Highline Electrical or Shropshire Council including the one in Moors Bank.

Ifton School:-

Meeting set with Shropshire Council Officers for Tuesday 21st February at 10.00 am at Ifton School.

Community Speed Watch

To-date no volunteers to form a group have come forward. Minimum required is six.

Clerk's Lane

Re page 3 in the Village Life concerning the damaged road sign in Clerk's Lane. Ann Sadler has reported that she has lived in the lane for over 8 years now and there has always been a discrepancy of the spelling of the lane. She always put on any correspondence Clarkes Lane as that is the spelling on the council tax and land registry. Also on the Post office postcode finder it is spelt Clarkes Lane. And also when you put in your postcode when buying items online, it is spelt the same Clarkes Lane.

There are only 6 houses in the lane and one of these is unoccupied, I don't know how anyone else spells it, although I think Barbara spells it Clarkes Lane. Maybe it should have remained Rhosyllan Lane as it was in the 1901 census. It was changed to Clarks lane (no E) between 1901 and 1904 (Rebecca Price died here in 1904).

Cllr's said if it had been like this for more than 100 years, why should it be changed? Over time this had gradually become Clarkes Lane – sat-navs all referred to it as Clarkes Lane, and the street signs were spelled the same way – and because of the confusion, maybe it should be officially known as Clarkes Lane.

Proposed: Cllr L. A. Roberts

Seconded: Cllr A. Cast

Resolved: with 8 votes for, 1 vote against and 1 abstention that this area should remain as Clarkes Lane.

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Next Meeting(s)

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

029/02/17.C Police Report

Again there was no police report. The Parish Clerk had been informed by Oswestry police that they had received direction from their inspector that they should not be producing monthly crime figures for our meetings, as these are already available on the internet for anyone who wishes to view them. Cllr's expressed concern that St Martins figures were last updated in November with no report given for the Village Life compared to reports in The Wren. A letter of concern would be sent to John Campion West Mercia Police & Crime Commissioner.

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The Parish Clerk said they still require a minimum of six volunteers to form a Community Speed Watch group, one of which is nominated as group leader.

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

**029/02/17.C Financial Matters
(Added)**

Cllr's agreed to consider this item which had been omitted by mistake from the agenda.

029/02/17.1 Accounts for payment;

2153	E Davies	Salary & Expenses February	£1119.71
2154	Nigel Thomas	Play Area Inspections	£24.00
2155	Daren Brewer	Cleaning Play Areas/Planting	£130.00
2156	Highline Electrical	Street Lighting Repairs	£338.50
2157	Stans Superstore	Xmas Tree	£50.00
2158	Cancelled		
2159	Village Life	Grant	£700.00

Proposed: Cllr N. Graham

Seconded: Cllr J. Hoos

Resolved: that the above payments be authorized.

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029/02/17.2 Income

There had been no income since the last meeting.

029/02/17.3 Bank Statements

These were on file and noted.

030/02/17.C Parish Council Cluster Meeting (LJC)

Cllr's considered the general responses, views and questions raised at a recent meeting of the LJC on joint working opportunities on the 19th January with officers from Shropshire Council.

Cllr J. Stevens expressed concern over the working of the proposed agreement Shropshire Council were putting forward for the transfer of amenity sites. It was still the view of the parish council that they would not consider any amenity site unless on a freehold basis.

Areas considered for registering an interest included; Oakfields/Fir Close, Laburnam Close/Juniper Close (playing field), Cherry Tree Drive (both sides of the road), Ellesmere Road/Cherry Tree Drive and Churchfields (play area).

Cllr's G. Fryer, N. Graham, Nina Mistry, S. Schofield and J. Stevens agreed to meet on the 24th February at 2.00 pm to consider any other sites that the parish council may consider taking over the responsibility based on a freehold basis.

031/02/17.C Precept 2017/2018

Proposed: Cllr N. Graham

Seconded: Cllr J. Hoos

Resolved: to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee to set a precept for the financial year 2017/2018 of £50,199.

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032/02/17.C Ifton Colliery Project

Cllr's S. Schofield and J. Stevens declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item.

Proposed: Cllr N. Graham

Seconded: Cllr A. Cast

Resolved: to support a written letter of support for this project.

This letter would be available for all Cllr's to sign at the March meeting.

033/02/17.C Planning

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

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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 agreed to support this.

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New Planning Applications published on 19/01/2017 relating to parish of: St Martins

Reference: 17/00216/OUT (validated: 17/01/2017)
Address: Land Adj Meverley House, Church Lane, St Martins, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 3AP
Proposal: Outline application (all matters reserved) for the erection of one single storey dwelling
Applicant: Mr Peter Rowlands (Meverley House, Church Lane, St Martins, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 3AP)

The Parish Council made no comment to this application at the Outline stage.

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New Planning Applications published on 02/02/2017 relating to parish of: St Martins

Reference: 16/05823/FUL (validated: 01/02/2017)
Address: Gledrid Farm, Gledrid, Chirk, Wrexham, Shropshire, LL14 5DG
Proposal: Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the conversion of redundant agricultural buildings to 2No dwellings and 3No two bay detached garage; formation of new access road and site infrastructure
Applicant: Mr Derrick Dulson (Brook Building, St Martins Road, Gobowen, Oswestry)

The Parish Council requests that Shropshire Council ensures that all existing Rights of Way including historical green lanes are maintained and subsequent networks that feed from them as this land has a promoted route across it.

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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.

There were none.

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

Planning Decisions published on 26/01/2017 relating to parish of: St Martins

Reference: 16/05026/FUL validated: 02/12/2016)

Address: 11 Moors Bank, St Martins, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 7BE

Proposal: Formation of dropped kerb.

Decision: Grant Permission

Planning Decisions published on 30/01/2017 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 1No Sycamore Tree protected by The Council of the Borough of Oswestry (The Land at the Firs, Ellesmere Road, ST Martins, Oswestry) TPO 2003

Decision: Grant Permission

Planning Decisions published on 01/02/2017 relating to parish of: St Martins

Reference: 16/05216/FUL validated: 23/11/2016)

Address: Land to the North of Bank Top Industrial Estate, St Martins, Shropshire

Proposal: Proposed commercial unit for B1, B2, B8, trade counter and reclamation display area use with associated external works

Decision: Refuse

034/02/17.C Shropshire Council

Shropshire Cllr Steve Davenport reported that he had arranged a meeting to discuss the future of Ifton School for the 21st February 2017. This would be the start of a long process. He had met with Shropshire Council Estates department stressing that the priority is that the school is kept and not demolished.

Other issues of interest included further consultation on SAMDev, Tourism, Licensing and the future structure of the three planning committees.

In response to a previous discussion on planning conditions,

Proposed: Cllr G. Pennington

Seconded: Cllr J. Stevens

Resolved: to write to Ian Kilby at Shropshire Council (SC) to consider putting in place a system by holding a small bond on developers until SC are happy that they have met all the requirements and conditions agreed in the application.

Parish Clerk

035/02/17.C Street Lighting

Cllr N. Graham reported a light out in Lewis Close.

Cllr G. Fryer reported a light out in Cottage Lane.

The Chairman reported a light out on Stans Superstore Wall and one at the junction of Green Lane and Cherry Tree Lane.

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036/02/17.C Shropshire Association of Parish/Town Councils (SALC)

Members noted correspondence received from the County Secretary.

The Chairman reported on a meeting this week in Oswestry on the review of the Local Plan which was presented by Adrian Cooper, Planning Policy & Strategy Manager, Shropshire Council. Cllr's G. Pennington & J. Stevens also attended this meeting. The New Plan period will be 2016 to 2036 which means SC have to update growth requirements and consequent changes to sites and policies. One option would be a continuation of the current Core Strategy Policy CS1. This option is most closely aligned with actual levels of housing delivery seen over the previous 10 years and represents the aspiration for 'rural rebalance' as advocated in the Core Strategy and SAMDev. Monitoring shows that the current policy framework is working effectively. Our Place Plan and Parish Plan will also require an update.

Proposed: Cllr J. Stevens

Seconded: Cllr J. Hoos

Resolved: to suspend Standing Orders.

As the first stage of the consultation ends on the 20th March it was agreed to set up a Working Group to response to the consultation on the Local Plan Review. Cllr's A. Cast, N. Graham, J. Hoos, G. Pennington and J. Stevens agreed to stand on this Working Group. Shropshire Cllr S. Davenport would also be invited. Cllr J. Stevens to arrange meeting date.

037/02/17.C War Memorial

This was on going.

038/02/17.C Correspondence

All items of correspondence had been circulated to all Members via email since the last meeting. Other items included;

- Register of Electors, Updates
- Planning Consultation
- Police Report
- Partial Review Shropshire Local Plan

039/02/17.C Members Reports

Cllr B. Herbert expressed concern that on land opposite The Keys in Overton Road, hedges and fences had been cleared along with a fence which is alongside an electricity substation. This has left this area in a dangerous condition as access from road is now available to the substation.

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Parish Clerk

Cllr L. A. Roberts reported vehicles damaging the grass verge adjacent to their property and suggested the only way to stop this was by installing bollards.

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Cllr N. Ministry expressed concern that vehicles were parking in both bus stop laybys at the top of Moors Bank opposite the school resulting in a traffic issue when a bus is parked on either side of the road. Clarification was required on whether any enforcement action could be taken.

Parish Clerk

040/02/17.C Next Meeting

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

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

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.15 p.m.

Signed Date

Chairman