

St Martins Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the St Martins Parish Council held on Thursday 13th April 2017 at 7.00 p.m. in the Community Centre, St Martins.

PRESENT: Cllr's G. Fryer, N. Graham, B. Herbert, J. Hoos, J. Lewis, N. Mistry, L. A. Roberts, J. Sands, S. Schofield and J. Stevens.

Also in attendance: Shropshire Cllr Steve Davenport, CSO Dave Hughes, four members of the public and the Parish Clerk.

In the Chair: Cllr S. Schofield.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

064/04/17.C Public Participation

Helen Williams expressed concern that Nevod Lane was not being maintained by Shropshire Council. This Lane, which was tarmacked, is now a muddy tractor track and cannot be used by cars or bikes and in places is difficult for walkers. Other areas include Clarkes Lane and Pistol Lane where here the drains are also blocked. Helen Williams also expressed concern that only two residents in Kimberley Lane wanted the access closed at one end while Shropshire Council are considering applying a weight restriction and access only for this Lane. Agreed to look at these at a future meeting.

Helen Shackle expressed concern over the difficulty HGV's are having turning out of Overton Road into Ellesmere Road round the mini island. Again it was agreed to look at this at a future meeting.

Resolved that with no other members of the public present wishing to raise any concerns, the Council moved on to the next item of business at 7.20 p.m.

065/04/17.C Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr's A. Cast, M. Hayball (poorly), D. Laing (working) and G. Pennington (family commitments).

066/04/17.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.

Action

Action**067/04/17.C Minutes****Proposed:** Cllr J. Hoos**Seconded:** Cllr J. Lewis

Resolved: with 1 abstention, that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 9th March 2017 having been previously circulated be confirmed as a correct record, signed by the Chairman and adopted.

Chairman

068/04/17.C Litter Picking/Cleaning Contract 2017/2020

Cllr's considered two tenders received for the new contract for Litter Picking/Cleaning 2017/2020.

Cllr J. Stevens said that the tender documents had been laid out very clear.

Proposed: Cllr J. Stevens**Seconded:** Cllr G. Fryer

Resolved: with 1 abstention, to accept the tender from Huw Manford. A letter of thanks would be sent to Darren and Ruth Brewer for the work they had done for the parish council over a number of years.

Parish Clerk

069/04/17.C Hanging Basket Contract

Cllr's considered the three quotations received for the new contract for hanging baskets.

Proposed: Cllr J. Stevens**Seconded:** Cllr N. Mistry

Resolved: to accept the tender from Neil Rheade. Tenders were still required for the watering.

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070/04/17.C Parish Clerk's Progress Report**Finance: - Accounts for payment**

E Davies	Salary & Expenses April	£994.75
Nigel Thomas	Play Area Inspections	£24.00
Daren Brewer	Cleaning Play Areas/Planting	£195.00
Highline Electrical	Street Lighting Repairs	£417.70
SALC	Affiliation Fees	£961.14
Huw Manford	General Maintenance	£374.78
Mr George Triggs	Commemorative Statue	£1000.00
Medals UK	Colliery Medals	£3990.54
Shropshire Council	Street Lighting	£1024.82

Receipts: Precept of £50,199.00 plus a further £9,352.68 Neighbourhood Fund which is 15% of the CIL funds generated in the St Martins parish which has solely come from the development west of Cottage Lane.

Audit: The accounts for the year ending 31st March 2017 are balanced and reconciled and will now be forwarded for internal audit.

Report/update from Divisional Surveyor

All highway reports from the last meeting have been reported through the Oswestry Office.

Old Moors Lane (Watery Lane). Following another report over the motorcycle group using a bridle way in this area, Shropshire Council (SC) have been asked to shed some light on what the lane is supposed to be used for, or rather the historic track. They have now confirmed that Old Moors Lane in St Martins is recorded as an unclassified County Road, U1019/20 and U1021/1. Some time ago an order was made by SC to add the route to their map of Public Rights of Way as a bridleway. However evidence revealed that the whole of the route was a county road which resulted in this proposal being withdrawn and not confirmed. Their understanding now is that in order to have a County Road altered someone would need to apply for a stopping up order under the provisions of Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980. This has now been passed to Chris Fisher in Highways for action.

Community Speed Watch: Alex Drury, North Shropshire Volunteering Outreach Officer for the Oswestry Community Action who is currently funded by Three Parishes Big Local to promote volunteering in the Three Parishes Area, has enquired how the project is progressing to recruit volunteers. He would you like to register this opportunity with us and they can promote it at their drop-ins and events in the area and through their website.

Parish Council Elections 4th May 2017. Following the close of nominations on the 4th April 2017 all 15 seats have been filled with the existing Cllr's and therefore there will be no election. There will be an election for the Shropshire Council Unitary Ward.

Next Meeting(s)

Annual Parish Meeting on the 20th April 2017 at 7.00 pm, the **Annual Meeting** on the 11th May 2017 at 7pm followed by a **Full Council Meeting**, all held in St Martins Community Centre.

070/04/17.C Police Report

CSO Dave Hughes reported on recent speed checks on Ellesmere Road and Moors Bank. Still have to carry out checks on Overton Road but these can only be carried out in one direction.

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Cllr J. Stevens requested a monthly report on speed surveys in the parish. With reference to Moors Bank, Cllr N. Mistry asked if any fines had been handed out to motorists in this area. Dave said the CSO's did not have the power to book motorists but can report incidents of speeding.

Dave reported that with the change in vehicle license disc's not being displayed it was causing more problems for the police to check which vehicles were not licensed. He added that anyone can check these out through the DVLA website. Another issue to be aware of was bogus callers and maintenance work on properties, especially the elderly who they seem to target.

Cllr J. Lewis asked if some speed checks could be carried out around the Glynmorlas area.

072/04/17.C Financial Matters**072/04/17.1 Accounts for payment;**

2169 E Davies	Salary & Expenses April	£994.75
2170 Nigel Thomas	Play Area Inspections	£24.00
2172 Daren Brewer	Cleaning Play Areas/Planting	£195.00
2173 Highline Electrical	Street Lighting Repairs	£417.70
2174 SALC	Affiliation Fees	£961.14
2175 Huw Manford	General Maintenance	£374.78
2176 Mr George Triggs	Commemorative Statue	£1000.00
2177 Medals UK	Colliery Medals	£3990.54
2178 Shropshire Council	Street Lighting	£1024.82

Proposed: Cllr G. Fryer

Seconded: Cllr J. Hoos

Resolved: that the above payments be authorized.

Cllr's then considered a quotation from RoSPA for the annual inspection of our play area and equipment in June of £101.50 inline with last year.

Proposed: Cllr G. Fryer

Seconded: Cllr B. Herbert

Resolved: that the parish council accept the quotation from RoSPA for the Annual inspection.

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072/04/17.2 Income

Precept of £50,199.00 plus a further £9,352.68 Neighbourhood Fund which is 15% of the CIL funds generated in the St Martins parish which has solely come from the development west of Cottage Lane.

Action**072/04/17.3 Bank Statements**

These were on file and noted.

073/04/17.C Planning

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

New Planning Applications published on 14/03/2017 relating to parish of: St Martins

Reference: 17/01072/FUL (validated: 06/03/2017)

Address: Meadow View, Clarkes Lane, St Martins, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 3ES

Proposal: Erection of 2 storey rear extension

Applicant: Mr and Mrs Eratt and Baine

The Parish Council agreed to support this application.

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New Planning Applications published on 28/03/2017 relating to parish of: St Martins

Reference: 17/01284/VAR (validated: 17/03/2017)

Address: Ifton Heath Former Primary School, Overton Road, Ifton Heath, St Martins, Shropshire, SY11 3DH

Proposal: Variation of Condition No. 1 attached to permission 15/00537/FUL to allow for the family to remain on site for a further temporary period of twelve months

Applicant: Shropshire Council (The Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND)

The Parish Council agreed to support this application.

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Schedule of additional planning application(s)

There were no additional planning applications not listed above that were received after the date of publication of this agenda due to response time frames set by Shropshire Council.

Listed below are planning decisions and recommendations of the planning authority since the last meeting.

Planning Decisions published on 31/03/2017 relating to parish of: St Martins

Reference: 17/00216/OUT (validated: 17/01/2017)

Address: Proposed Dwelling North Of Melverley House, Church Lane, St Martins, Shropshire

Proposal: Outline application (all matters reserved) for the erection of one single storey dwelling

Decision: Grant Permission

Action**074/04/17.C Ifton Colliery Project**

The Chairman gave a progress report on this project. The artwork for the Medals has now been signed off and these are now on order. The next event would be on the 13th May when a Male Voice Choir would perform. Tickets £5 each for a table of 10. The Chairman's sponsored swim would take place on Wednesday 19th April 2017. Already raised over £1,200. Other events are now being considered.

075/04/17.C Transfer of Services/Amenity Sites.

Cllr J. Stevens reported on the latest LJC meeting on looking at possible areas of amenity land to which the Parish Council might wish to register with Shropshire Council an Expression of Interest on a Freehold basis only. This meeting was very poorly attended. The parish clerk's of the three parishes would look at what contracts are already in place and dates for renewal.

076/04/17.C Shropshire Council

Cllr's noted correspondence received from Shropshire Council since the last meeting.

Shropshire Cllr Steve Davenport was asked to investigate the possibility of Shropshire Council providing a litter bin for the Windy Ridge area.

077/04/17.C Street Lighting

Cllr's reported lights still out in Cherry Tree Drive opposite the junction to Green Lane and one in Cottage Lane. Both these required need columns.

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078/04/17.C Shropshire Association of Parish/Town Councils (SALC)

Members noted correspondence received from the County Secretary.

079/04/17.C Correspondence

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

- Register of Electors updates.
- Police report.
- Clerk's & Council's Direct.

080/04/17.C Members Reports

Cllr J. Lewis reported rubbish dumped along Glynmorlas Lane, mainly for motorists leaving take-away shops in the surrounding areas.

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Cllr L. A. Roberts reported an increase in dog mess in the village.

Cllr N. Mistry reported rubbish again around the three take-away shops in Overton Road and the bins in Moors Lane not being emptied on a regular basis.

Cllr J. Hoos again felt the bus stop on the junction to Moors Lane should be moved further back from the highway.

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081/04/17.C Next Meeting

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

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There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance over the last twelve months and declared the meeting closed at 20.48 p.m.

Signed Date

Chairman