

**St Martins Parish Council**

**Minutes of a Meeting of the St Martins Parish Council held on Thursday 11th May 2017 at 7.35 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, G. Pennington, L. A. Roberts, J. Sands, S. Schofield and J. Stevens.

Also in attendance: Shropshire Cllr Steve Davenport, CSO Pete Roberts and the Parish Clerk.

In the Chair: Cllr G. Pennington.

**082/05/17.C Public Participation**

**Resolved** that with no members of the public present wishing to raise any concerns, the Council moved on to the next item of business at 7.36 p.m.

**083/05/17.C Apologies for Absence**

An apology for absence had been received from Cllr N. Mistry (poorly).

**084/05/17.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.

At this point it was agreed to bring forward item 087/05/17.C Police Report.

**087/05/17.C Police Report**

CSO Pete Roberts introduced himself to the meeting. He had been based at Oswestry since November so knew our area and the current problems. He firstly went through the crime figures for our parish for April. Cllr's requested figures from recent speed checks in the village.

A number of Cllr's expressed concern over the Traffic Management scheme for the A5 Gledrid junction and questioned why bollards are left overnight restricting traffic movement when no works were taking place. These concerns would be passed on to Highways England. Cllr's also suggested the police monitor the traffic flow in this area once this work has been completed.

Although we now had six volunteers for the community speed watch scheme it was agreed that we still need more people to come forward for training.

Concerns were still being expressed over vehicles, including HGV's parking on pavements and grass verges. Agreed that a meeting should be set up with the police to witness this and try and come up with some answers to this problem.

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Parish Clerk

Police

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It was agreed that in future Cllr's should forward any police issues they have to the Parish Clerk at least a week before a meeting so that these could be forwarded to the police to respond back at the next meeting.

All Cllr's

**085/05/17.C Minutes**

**Proposed:** Cllr J. Hoos

**Seconded:** Cllr G. Fryer

**Resolved:** with 4 abstentions, that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 13th April 2017 having been previously circulated be confirmed as a correct record, signed by the Chairman and adopted.

Chairman

**086/05/17.C Parish Clerk's Progress Report**

The Parish Clerk said there was very little to report this month that was not already included on agenda items for this meeting mainly due to the Local Elections which seem to have taken up most council staff time.

**Report/update from Divisional Surveyor**

All highway reports from the last meeting have been reported through the Oswestry Office. Recent reports include the illuminated bollards between the fish and chip shop and the surgery down the village are not working, in fact we think one of them is missing altogether.

Regular updates are received and passed on concerning the improvement work at the Traffic Management scheme for the A5 Gledrid junction.

**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 now been given the names of six volunteers for this scheme. We await further information.

**Environmental Issues**

It had just been reported today from Shelia Tidmarsh of 31 Moors Bank over her concerns and that of her neighbours over the number of rats in this area. Shropshire Cllr Steve Davenport agreed to follow this up.

Cllr Steve Davenport

**Planning**

An Outline Application for the erection of eight dwelling on land to the west of Cottage Lane, which had been refused by Shropshire Council, has now failed at appeal.

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Reasons given were the proposed site is located close to a settlement identified as a part of a community hub under CS4 where a limited amount of infill development could be supported on allocated sites as infill within the defined development boundary. However, whilst the site is surrounded by other residential development is not located within the development boundary and is not one of the exceptions set out under policy CS5. In addition housing developments already approved in the settlement would already significantly exceed the housing guideline within SAMDev. The proposal would therefore be contrary to policy S14.2(v) and MD3 of SAMDev and the adopted Core Strategy policy CS4 and CS5.

A discussion then took place on whether the Parish Council should consider purchasing this land to stop further development. Agreed that the precept should not be used for such a purchase.

**Next Meeting(s)**

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday 8th June 2017, which was now an Election Day. Agreed to put back the next meeting until 15th June.

Parish Clerk

**088/05/17.C Financial Matters****088/05/17.1 Accounts for payment;**

2179 E Davies	Salary & Expenses	£995.43
2180 Nigel Thomas	Play Area Inspections	£24.00
2181 Daren Brewer	Cleaning Play Areas	£90.00
2182 Came & Company	Insurance	£1338.30
2183 SALC	Good Cllr's Guide	£51.20
2184 Vision ICT	Annual Website Hosting	£150.00

**Proposed:** Cllr D. Laing      **Seconded:** Cllr G. Fryer

**Resolved:** that the above payments be authorized.

Parish Clerk

Cllr's then considered a quotation from Huw Manford for watering the hanging baskets on a cycle of at least 3 times a week of £30 per water.

**Proposed:** Cllr S. Schofield      **Seconded:** D. Laing

**Resolved:** with 1 abstention that the parish council accept the quotation from Huw Manford.

Parish Clerk

**088/05/17.2 Income**

There had been none since the last meeting.

**088/05/17.3 Bank Statements**

These were on file and noted.

**089/05/17.C Planning**

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

New Planning Applications published on 19/04/2017 relating to parish of: St Martins

**Reference:** 17/01632/FUL validated: 19/04/2017)

**Address:** Pentre Farm, Pentre, St Martins, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 3EA

**Proposal:** Erection of a two storey extension and associated alterations

**Applicant:** Mr J Williams

**The Parish Council saw no reason to object to this application although concern was expressed over how this property will now be significantly enlarged by this extension.**

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New Planning Applications published on 27/04/2017 relating to parish of: St Martins

**Reference:** 17/01847/OUT (validated: 21/04/2017)

**Address:** Proposed Residential Development, Land Adjoining Smithy Cottage, Overton Road, St Martins, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 3AS

**Proposal:** Outline application for the erection of 2 No dwellings (all matters reserved)

**Applicant:** Mr James Smout (29 Moors Bank, St Martins, Shropshire, SY10 7BG)

**The Parish Council saw no reason to object to this application but felt that two properties would be an over development of the site and have serious concerns over an unsafe access in and out of the site whichever access is agreed. This was carried with 10 votes for, 2 votes against and 1 abstention.**

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**Schedule of additional planning application(s)**

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

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

Planning Decisions published on 25/04/2017 relating to parish of: St Martins

**Reference:** 17/00608/ADV (validated: 09/02/2017)

**Address:** Moreton Park Garden Centre, Gledrid, Chirk, Wrexham, Shropshire, LL14 5DG

**Proposal:** Erect and display one internally illuminated fascia sign

**Decision:** Refuse

Planning Decisions published on 27/04/2017 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

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**090/05/17.C Transfer of Services/Amenity Sites.**

Shropshire Cllr Steve Davenport said another meeting would be held with the three parishes in the LJC area. He added that it was encouraging that all three wished to work together on shared services.

Cllr Steve Davenport

**091/05/17.C Shropshire Council**

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

Shropshire Cllr Steve Davenport said he would be having a meeting within the next two weeks with officers from Shropshire Council to consider the issues raised by members of the public at the last meeting. Some Cllr's felt the removal of the mini island at the junction of Ellesmere Road/Overton Road would improve the traffic issues in this area, widening the road would make it worse.

Cllr Steve Davenport

It was felt that a complete review of traffic management in the village was urgently required.

Cllr Steve Davenport

There was still some confusion over what was happening with the proposed development for four houses in Moors Lane.

As regards a litter bin for Windy Ridge, Cllr Steve Davenport said Shropshire Council would not consider moving the one from outside Ifton School. They did not object to the parish council moving it. Cllr's felt this could be difficult and costly due to its fixing in the footpath. Therefore the Parish Clerk was instructed to obtain quotations for a new bin and the cost for emptying it on a weekly basis.

Parish Clerk

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092/05/17.C	<b>Highways</b>  Cllr Steve Davenport said he had already agreed to meet officers from Shropshire Council on what action can be taken to improve access and maintenance of minor roads and lanes within the parish following issues raised by members of the public at the April meetings.	Cllr Steve Davenport
093/05/17.C	<b>Street Lighting</b>  Highline Electrical had reported that they now have the column for Cottage Lane so they will install this hopefully by the end of the week.  As regards the light opposite Cherry Tree on Green lane, this was a Scottish Power fault and they would check with their engineer.  Cllr's reported lights still out in Colliery Road and at the end of Puddle Lane/Church Lane.	Parish Clerk  Parish Clerk  Parish Clerk
094/05/17.C	<b>Shropshire Association of Parish/Town Councils (SALC)</b>  Members noted correspondence received from the County Secretary.	
095/05/17.C	<b>Correspondence</b>  All items of correspondence had been circulated to all Members via email since the last meeting.  Additional items included; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police Don't Buy Crime</li> <li>• Shropshire Council – New Newsletter</li> <li>• Clerks &amp; Council's Direct</li> </ul>	
<b>Standing Orders</b>	Due to time restrictions on the meeting it was proposed by Cllr J. Stevens, seconded by Cllr A. Cast and <b>Resolved</b> that Standing Orders be suspended.	
096/05/17.C	<b>Members Reports</b>  Cllr J. Lewis expressed concern over an empty property in Glynmorlas Lane. Shropshire Cllr Steve Davenport said he was aware of this and had reported this through the empty homes group.  Cllr M. Hayball reported that the footpath behind the Institute in Green Lane was now impossible to walk along in certain places.  Cllr A. Cast said the damaged road sign in Clarkes Lane had still not been replaced, a number of quad bikes had been reported in the area, a drain cover lifted out onto the road and an increase of litter along this lane.	Cllr Steve Davenport  Parish Clerk  Parish Clerk

Cllr B. Herbert raised that the field on the right hand side as you enter the village from Gledrid was still like a tip Cllr A. Allum mentioned that he knew who owned the field and would forward these details to the Parish Clerk so that the owner could be written to.

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Allum  
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Cllr J. Hoos requested a sign for Moors Lane Chapel to be erected on the Main Road.

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Cllr D. Laing said the road markings had still not been replaced at the end of Cottage Lane and lines in Coopers Lane and Bradford Lane required re-painting.

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He also suggested that an agenda item is included at a future meeting to consider carrying out an independent impact survey on the sewerage and water pressure throughout the village.

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Cllr S. Schofield reported that the ditch opposite Orchard Close had still not been dug out.

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**097/05/17.C Next Meeting**

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

**Full Council Meeting**, on Thursday 15th June at 7.00 pm in St Martins Community Centre.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 21.08 p.m.

Signed ..... Date .....

Chairman