

St Martins Parish Council

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

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

Also in attendance: Shropshire Cllr Steve Davenport, Sue Heard from the Community Centre and the Parish Clerk.

In the Chair: Cllr G. Pennington.

165/07/17.C Public Participation

Sue Heard one of the Trustees from the Community Centre gave a presentation on their project to 'Keep Everyone Safe' in the centre and surrounding area. This included updating the CCTV with additional cameras to ensure full coverage of all areas around the building and working with Stan's Superstore to install additional cameras to cover the field behind Stan's. Cllr's had expressed concern over the amount of litter being left in this field.

Other improvement work for the centre included re-laying the paths in front and side of the building plus making the temporary path from the car park permanent with additional drainage and some gardening work including reducing the height of some of the scrubs to ensure good visibility for visitors and cameras. New litter and recycling bins will also be provided. Fund raising events have already commenced to part fund this project.

Sue agreed to keep the parish council updated on this project. The Chairman thanked Sue for her report who then left the 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 7.15 p.m.

166/07/17.C Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr's N. Graham and B. Herbert.

167/07/17.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.

Cllr S. Schofield was in doubt whether she had completed her Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests since the elections in May and therefore left the meeting at 7.18 pm.

Action

Sue Heard

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168/07/17.C	<p>Minutes</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr J. Hoos Seconded: Cllr L. A. Roberts</p> <p>Resolved: with 2 abstentions, that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 15th June 2017 having been previously circulated be confirmed as a correct record, signed by the Chairman and adopted.</p>	Chairman
169/07/17.C	<p>Recreation Services Committee</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr J. Stevens Seconded: Cllr L. A. Roberts</p> <p>Resolved: with 3 abstentions, that the minutes of the Recreation Services Committee meeting held on Thursday 6th July 2017 having been previously circulated be noted and adopted by the parish council.</p>	
170/07/17.C	<p>Executive Committee</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr D. Laing Seconded: Cllr A. Cast</p> <p>Resolved: that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on Thursday 6th July 2017 having been previously circulated, be noted and the recommendations be adopted by the parish council.</p>	
171/07/17.C	<p>Parish Council/St Martins Centre Contracts Review</p> <p>Cllr J. Stevens presented the minutes of the Parish Council/St Martins Centre Contracts Review quarterly review meeting held on 22nd June 2017. These were noted. The Chairman thanked Cllr J. Stevens for the progress this group had made over the last twelve months</p>	
172/07/17.C	<p>Parish Clerk's Progress Report</p> <p>All highway reports from the last meeting have been reported through the Oswestry Office. Updates from Chris Fisher are as follows;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fly tipping in Fach Lane and tyres being dumped in Clarkes Lane. <i>Ringway have been given an order to pick up fly tipping / tyres - this should have been done.</i> 2. Footpath up Moors Bank now has hedge and tree branches overhanging it in places. <i>Inspection will be done on hedge / tree branches on footpath up Moors Bank – if this is an issue it will be cleared.</i> 3. The road breaking up on the St Martins side of Escob Bridge. <i>We will inspect & monitor the road at Escob Bridge. Cllr's felt this should read 'repair' and not 'monitor' and the Divisional Surveyor will be notified of this change.</i> 4. A large pot hole adjacent to no's 43 & 44 Moors Bank. <i>Ringway have been given an instruction to fix pothole at 43/44 Moors Bank.</i> 	Parish Clerk

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 now been given the names of six volunteers for this scheme. Still awaiting a number of forms from volunteers who put their name forward.

Parish
Clerk**Police Update**

We have agreed with John Champion the Police & Crime Commissioner who will be attending the September meeting that he would be allowed 30 minutes split as follows; First 10 minutes for his introduction, the next 10 minutes for him to address the questions already sent to him and the final 10 minutes for questions from the floor.

Parish
Clerk**Financial Matters**

The internet banking has now been set up with HSBC and all invoices received for tonight's meeting will be paid by BACS.

Survey

I have tried through three consultancy companies to find someone to carry out an independent impact survey on sewerage capacity and water pressure throughout the village based on an estimated increase of around 250 properties over the next 5 years. It was interesting to note that two said any developers would seek this information from the utility companies as part of their planning application. *Agreed we now contact the utility companies for this information.*

Parish
Clerk**Transfer of Services/Amenity Sites**

Following a meeting of the Town & Parish Council Forum last week work is now progressing on checking out the sites that have been put forward to Shropshire Council. It is interesting to note that out of 153 Town & Parish Council's in Shropshire only 25 registered an interest on 110 sites. St Martins had registered 12 but already some of these are not under SC ownership but Star Housing. Now awaiting further information from Shropshire Council.

Appointment of Chairman September Meeting

With the Chairman & Vice Chairman away for the September meeting;

To Appoint a Chairman for that meeting.

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

Resolved: **that Cllr J. Stevens is appointed Chairman for the September meeting.**

Parish
Clerk

Next Meeting(s)

Council Meeting, in St Martins Community Centre at 7.00 pm on the Thursday 14th September 2017.

173/07/17.C Police Report

The police had sent their apologies but a report of incidents during June had been circulated. Cllr J. Stevens expressed concern that the new format of reporting incidents does not mean anything and that the police should go back to the original format of reporting crime figures.

With regards to the Police & Crime Commissioner John Campion attending our September meeting it was agreed to forward the following questions to him prior to the meeting; (1) ensure that monthly crime figures are set out in a list of statistics that tell us about what crimes are going on in our parish and where and not of meaningless set of graphs, (2) enforcement of speed limits, (3) future level of police officers especially in rural areas should a proposed merger take place with other emergency services and (4) easier ways of extending speed limits in our village.

There will also be a ten minute session for the Cllr's and public to raise questions.

Parish
Clerk**174/07/17.C Financial Matters****174/07/17.1 Accounts for payment;**

BACS	E Davies	Salary & Expenses	£976.38
BACS	Stans Superstore	2nd Qtr Lease	£375.00
BACS	SALC	Cllr Training	£90.00
BACS	Nigel Thomas	Play Area Inspections	£24.00
BACS	Highline Electrical	Street Lighting Repairs	£51.00
BACS	Huw Manford	Litter & Watering Contract	£499.88
BACS	Midland Computers	New Printer	£454.80
BACS	Playsafety Ltd	RoSPA Annual Inspection	£126.00
BACS	Pentre Nursery	Trees Ifton Meadows	£131.60

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

Resolved: that the above payments be authorized.

Parish
Clerk**174/07/17.2 Income**

There had been none since the last meeting.

174/07/17.3 Bank Statements

These were on file and noted.

175/07/17.C Planning**Current Planning Applications**

To-date there are no planning applications to consider.

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. To-date there are no additional planning applications to consider.

To receive and comment as necessary on the planning decisions and recommendations of the planning authority listed in the schedule below.

Planning Decisions published on 14/06/2017 relating to parish of: St Martins

Reference: 16/03136/REM (validated: 01/08/2016)

Address: Proposed Residential Development Land East Of 8A, Moors Lane, St Martins Moor, Shropshire

Proposal: Approval of reserved matters pursuant to permission 14/01224/OUT for the erection of 2 dwellings and associated detached garages

Decision: Grant Permission

View online at: <http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=OA97VITD06Z00>

Reference: 16/03137/REM (validated: 12/08/2016)

Address: Proposed Residential Development Land East Of 8A, Moors Lane, St Martins Moor, Shropshire

Proposal: Approval of all reserved matters pursuant to permission 13/05016/OUT for the erection of two detached dwellings and associated garages

Decision: Grant Permission

View online at: <http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=OA98C6TD06Z00>

Planning Decisions published on 03/07/2017 relating to parish of: St Martins

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

Address: Proposed Residential Development Land West Of Smithy Cottage, Overton Road, St Martins, Shropshire

Proposal: Outline application for the erection of 1No dwellings (all matters reserved)

Decision: Grant Permission

View online at: <http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=OORJDVTD07U00>

To consider any planning application issues that have arisen since the last meeting and decisions on planning appeals.

Cllr's then considered the following email from Nick Scott of J Ross Developments.

I wished to give you and the Parish Council advanced warning that we intend to remove two short sections of hedge (clearly indicated in the attached report) in line with our planning permission, where the foot path from our scheme is due to connect with the public footpath on the Overton Road. In advance of this work we have commissioned an ecological report from our consultant to ensure that we are not interfering with nesting birds, which I attached for your information. I expect that the works will co-inside with a road opening notice, required to complete electrical diversions in the public footpath outside the site which we have also routed through these sections of hedge, these are likely to take place within the next 10 working days. I trust these arrangements are in order, however if you or your Councillors have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Although this was in-line with the planning conditions Cllr's questioned the time lapse since the study was done and notifying the parish council on the 7th June and whether another study was required. After further discussion it was agreed to make no comment.

176/07/17.C Transfer of Services/Amenity Sites.

Cllr's noted a report from the Parish Clerk on a recent meeting of the Town and Parish Council Forum. The Parish Council are now in discussions with Shropshire Council on whether to take on the responsibility for maintaining some of the amenity areas in the village. At present possible cut backs in Shropshire Council budgets might result in these areas not being maintained to the standard we expect. Firstly the parish council will be looking at the specification for this work including having some flexibility over the number of cuts per year taking into account weather and growing conditions. Further updates will be given so that hopefully all residents will support the action being taken by the Parish Council.

177/07/17.C Shropshire Council

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

Shropshire Cllr Steve Davenport reported that Shropshire Council would supply a litter Bin for Windy Ridge for £185. However the annual cost for emptying the bin by their contractor Ringway will be £300. He added that they could not remove or transfer an exchange for the redundant one at Ifton School.

Cllr Steve Davenport

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

Resolved: **with 1 abstention that the parish council purchase a litter bin for the area and pay the annual cost on emptying this.**

Parish Clerk

Shropshire Cllr Steve Davenport reported that bollards will be installed along the Overton Road at its junction with Ellesmere Road to stop vehicles parking on the grass verges in October.

Action
Cllr Steve Davenport

Shropshire Cllr Steve Davenport also reported that he is having further discussions with highway officers over improvements to the mini island junction of Ellesmere Road and Overton Road. One option is to retain the existing mini-roundabout and create an overrun area to make it easier for large vehicles turning left from the Overton Road into Ellesmere Road. The other option would be to remove the existing mini-roundabout and realign the junction to create a staggered crossroads with the main priority route being the St Martin's to Ellesmere route and vice versa.

Cllr Steve Davenport

Cllr's expressed concern over the lack of maintenance to the surrounding area of Ifton School.

Cllr Steve Davenport

Cllr D. Laing suggested we have at least 2 flashing VAZ signs in the village, the ones that smile at you when you are doing 30 mph or under along the Overton road in the heart of the village. Shropshire Cllr Steve Davenport agreed to look into this and report back.

Cllr Steve Davenport

As regards the Orchard Close Development the Chairman expressed concern because for some time it has been our concern that pre-site conditions had not been met by the property developer of Orchard Close, St Martins, 'land west of Cottage Lane'. Failure to produce white line markings, excavate drainage ditch, noticeable sewage smell, and capping of the outlet vents near the electricity pylon (and public footpath) further down Cottage Lane. We have repeatedly asked Planning for information about site enforcement and your reply has been a deafening (and embarrassing) silence. Shropshire Cllr was asked to follow this up as a matter of urgency.

Cllr Steve Davenport

Shropshire Cllr Steve Davenport also agreed to invite the new Leader of Shropshire Council, Peter Nutting to a future meeting of the LJC.

Cllr Steve Davenport

178/07/17.C Street Lighting

Cllr J. Hoos reported the street light opposite the junction to Moors Lane on all day. There were no other reports of any faults.

Parish Clerk

179/07/17.C Shropshire Association of Parish/Town Councils (SALC)

Members noted correspondence received from the County Secretary.

Cllr's confirmed who would be attending a training session on Monday 4th September at St Martin's Centre. The session will be from 7pm (if Councillors can arrive at 6.45pm we could do introductions first) until 9pm.

Parish Clerk

180/07/17.C Correspondence

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

Additional items included;

- Police Report
- Clerk’s & Council’s Direct

181/07/17.C Members Reports

Cllr D. Laing enquired whose responsibility it was to provide extra burial grounds.

Parish Clerk

182/07/17.C Next Meeting(s)

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

Full Council Meeting, on Thursday 14th September 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 20.45 p.m.

Signed Date

Chairman