

### St Martins Parish Council

#### Minutes of a Meeting of the St Martins Parish Council held on Thursday 11th January 2018 at 7.00 p.m. in St Martins Centre.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs A. Allum, M. Hayball, B. Herbert, J. Hoos, D. Laing, G. Pennington, L. A. Roberts, J. Sands, J. Stevens and H. Williams.

Also in attendance: Shropshire Cllr Peter Nutting, Leader of Shropshire Council, Shropshire Cllr Steve Davenport, three members of the public and the Parish Clerk.

In the Chair: Cllr G. Pennington.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He reported that Cllr S. Schofield was not out of hospital but unfortunately Cllr G. Fryer had recently had a stroke and was in Wrexham hospital. He added that Cllrs J. Stevens, S. Davenport and himself had had another meeting with the school on plans for the new recreation ground.

The Chairman then welcomed Shropshire Cllr Peter Nutting, Leader of Shropshire Council to the meeting.

Peter explained that his main plans during the coming months would be focused on economic development, adult social care and the culture of the council staff. He then explained in some detail the financial problems the council are facing which has resulted in proposals being put forward for an increase in council tax this year of 5.99%. Cllrs expressed concern that Shropshire Council were capital rich and revenue poor and questioned why it had took them so long to recognize this. Peter went on to explain that plans are being considered for re-developing the Riverside Shopping centre in Shrewsbury and turning some of their assets, especially in the Market towns, into multi-purpose units. Other concerns were the budget for social care and the 18m proposed expenditure to update the Shirehall. Peter was asked to look into youth provision across the County which seems to be concentrated on Market Towns and not the rural areas and policy on gritting roads especially on new estate roads with mainly elderly residents. The Chairman thanked Peter for attending the meeting.

#### 001/01/18.C Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs G. Fryer (in hospital) and N. Mistry (poorly). **These apologies were accepted.**

**Proposed:** Cllr D. Laing  
**Seconded:** Cllr L. A. Roberts

**Resolved:** **that the parish council approve a request from Cllr S. Schofield for three months absence due to her recent accident.**

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#### 002/01/18.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.

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003/01/18.C	<p><b>Minutes</b></p> <p><b>Proposed:</b> Cllr H. Williams <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr L. A. Roberts</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> with 2 abstentions, that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 14th December 2017 having been previously circulated be confirmed as a correct record, signed by the Chairman and adopted.</p>	Chairman
004/01/18.C	<p><b>Public Participation</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b> that with no members of the public present wishing to raise any questions, the Council moved on to the next item of business at 7.45 p.m.</p>	
005/01/18.C	<p><b>Vacancies</b></p> <p>The Parish Clerk reported that there was still one casual vacancy on the parish council. Further notices advertising this vacancy had been posted on notice boards and the website.</p>	Parish Clerk
006/01/18.C	<p><b>Parish Clerk's Progress Report</b></p> <p><b>Report/update from Divisional Surveyor</b></p> <p>The street name plates for Ifton View have been collected from the highways depot at Whittington and passed to our handyman to be repaired and put back. Shropshire Council are still looking at installing double yellow lines outside the school and no plans are yet forthcoming on any changes to the design of the mini island at the junction of Overton Road and Ellesmere Road. Shropshire Cllr Steve Davenport has been asked for an update.</p> <p><b>Community Speed Watch:</b></p> <p>All six volunteers have completed their Police National Consent form and these have been forwarded to Worcester for checking before any training can commence.</p> <p><b>Christmas tree</b></p> <p>Our thanks go to Cllr Ashley Allum and his helpers for putting up the Christmas tree and lighting.</p> <p><b>Bank Top Industrial Estate</b></p> <p>Following a request at the last meeting from Cllr D. Laing that photographs are taken of the existing site for historic keeping, Iain Hill-Trevor from the Brynkinalt Estates has forwarded a very comprehensive report which has been passed on to Cllr D. Laing for comment.</p>	

**St Martins CCTV**

Sue Heard has reported to the police that a male has been filmed moving the CCTV camera o/s the Centre on at least 3 occasions. Securecam have been out to move it back and haven't charged for doing so. This being said they have stated that if it continues to be moved it could break. The police believe they know the male in question so are going to speak to him. Obviously no offences have been committed yet but they will point out to him that they will be if he continues. It is unclear why he's moving them, they don't know if it's to prevent them filming something he's up to or whether it's just to be a nuisance. Everyone is asked to monitor the area.

**Dog Fouling**

Whilst litter picking the football field (on 24th December) Huw Manford was appalled to discover 35 bags of dog mess on top and around the dugout, he duly cleared this up however we can report that approximately 8-9 bags have already appeared on top of the dug out since then. This is clearly unacceptable and we were hoping that with the new CCTV coverage of the area the dog owner/s responsible will be able to be identified and some action taken. We have already mentioned it to a Trustee at the Centre who has discussed it with the gentleman who installed the CCTV and he has advised how the CCTV can be set in order to make it easier to discover the culprit. I'm sure you are able to confirm what, if any, powers the local authority has in respect of this and if not what further action can be taken. This has been passed to Shropshire Cllr Steve Davenport. This would also be an agenda item at the February meeting.

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Hopefully Cllrs will find the recent document from Shropshire Council Planning Services on application types and what is considered to be a material consideration in determining a planning application useful.

**Next Meeting** - Council Meeting in St Martins Centre at 7.00 pm on the Thursday 8th February 2018.

**007/01/18.C Police Report**

The police had sent their apologies for this meeting. Cllrs had received the latest crime figures for the parish. No police matters were raised.

*Shropshire Cllr arrived at 8.10 pm.*

**008/01/18.C Financial Matters****008/01/18.1 Accounts for payment;**

BACS	E Davies	Salary & Expenses	£1007.42
BACS	Highline Electrical	Street Lighting Repairs	£1037.20
BACS	Nigel Thomas	Play Area Inspections	£24.00

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BACS	Huw Manford	Litter Picking & Cleaning Contract	£202.79
BACS	Duncan Royce	Hedge Cutting	£750.00
BACS	Stans Superstore	4th Qtr. Field Lease	£375.00
BACS	Stans Superstore	Christmas Tree	£60.00

**Proposed:** Cllr J. Hoos  
**Seconded:** Cllr D. Laing

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

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**008/01/18.2 Income**

There had been none since the last meeting.

**008/01/18.3 Bank Statements**

These were on file and noted.

**008/01/18.4 Accounts**

A statement of accounts for the 3rd Qtr. ending 31st December 2017 was noted.

**008/01/18.5 Bank Signature Holders**

Cllrs G. Pennington and A. Cast as Chairman & Vice Chairman were appointed as two additional bank signature holders. Cllrs J. Sands & S. Schofield were already holders.

**008/01/18.6 Bank Transfer**

**Proposed:** Cllr L. A. Roberts  
**Seconded:** Cllr M. Hayball

**Resolved:** the transfer of £5000 from Ear Marked Reserves (Code 9057) to Ifton Colliery Project (Code 1282).

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**009/01/18.C LJC Youth Funding**

Cllrs were asked to consider a grant request for £500 from the The New Saints FC Foundation Ltd (details had been previously circulated to all Cllrs).

**Proposed:** Cllr J. Hoos  
**Seconded:** Cllr M. Hayball

**Resolved:** with 7 votes for, one vote against and 2 abstentions to make a grant of £500 to the New Saints FC Foundation.

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The Parish Clerk reported that all five Shropshire Council lights were out opposite the school. Concern was expressed over the time taken by Shropshire Council to repair their light.

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Due to budget and precept meetings plus a recreation committee meeting planned in the next few weeks it was agreed to delay a Street Lighting Committee meeting until March.

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**014/01/18.C Shropshire Association of Parish/Town Councils (SALC)**

Members noted correspondence received from the County Secretary.

**Proposed:** Cllr D. Laing

**Seconded:** Cllr H. Williams

**Resolved: To approve the nomination of the Chairman to attend this year's Buckingham Palace Garden Party.**

**015/01/18.C Vacancies on Committees**

Cllr H. Williams agreed to fill the following committee vacancies;

Finance Committee (1)

Street Lighting Committee (1)

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**016/01/18.C Correspondence**

All items of correspondence had been circulated to all Members via email since the last meeting. There were no additional items of correspondence.

**017/01/18.C Members Reports**

Cllr J. Sands reported a pot hole in Green Lane opposite entrance to Cedar Close.

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Cllr D. Laing reported light no. 78 not working in Cottage Lane.

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Cllr M. Hayball expressed concern over driver visibility coming out of Puddle Lane due to new fencing being erected on waste land adjacent to this junction.

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Cllr H. Williams expressed concern that the poppy wreaths had already been removed from the memorial.

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Cllr B. Herbert reported a pot hole on Overton Road on the St Martins side of New Ifton.

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Cllr J. Hoos said motorists were still driving at speed and over the mini island opposite the school.

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018/01/18.C Next Meeting(s)

The Parish Clerk presented a schedule of meeting dates for 2018. This was noted and agreed and would be circulated to all Cllrs.

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

**Finance Committee** on Thursday 25th January 2018 at 7.00 pm in St Martins Centre.

**Full Council** on Thursday 8th February 2018 at 7.00 pm in St Martins Centre.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance, and declared the meeting closed at 20.46 p.m.

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

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Parish Clerk

Chairman