

St Martins Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the St Martins Parish Council held on Thursday 8th March 2018 at 7.00 p.m. in St Martins Centre.

PRESENT: Cllrs A. Cast, M. Hayball, B. Herbert, J. Hodgson, J. Hoos, D. Laing, N. Mistry, G. Pennington, L. A. Roberts, J. Sands, J. Stevens and H. Williams.

Also in attendance: Shropshire Cllr Steve Davenport, two members of the public, a representative from the press and the Parish Clerk.

In the Chair: Cllr G. Pennington.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting including our new Cllr John Hodgson. John had signed his Declaration of Office and register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. The Chairman also welcomed back Cllr Nina Mistry. He reported that Cllr G. Fryer was out of hospital and back home and was making a slow but steady progress in his recovery.

059/03/18.C Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs G. Fryer (poorly) and S. Schofield (recovering from operation). **These apologies were accepted.**

060/03/18.C Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Resolved: to note that no other 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.

061/03/18.C Minutes

Proposed: Cllr A. Cast
Seconded: Cllr J. Stevens

Resolved: **with 4 abstentions, that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 8th February 2018 having been previously circulated be confirmed as a correct record, signed by the Chairman and adopted.**

Chairman

062/03/18.C Public Participation

Heather Lloyd thanked the Parish Council for the recent grant to the St Martins Brownies. The Chairman thanked Heather for all the work she puts into this club.

Terry Ellis thanked the Parish Council for the progress they are making on providing a new community hub in the village which will include an all-weather football pitch with floodlights and a spectator stand, a standard which will enable St Martins FC to play in higher grades of football than at present.

Resolved that with no other members of the public present wishing to raise any questions, the Council moved on to the next item of business.

063/03/18.C Recreation Services Committee

Andrew Cast, Chair, went through the Minutes of the Recreation Services Committee meeting held on the 15th February 2018 and these were noted.

As regards the new Recreational Site, the Chairman thanked Colin Channon for his recent report in the Advertizer. Cllr J. Stevens reported on a recent meeting at the School. He added that they were still in discussions with the Brynkinalt Estate over the boundaries of the proposed Site and the School over dual access.

The next stage was to appoint suitable landscape architects or consultants to assist with this scheme.

Proposed: Cllr J. Stevens
Seconded: Cllr H. Williams

Resolved with 1 vote against, that the Chairman and Parish Clerk have delegated powers up to a limit of £5000 to proceed with appointing a suitable architect/consultant to draw up a technical outline design of the proposed Community Hub to include as many of the facilities as requested in recent consultations with the public.

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064/03/18.C Parish Clerk's Progress Report

This was a brief report as most updates are included in the agenda for this meeting.

Youth Activities

In response to our query about the future arrangements for Shropshire Council funded youth activities, Shropshire Councils Cabinet met on the 28th February 2018. We await the results of this meeting.

Wrekin Housing Trust

Steve Swann, Development Manager for the Wrekin Housing Trust applied to Shropshire Council on the 20th October 2017 for the £54,000 Community Led Grant money for the Bower Farm Phase 3. To-date he had not received this from Shropshire Council and is chasing this up. They have also applied for approval for community grant funding for the final phase of Affordable homes here at Bower Farm Phase 3a being 2 x 2 bed houses , so this will be a further £6,000 for the PC in due course. *Shropshire Cllr Steve Davenport to follow up delay in grant.*

Cllr S.
Davenport

Highway Issues

This is the last month of the Ringway contract so although most reported highway defects have been completed most Parish/Town Councils look forward to the 1st April when the new KIER contract for highway maintenance comes into effect.

Action

At a recent meeting of the Town & Parish Council Forum, Steve Brown from Shropshire Council indicated that they had not yet decided on how the budget changes will affect this year's Environmental Maintenance grant programme to Town/Parish Councils. With the new contract with KIER due to start on the 1st April most of us attending this meeting felt there would be no grant money.

Police Issues

The Police have sent their apologies for this meeting. At the last meeting I reported that in response to our concerns over the number of drivers missing out and going over the mini island by the school especially at school times and our request for some police observation in this area, PC Katie Le'Clere has responded by saying that they will keep an eye on it and advise if necessary. No further update on whether they have monitored the situation in this area or any action taken on the parking issuers in Oak Drive. *Cllr J. Stevens expressed concern that the Police never come back with any progress reports.*

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Street Lighting

Highline Electrical (HE) have repaired the street lighting faults reported at the last meeting. However the loss of power to the light in Colliery Lane and the one in Green Lane have been reported to Scottish Power. The main problem now is that Scottish Power then sub-contract this work out. HE are chasing this up.

065/03/18.C Police Report

The police had sent their apologies for this meeting. The latest crime report and figures for February had been received and distributed to all Cllrs. Concern was expressed over recent dog thefts in the village. Cllr A. Cast agreed to write a report for the next edition of the Village Life. There were no other police concerns.

066/03/18.C Oak Drive

Following issues raised at the last meeting over the state of some gardens belonging to rented properties from Star Housing and cars and a van parking on the footpath in Oak Drive including making access to the post box impossible, Tom Pawley, Housing Officer of Neighbourhoods - Shropshire Towns and Rural Housing will ask a member of his team to visit the area to note STAR Housing/Shropshire Council properties which may not be to the standard expected. Once identified, they can then write to these properties to request that they are brought to the expected standard within an appropriate timescale, but can also look at support where required. He can also discuss any concerns around rodent problems with Public Protection at Shropshire Council at this time. With regard to the parking issues; he will discuss with West Mercia Police and CSO Hughes about a coordinated approach to remind residents of their responsibilities. We had not received a report from the police.

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The Parish Council would thank Tom Pawley for his prompt response.

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067/03/18.C Financial Matters**067/03/18.1 Accounts for payment;**

BACS	E Davies	Salary & Expenses	£401.80
BACS	HMRC	PAYE	£567.82
BACS	Cllr G. Pennington	Chairman's Allowance	£100.00
BACS	Highline Electrical	Street Lighting Repairs	£322.90
BACS	Nigel Thomas	Play Area Inspections	£24.00
BACS	Huw Manford	Litter Picking & Cleaning Contract	£175.99
BACS	Information Com	Data Protection	£35.00
BACS	Vision ICT	Domain Renewal	£66.00

Proposed: Cllr D. Laing
Seconded: Cllr M. Hayball

Resolved: that the above payments be authorized.

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067/03/18.2 Income

There had been none since the last meeting.

067/03/18.3 Bank Statements

These were on file and noted.

Cllrs were then asked to consider a grant application from St Martins Village Football Club for £500. This application had been deferred until application form included their statement of annual accounts and bank statements. These had now been presented.

Proposed: Cllr H. Williams
Seconded: Cllr L. A. Roberts

Resolved: that the Parish Council agree a grant of £500 to St Martins Village Football Club.

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068/03/18.C Planning**Current Planning Applications**

Reference: 18/00861/FUL (validated: 20/02/2018)
Address: 15 Garden Village, St Martins, SY11 3AU
Proposal: Erection of part two storey/part first floor extension to side and rear
Applicant: Mrs Williams

Resolved to support this application as there was now access to the rear of the property.

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Action**Reference:** 18/00768/FUL (validated: 15/02/2018)**Address:** Substation, Bank Top Industrial Estate, St Martins, Shropshire**Proposal:** Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for erection of substation (retrospective)**Applicant:** Brynkinalt Estates Ltd (Mr Iain Hill-Trevor, Estate Office, Brynkinalt Hall, Chirk, LL14 5NS)**Resolved to make no comment to this application.**Parish
Clerk**Reference:** 18/00720/COU (validated: 13/02/2018)**Address:** New Ifton Farmhouse, Ifton Heath, St Martins, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 3DL**Proposal:** Change of use from agricultural use to residential amenity**Applicant:** Brynkinalt Estate (The Estate Office, Brynkinalt, Chirk, LL14 5NS)**Resolved to support this application**Parish
Clerk**Schedule of additional planning application(s)**

To date there are none.

Planning decisions and recommendations of the planning authority.

Cllrs noted the following recommendations of the planning authority listed in the schedule below.

Reference: 18/00148/FUL (validated: 10/01/2018)**Address:** 50 Garden Village, St Martins, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 3AX**Proposal:** Erection of two storey side extension**Decision:** Grant Permission**Reference:** 17/05659/FUL (validated: 15/12/2017)**Address:** 69 New Ifton, St Martins, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 3AA**Proposal:** Formation of vehicular access including dropped kerb**Decision:** Grant Permission**069/03/18.C Transfer of Services/Amenity Sites.**

Shropshire Council had still not clarified in writing whether these areas would be freehold or leasehold. The Parish Clerk reported that Shropshire Council had stated that due to lack of legal staff this had now been put on a back burner until the 2018/19 financial year.

070/03/18.C Shropshire Council

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

Shropshire Cllr Steve Davenport said that following a recent site meeting with officers from highways on the mini roundabout concerns, they were still trying to establish the owner of grassed area adjacent to this junction before they can come up with a design.

Action
Cllr Steve Davenport

As regards yellow lines outside school this would need a traffic order and require lines that are enforceable.

Cllr Steve Davenport

Cllr L. A. Roberts asked if there could be any restrictions on HGV's travelling through the village at night. It was pointed out that this could only apply during planning conditions placed on an application for a depot in the village.

071/03/18.C Community Bench

Following a request from St Martins WI to install a community bench in the village Cllr H. Williams reported that a site by Ifton Meadows had now been agreed.

072/03/18.C Street Lighting

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

Cllr B. Herbert reported a light coming on after 2.00 pm outside no 14 Moors Bank.

Cllrs J. Hoos & N. Mistry left the meeting at 8.30 pm.

Parish Clerk

073/03/18.C Shropshire Association of Parish/Town Councils (SALC)

Members noted correspondence received from the County Secretary.

Cllr G. Pennington had circulated a report from the re-arranged AGM on Friday 23rd February 2018 which he attended.

Cllrs were asked to consider registering our interest with NALC in taking part in the Local Council Award Scheme. After some discussion it was;

Proposed: Cllr J. Hodgson

Seconded: Cllr A. Cast

Resolved: that the Parish Council required more information on this before making a decision.

Parish Clerk

074/03/18.C Correspondence

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

Recreation Land Discussions – noted.

Ifton Meadows

Shropshire Council – Local Plan

Action

Bus Shelter – have responded.
 Shropshire Playing Fields Ass
 Youth Activities
 Canal & River Trust
 Clerks & Councils Direct

075/03/18.C Members Reports

Cllr H. Williams expressed concern over the out of date St Martins to Ellesmere, No. 53 bus timetable which had now been altered. No new timetables have been displayed in St Martins, and internet information was incorrect, timetables displayed are out of date. The Parish Clerk would contact Arriva.

Parish Clerk

Cllr L. A. Roberts expressed concern over a car for sale parked on the grass verge opposite St Martins Centre. The police and highways would be informed.

Parish Clerk

Cllr B. Herbert reported the hedge overhanging the highway in Puddle Lane. Highways would be asked to look into this.

Parish Clerk

Cllr M. Hayball reported a large pot hole on the Overton Road just past the Keys PH car park as you approach the village. Highways would be informed.

Parish Clerk

Cllr A. Cast expressed concern over the number of cars that are now parking on the pavement outside The Keys PH especially on a Sunday Lunch Time. The police would be asked to investigate.

Parish Clerk

Cllr A. Cast also expressed concern over the size of a development at the junction of Overton Road/Puddle Lane against the agreed planning application, including the position and orientation of the garage and boundary fencing close to the highway which restricts visibility coming out of Puddle Lane. The Parish Council understand that highways have already expressed their concerns over this fencing with no action taken from Shropshire Council Planning Enforcement officers.

Parish Clerk

076/03/18.C Next Meeting(s)

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

12 April 2018 - Full Council

19 April 2018 - Annual Parish Meeting

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance, and declared the meeting closed at 20.50 p.m.

Signed Date

Chairman