

St Martins Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the St Martins Parish Council held on Thursday 13th September 2018 at 7.00 p.m. in the Moors Community 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: One member of the public, PCSO Pete Roberts, a representative from the press and the Parish Clerk.

In the Chair: Cllr G. Pennington

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologized for his late arrival. He thanked Andrew for Chairing the last meeting. He had spoken with Gordon who was now back in hospital following a recent fall. The hanging baskets were now past their best and would be removed in the next few weeks. A presentation from a planning seminar that he had recently attended would be loaded to our website.

156/09/18.C Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs G. Fryer (poorly), and S. Schofield (working). Shropshire Cllr S. Davenport had given his apologies as he was away.

Proposed, seconded and carried that these apologies are accepted.

An email had been received from Ashley Allum resigning from the parish council due to work loads and a young family.

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157/09/18.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.

158/09/18.C Minutes

Proposed: Cllr H. Williams **Seconded:** Cllr M. Hayball

Resolved: with 2 abstentions, that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 12th July 2018 having been previously circulated be confirmed as a correct record, signed by the Chairman and adopted.

Chairman

159/09/18.C Public Participation

Robert Faulks from Stans Superstore expressed concern over the ongoing traffic issues around the mini roundabout by his store and questioned why the parish council were considering a 20 mph zone in the village.

Resolved that with no other members of the public present the Council moved on to the next item of business.

Action**160/09/18.C Parish Clerk's Progress Report**

The Parish Clerk went through the action sheet from the last meeting. Dates were now required for the community speed watch training. As regards the concerns over speeding through the village the Chairman and Cllr's N. Mistry, L. A. Roberts and H. Williams agreed to form a Sub Group to look into this. Cllr J. Hodgson agreed to look at producing a survey form to be included in the November issue of the Village Life. Robert Faulks from Stans Superstore agreed to provide an extra dual purpose litter bin at the entrance to the field behind his store.

Parish Clerk

161/09/18.C Parish Council/St Martins Centre Contracts Review

Cllr's noted the minutes of the Parish Council/St Martins Centre Contracts Review meeting held on 26th July 2018.

162/09/18.C Police Report

PCSO Pete Roberts from Oswestry Police Station reported on the crime figures for July and August. He added that they had been out on a number of occasions with their speed gun along Overton Road. Cllr's felt more police presence was required outside the school at the start and end of the school day as more and more vehicles are now parking on the grass verges on either side of the entrance to the school. On a question of police numbers, and a report that more officers are planned for the West Mercia area, Cllr's would request what impact this would have, if any, in our area.

Parish Clerk

Cllr D. Laing arrived at 7.40 pm.

163/09/18.C Financial Matters**163/09/18.1 Accounts for payment;**

BACS	E Davies	Salary & Expenses	£1379.20
BACS	HMRC	PAYE	£567.82
BACS	Nigel Thomas	Play Area Inspections	£48.00
BACS	Huw Manford	Litter Picking & Watering	£1164.90
BACS	Vision ICT	Email Accounts	£259.20
BACS	Highline Electrical	Street Lighting Repairs	£239.10
BACS	SSC	Outline Layout Plans	£870.00
BACS	Playsafety Ltd	Annual RoSPA Inspection	£126.00
BACS	Castle Arts Foundry	Statue 2nd Instalment	£10423.50
BACS	War Memorial Co	Cleaning	£3025.20

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

Resolved: that the above payments be authorized.

Parish Clerk

164/09/18.C Planning

Action**Current Planning Applications****Reference:** 18/04008/FUL (validated: 29/08/2018)**Address:** Plot 2, Bank Top Industrial Estate, St Martins, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 7HB**Proposal:** Erection of commercial building and external yard area for B1, B2 and B8 use.**Resolved to support this application.**Parish
Clerk**Reference:** 18/03879/FUL (validated: 21/08/2018)**Address:** New House Farm, Pen-Y-Bryn, St Martins, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 3DS**Proposal:** Erection of replacement dwelling following demolition of existing farmhouse and redundant farm buildings.**Resolved to support this application.**Parish
Clerk**Reference:** 18/03292/FUL (validated: 18/07/2018)**Address:** Proposed Commercial Unit to the North Of, Bank Top Industrial Estate, St Martins, Shropshire**Proposal:** Erection of commercial Unit (B1, B2 and B8 use).**Resolved to support this application.**Parish
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Schedule of additional planning application(s)**Reference:** 18/03899/FUL (validated: 21/08/2018)**Address:** New House Farm, Pen-Y-Bryn, St Martins, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 3DS**Proposal:** Redevelopment of New House Farm to facilitate the establishment of a commercial equine stud enterprise.**Resolved to support this application.**Parish
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Planning decisions and recommendations of the planning authority.**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**Decision:** Grant Permission**Reference:** 18/01959/VAR (validated: 03/05/2018)**Address:** Ifton Heath Former Primary School, Overton Road, Ifton Heath, St Martins, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 3DH**Proposal:** Variation of Condition No.1 attached to permission 17/01284/VAR to allow for the family to remain on site for a further temporary period of twelve months**Decision:** Grant Permission

Action**165/09/18.C Community Sports Hub**

Cllr A. Cast gave a report on a recent joint meeting that he and Cllr J. Stevens had with Iain Hill-Trevor and his architect along with Sue Lovecy (Head) and Cindy Hellyn-Jones (Business Manager) representing the school. Cllr J. Stevens outlined the financial position on the next stage.

Proposed: Cllr H. Williams **Seconded:** Cllr J. Hoos

Resolved: **that the Parish Council authorise the progression of a planning application to Shropshire Council for a change the use of the land offered to the Parish Council by the Brynkinalt Estate from Agricultural to Recreational and Educational, up to a maximum of £10,000, such costs to be taken from the appropriate earmarked reserves.**

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

167/09/18.C Shropshire Local Plan Review: St Martins

Adrian Cooper, Planning Policy & Strategy Manager at Shropshire Council had reported that they are still working up their proposals for consideration by Cabinet (7th November meeting) before they publish their preferred outcomes (guidelines and site allocations) for public consultation later in November.

168/09/18.C Ifton Meadows Nature Reserve

Cllr's were asked to consider concerns from residents over cattle grazing on Ifton Meadows.

Some Cllr's felt this was again a cost cutting exercise by Shropshire Council.

This area was used by children and many dog owners walking their dogs.

Concern was also expressed that there was no water supply for such animals, it was a public open space and a protected area for birds.

It was felt that the village people should be consulted on this.

Agreed to invite Shaun Burkey from Shropshire Council to the next meeting to explain in more detail their plans for this area.

Parish
Clerk**169/09/18.C Street Lighting**

Cllr B. Herbert reported a number of lights out between the school and Gledrid Roundabout.

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The Parish Clerk reported that there had been a number of outstanding issues to the repair of Street Lights. Although the lights along Overton Road and Ellesmere Road belong to Shropshire Council, they seem to take a long time to repair a fault.

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All other lights belong to the Parish Council and when a fault is reported these are usually repaired within a week by our contractors Highline Electrical. However faults in Cherry Tree Drive have been mainly caused by utility companies working in the area and damaging the underground power cables. When this happens Scottish Power have to repair the fault who send the majority of their work to a sub-contractor. The Street Lighting Committee will now be looking at a number of quotations to convert all the street lights owned by the Parish Council to LED.

The Parish Clerk had now received a quotation from Eon for the conversion of all lights to LED. This along with the quotation from Highline Electrical would be considered by the Street Lighting Committee.

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Lighting
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170/09/18.C Shropshire Association of Parish/Town Councils (SALC)

Members noted correspondence received from the County Secretary. There were no issues to raise with the association or reports from any meetings of this association.

171/09/18.C Local Council Award Scheme

The Parish Clerk gave a report on the policies and documents required to be adopted by the parish council and posted online to meet the criteria for the parish council to achieve the Foundation Level Award.

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172/09/18.C War Memorial

Cllr's all agreed that the War Memorial Restoration Company had carried out a very good job in cleaning the War Memorial. An assessment will now be carried out to establish what repairs are required.

Cllr M.
Hayball &
Parish
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173/09/18.C Car Parking Survey

The Chairman thanked Cllr John Hodgson on his recent research he carried out on the issue of lack of adequate car parking in St Martins. His report was circulated to all Cllr's.

It was considered that more information would be required if we were to take this project any further. It was agreed that this information could be used for future decisions on planning sites.

Proposed by Cllr A. Cast, Seconded by Cllr J. Hoos and carried that Standing Orders are suspended.

174/09/18.C Ifton Miners Commemorative Project 2018.

Cllr S. Schofield had requested that the parish council consider approving the funding for submitting a planning application for this project.

Proposed: Cllr H. Williams

Seconded: Cllr N. Mistry

Resolved: that the Parish Council fund this planning application for the above project (£117 as per Ian Kilby email dated 19th July). It was also agreed that Cllr S. Schofield can submit this planning application under the parish council (Applicant) name and address.

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Cllr S.
Schofield

175/09/18.C Community First Responders

A proposal from Cllr H. Williams that Mr F. E. Cadwallader is nominated for this year's Unsung Heroes Award was agreed. She agreed to write up a brief report.

Cllr H.
Williams

176/09/18.C Remembrance Day 11th November 2018

The Chairman and the Parish Clerk went through the arrangements for this year's Remembrance Day Parade and Service including a Bugler / Porth-y-Waen to participate in the Memorial Service.

Chairman
& Parish
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Cllr J. Hodgson left the meeting at 9.10 pm.

177/09/18.C Council Press/Media Policy

The Chairman reminded Cllr's of the parish council's press and media policy as agreed in our Standing Orders.

178/09/18.C Correspondence

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

- Police Report – noted.
- Electoral Registration – noted.
- Lewis Close – noted.
- Stans Field – more information required on using this field for occasional Para motoring.
- Clerks & Councils Direct – placed on file.

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179/09/18.C Members Reports

Cllr N. Mistry said the Salt Bin in Moors Lane needs refilling. Also along Bank Top the grass verges need cleaning up of rubbish. She also suggested Social Media is an agenda item at the next meeting.

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Cllr B. Herbert said that in Cottage Lane a temporary sign needs removing. He also reported that in Ellesmere Road a hedge was overhanging the footpath.

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Cllr D. Laing said that in Cottage Lane a reflector post was damaged. He also reported that in Overton Road, road markings outside school require replacing.

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Cllr J. Hoos reported the 1st & 3rd lights not working in Moors Lane.

180/09/18.C Next Meeting(s)

Action

Members noted that the next meeting(s) of the parish council will be;
Full Council meeting 11th October 2018 in the St Martins Centre starting at 7.00 pm.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance, and declared the meeting closed at 21.28 p.m.

Signed Date

Chairman