

St Martins Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the St Martins Parish Council held on Thursday 10th January 2019 at 7.00 p.m. in St Martins Centre.

PRESENT: Cllrs M. Hayball, J. Hodgson, J. Hoos, F. Kapasi, D. Laing, G. Pennington, L. A. Roberts, J. Sands, S. Schofield, J. Stevens and H. Williams.

Also in attendance: Shropshire Cllr S. Davenport, PCSO Pete Roberts and the Parish Clerk.

In the Chair: Cllr G. Pennington

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished everyone a happy New Year. He also welcomed our new member Fatema Kapasi to the meeting.

001/01/19.C Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs A. Cast (poorly), G. Fryer (poorly), B. Herbert (poorly) and N. Mistry (poorly). **Proposed, seconded and carried that these apologies are accepted.**

002/01/19.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.

003/01/19.C Minutes

Proposed: Cllr L. A. Roberts **Seconded:** Cllr J. Hoos

Resolved: with 5 votes for and 3 abstentions that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 20th December 2018 having been previously circulated be confirmed as a correct record, signed by the Chairman and adopted.

Chairman

004/01/19.C Public Participation

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

005/01/19.C Urgent Items

There were no urgent items that relate to financial, health and safety issues or issues that required immediate attention.

006/01/19.C Parish Clerk's Progress Report

The Parish Clerk went through the action sheet from the last meeting. All actions had been reported and would come under the relevant agenda items.

Action**007/01/19.C Police Report**

The Chairman welcomed PCSO Pete Roberts to the meeting. Cllr's expressed concern in a statement from PSCO Pete Roberts that the police were very hard pressed for time and therefore could not meet our requirements on monthly crime reports in the format that we had been receiving. The Police & Crime Commissioner would be asked to give us some assurances that he will increase police manning for our area so that pressure will be eased on our local police force. We are thankful that they are managing to cope but it seems they are at their very limit.

Parish Clerk

Cllr's expressed concern again about cars parking either side of the entrance to St Martins School at the start and end of the school day. This is now causing grave concerns outside the entrance to the primary school. Although Shropshire Cllr Steve Davenport has informed us that this road is due to be resurfaced before May and then double yellow lines installed, Cllr's requested through PCSO Pete Roberts more police checks in this area.

Parish Clerk

Other issues raised included a lack of response when residents have reported and left messages on incidents throughout the parish. It was suggested that we put a notice in all our notice boards with the contact details of all the police team at Oswestry. This was agreed.

Parish Clerk

Cllr S. Schofield reported that members of the Community Speed Watch Team would carry out their first speed checks on Overton Road on the 30th January. She added that she was still looking at the most suitable speed enforcement signs and whether any funding from the Police & Crime Commissioner was available.

Cllr S. Schofield

The Chairman thanked PCSO Pete Roberts for his attendance who then left the meeting.

008/01/19.C Financial Matters**008/01/19.C Accounts for payment;**

BACS	E Davies	Salary & Expenses	£962.97
BACS	Nigel Thomas	Play Area Inspections	£24.00
BACS	Huw Manford	Litter Picking etc	£190.59
BACS	Highline Electrical	Street Lighting Repairs	£449.50
BACS	Design & Planning	Consultancy Work	£600.00
BACS	Design & Planning	Planning Application	£231.00

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

Resolved: that the above payments be authorized.

Parish Clerk

009/01/19.C Planning

Current Planning Applications

Action**Reference:** 18/05810/LBC (validated: 19/12/2018)**Address:** Ifton Hall Farm, Ifton Heath, St Martins, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 3DN**Proposal:** Works to facilitate the replacement of roof to L shaped barn affecting a Grade II Listed Building.**Resolved: to support this application.**Parish
Clerk

Schedule of additional planning applications

There were no additional planning applications that had been received after the date of publication of this agenda due to response time frames set by Shropshire Council.

Cllrs noted the following planning decisions and recommendations of the planning authority.

Reference: 18/04765/OUT (validated: 23/10/2018)**Address:** Derwen Farm, St Martins, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 3HB**Proposal:** Outline application for the erection of an affordable dwelling to include access**Decision:** Refuse**Reference:** 18/05197/FUL (validated: 15/11/2018)**Address:** 10 Poplar Close, St Martins, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 3QJ**Proposal:** Erection of part two storey and single storey side extension**Decision:** Grant Permission**Other Planning Issues**

It was agreed to hold a meeting of the planning committee (All Cllr's) on Thursday 24th January 2019 at 7.00 pm in St Martins Centre with Nigel Thorns from Nigel Thorns Planning Consultancy to consider possible residential allocation on land to the rear of Stans Superstore.

Parish
Clerk**010/01/19.C Community Sports Hub**

Cllr J. Stevens said that initial work associated with the outline design of the facilities planned for the new recreation ground adjacent to St Martins School continues.

011/01/19.C Shropshire Council

Shropshire Cllr Steve Davenport reported that not a lot had happened since the last meeting due to the Christmas and New Year break. A working group will meet on the 30th January to consider the way forward on the allocation of CIL money of which Cllr J. Stevens is a member.

As a result of many complaints from parish councils on the current system on reporting highway faults, Cllr Steve Davenport said a new format of listing of highway maintenance requests would be out by the end of the month.

Cllr S.
Davenport

Action

Cllr H. Williams who had given her apologies that she was working late arrived at 8.04 pm.

012/01/19.C Street Lighting

Cllrs again expressed concern that most of the street lights from the school to the Gledrid Roundabout were still not working. Work has now started on replacing all the street lights owned by the parish council to LED.

Parish Clerk

013/01/19.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.

Agreed that the Chairman and his wife names go forward to a ballot to attend this year's Buckingham Garden Party

Parish Clerk

014/01/19.C War Memorial

The Parish Clerk reported that he had now received a draft quotation from the War Memorial Restoration Company on the maintenance work now required following the recent cleaning. A copy would be forwarded to Cllr M. Hayball who would visit the site and report back at the February meeting.

Parish Clerk

015/01/19.C Memorial Garden

Huw Manford had now submitted a report and quotation for the maintenance work to the Memorial Garden.

Cllrs agreed to the quotations for items 2, 3, 4 & 5. As regards the lamp post it was agreed to give the Parish Clerk delegated powers to see if Eon could replace this post with a new one when they fit the LED unit. As regards the fence and pavilion belonging to the Institute the parish clerk was instructed to write to them to establish whether they have any plans to paint the rear of the pavilion and fencing that overlooks the memorial garden and remove the undergrowth between the pavilion and fence.

Parish Clerk

It was also agreed to write and thank the chairman and her committee for all the hard work and commitment they had all put into the Ifton Colliery Commemorative Project and to all those who helped raise the £50,000 to erect a bronze statue to the memory of all those who worked at the pit. A brochure from this committee was passed to the parish clerk for their records.

Parish Clerk

016/01/19.C Correspondence

Following concerns expressed by a local resident after reading our local paper on the 28 December which featured an article from the Canal and Rivers Trust encouraging folk to enjoy a walk along canal towpaths for their health and wellbeing, the parish council agreed to express concern to the Canal Trust that the 2

mile length of the Llangollen length which has some breath-taking scenery and includes the World Heritage site Pontcysllyte aqueduct leading to it from St Martins is in a very poor state of repair, very uneven and muddy and dangerous at this time of year when many millions are being spent to restore other canals which have been defunct for nearly a century.

Action

Parish Clerk

There were no other items of correspondence.

017/01/19.C Members Reports

Cllr H. Williams reported Street Lights 2 & 3 along Ellesmere Road not working.

Parish Clerk

Cllr F. Kapasi reported Street Lights in Trevor Avenue on 24/7.

Parish Clerk

Cllr D. Laing requested more litter Picks outside the 30 MPH zones on all approach roads to St Martins.

Parish Clerk

018/01/19.C Next Meeting(s)

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

Finance Committee 24th January 2019 in the St Martins Centre starting at 6.00 pm

Full Council meeting 14th February 2019 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 20.50 p.m.

Signed Date

Chairman