

St Martins Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the St Martins Parish Council held on Thursday 14th March 2019 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, S. Schofield, J. Stevens and H. Williams.

Also in attendance: Shropshire Cllr S. Davenport and the Parish Clerk.
In the Chair: Cllr G. Pennington.

049/03/19.C Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence had been received from Cllr G. Fryer (poorly).

Proposed, seconded and carried that this apology is accepted.

050/03/19.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.

051/03/19.C Minutes

Proposed: Cllr D. Laing **Seconded:** Cllr N. Mistry

Resolved: that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 14th February 2019 having been previously circulated be confirmed as a correct record, signed by the Chairman and adopted.

052/03/19.C Public Participation

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

053/03/19.C Urgent Items

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

054/03/19.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.

The Parish Clerk was asked to chase up quotations for "Cross Trainer" and "Core Twister" as additional items for the play area. It was also reported that the road drain was still blocked at junction to Colliery Road and now the next one to it.

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Chairman

Parish Clerk

055/03/19.C Police ReportAction

The police had sent their apologies for this meeting.

As regards a recent report from the police about security issues of motor vehicles and advice on when you lock them up, the police would again be asked to submit a brief report for our Village Life magazine to make members of the public aware of this.

Parish Clerk

Following our concerns to the Police & Crime Commissioner over increased police manning for our area so that pressure will be eased on our local police force, Shropshire Cllr S. Davenport reported that six new recruits are planned for the Oswestry area.

The Parish Clerk was asked to distribute the latest crime figures for our area to all Cllrs.

Parish Clerk

056/03/19.C Financial Matters**056/03/19.C Accounts for payment;**

BACS	E Davies	Salary & Expenses	£456.99
BACS	HMRC	PAYE	£567.82
BACS	Nigel Thomas	Play Area Inspections	£24.00
BACS	Huw Manford	Litter Picking etc.	£200.59
BACS	Highline Electrical	Street Lighting Repairs	£487.60
BACS	Shropshire Council	Topographical Survey Fees	£1200.00
BACS	SALC	Cllr Training	£27.00
BACS	St Martins Centre	Room Hire	£555.00
BACS	George Triggs	Artists Work Statue	£4000.00

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

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

Parish Clerk

A letter of thanks would be sent to George Triggs thanking him for his patience as this payment had been outstanding for some time.

At our Annual Meetings in May this year the Chairman of Finance and Parish Clerk are proposing we look at increasing our number of Cllrs onto our finance committee but would welcome some training from SALC for them on all aspects of council finance. SALC have confirmed that Kim Bedford, Local Council Trainer, has responded to say that she would be happy to deliver the training for us in late June/July with a charge of £275.00 + mileage.

Proposed: Cllr S. Schofield **Seconded:** Cllr H. Williams

Resolved: **that the parish council go ahead with this and invite Cllrs from the adjoining parishes to join in if they wish and share the cost.**

Parish Clerk

057/03/19.C PlanningAction

Current Planning Applications

Reference: 19/00950/FUL (validated: 07/03/2019)

Address: The Cottage, Ifton Heath, St Martins, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 3DL

Proposal: Erection of single storey side extension

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: 18/03879/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

Decision: Grant Permission

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

Decision: Grant Permission

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Reference: 18/05574/FUL (validated: 18/12/2018)

Address: Proposed Residential Development Land To The East Of, Overton Road, Ifton Heath, St Martins, Shropshire

Proposal: Erection of 2no dwellings and creation of vehicular access

Decision: Refuse

Parish
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Reference: 19/00061/REM (validated: 17/01/2019)

Address: Land Adjacent 69 New Ifton, St Martins, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 3AA

Proposal: Approval of Reserved Matters (access, appearance, layout, scale and landscaping) pursuant of 18/02019/OUT for the erection of one dwelling

Decision: Grant Permission

Other Planning Issues

Rhos-y-Llan Farm Development

Following a recent meeting which representatives from the school reference

proposals for a single pathway adjacent to Overton Road but inside the adjoining hedge of the development which would run into a school entrance with a locked gate, both Iain Hill-Trevor and Gareth Thomas were happy with these proposals.

Still awaiting a response from Welsh Water and Severn Trent on future capacity of their utility services in St Martins.

058/03/19.C Community Sports Hub

Cllr J. Stevens updated the meeting on the details of the planning application about to be presented to Shropshire Council. Cllr S. Schofield reported that Tony Hall was concerned that there had been no area set aside for the Archery Club. Cllr J. Stevens agreed to contact him on this.

Proposed: Cllr H. Williams **Seconded:** Cllr D. Laing

Resolved: that the parish council formally agrees the submission by Design & Planning Associates of a planning application to Shropshire Council on behalf of St Martins Parish Council for a change of use from Agricultural to Recreational and Educational use of the land adjacent to, and North of, St Martins School.

059/03/19.C Shropshire Council

Shropshire Cllr Steve Davenport reported that the school is getting ready for the next Ofsted inspection. As regards planning at Ifton School, he confirmed that there will be a mix of houses including affordable to a design in keeping with the school building. It has been established that the school cannot be listed. Shropshire Cllr Steve Davenport agreed to submit a report for the Village Life on this.

On highways there will be new staff coming in from June 1st.

Cllr J. Stevens asked for an education grant for Irvine Gardens to be considered at the next meeting.

060/03/19.C Expression of Interest

Following a meeting between Cllr's and Officers from Shropshire Council today it was;

Proposed: Cllr A. Cast **Seconded:** Cllr N. Mistry

Resolved: that the parish council approve a re-submission of an Expression of Interest reference the mini roundabout by Stans Superstore at the junction of Ellesmere Road and Overton Road.

As regards a submission of an Expression of Interest to Shropshire Council reference the highways modification of Kimberley Lane for the benefit of local residents and improvement of flow of local traffic, it was

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Parish
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Cllr John
Stevens

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Shropshire
Cllr Steve
Davenport

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

Resolved: with one vote against, that the parish council look into this further and take this to the next round of sub-missions.

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Parish Clerk

061/03/19.C Street Lighting

The Parish Clerk reported that the only street lights that are now not working are due to power supply which have been reported to Scottish Power on a number of occasions. These now include lights on Bank Top where the overhead power supply has been removed.

Parish Clerk

Following our parish council meeting last Thursday our Street Lighting Committee has been requested to meet as a matter of urgency to resolve the issue of the lights which should remain on part night lighting.

As regards the conversions to LED the Parish Clerk reported that although progress is being made concerns are now that most of the new lights are not on part night lighting.

Our letter commissioning the work did clearly state that, apart from those listed, all other lights were to be left at the current settings which we took as part night lighting. Eon would be requested as a matter of urgency so that the street lighting committee can meet that if this is not the case from Eon's observations then we feel it is worth establishing what the increased cost of part night light sets would be.

Parish Clerk

062/03/19.C Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS's)

Cllr S. Schofield reported that a meeting has been held to discuss the way forward with different VAS systems on the market and to discuss locations that the PC would like them to be located. Various systems were looked at.

At that meeting a discussion took place over funding and whether we would be able to obtain any. Shropshire council limits to where you can put speed signs (in regards to entering the speed limit, schools and junctions) and a question over Dudleston Health and how close to the speed limit sign they are. Shropshire Council would be contacted to obtain a quote and asking for the maximum number of 5 to be placed in the village, to be used against a quote from other companies.

The areas being considered are:

1. Overton road - near to former Ifton School
2. Ellesmere road - Firs Close area
3. Moors Bank - 40mph limit
4. Overton Road towards Escob - just by the school
5. Rhos-y-Llan farm

The Chairman thanked Cllr S. Schofield for her report and looked forward to a further progress report at the next meeting.

Cllr S. Schofield

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<p>063/03/19.C Shropshire Association of Parish/Town Councils (SALC)</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p>064/03/19.C War Memorial</p> <p>A grant application has now be forwarded to the War Memorial Trust towards the maintenance work now required following the recent cleaning.</p> <p>The Parish Clerk reported that he had received notification from the Historic England that the War Memorial had been awarded Listed Building Status. Cllrs required further information on this and suggested a copy of this is forwarded to Cllr M. Hayball to look into. This was agreed.</p>	<p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p>
<p>065/03/19.C Memorial Garden</p> <p>Huw Manford would be asked for an update for the next meeting on the maintenance work he was instructed to carry out to the Memorial Garden.</p>	Parish Clerk
<p>066/03/19.C Correspondence</p> <p>There were no items of correspondence.</p>	
<p>067/03/19.C Members Reports</p> <p>Cllr N. Mistry expressed concern the condition of road surface from School to Gledrid. She also reported blocked drains in Moors Lane.</p> <p>Cllr J. Hodgson enquired whether we could check an incinerating business operating in Moors Lane. He also suggested more upgrading of signs and road markings at Escob Bridge.</p> <p>Cllr L. A. Roberts asked if we could contact the police reference HGV's parking overnight and at weekends in layby adjacent to play area. She also reported a hole left in the grass verge by her property following recent Severn Trent work. Litter pick required along path opposite Bank Top.</p> <p>Cllr S. Schofield updated the meeting on further work that is required around the miner's statue including a hard standing area around it and lighting. She also reported that the Community Speed Watch volunteers had been out on four occasions since the last meeting.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr J. Stevens, seconded by Cllr A. Cast, and carried that due to the time Standing Orders are suspended.</p> <p>Cllr D. Laing suggested a Litter pick is required along path opposite Bank Top.</p>	<p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p>

068/03/19.C Next Meeting(s)

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

Full Council 11th April 2019
Annual Parish Meeting 18th April 2019

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 9th May 2019
Full Council 9th May 2019

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 21.05 p.m.

Signed Date

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Chairman