

## St Martins Parish Council

**Minutes of a Meeting of the St Martins Recreation Services Committee held on Thursday 4th February 2016 at 6.00 p.m. in the St Martins Community Centre, St Martins.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr N. Graham, Sue Heard, Cllr S. Schofield, Cllr J. Stevens and Shirley Willis.

Also in attendance: the Parish Clerk.  
In the Chair Cllr J. Stevens

At the start of the meeting with only two Councillors present and therefore not quorate it was agreed to start the meeting pending hopefully that another Councillor would join the meeting later.

### 026/02/16.R Apologies for Absence

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

### 027/02/16.R Co-option

**Resolved to note** that there were no further co-options to consider at present.

### 028/02/16.R 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.

### 029/02/16.R Minutes

**Proposed:** Cllr S. Schofield  
**Seconded:** S. Heard

**Resolved:** with 1 abstention that the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Services Committee held on Thursday 1st October 2015, having been previously circulated be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### 030/02/16.R Urgent Items

There were no urgent items that had been brought to the attention of the Chairman that related to financial, health and safety issues or issues that require immediate attention.

*Cllr Neil Graham arrived at 6.10 pm therefore the meeting now became quorate.*

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Chairman

Action**031/02/16.R Skate Park**

Prior to the meeting the Parish Clerk had taken a photo of the sheets that are now protruding up on the one ramp which could now be classified as a health and safety issue. These were shown to all Members. With half term approaching and the nights getting lighter Members felt repairs to these boards were a high priority.

The Parish Clerk also pointed out to Members his concerns over the time it had taken to get this job completed when the original suppliers although a little bit more expensive would have completed these repairs months ago.

Chaz Hampson would be asked now for a definite date when these repairs would be carried out by him but if no date was planned within the next week then the parish handyman would be contacted to see if he could carry out these repairs.

Parish Clerk

**032/02/16.R Playing Field (Stans)**

The Parish Clerk had obtained a quotation for a new sign from Sign & Poster in Shrewsbury for a 1 meter x 0.7 meter sign in poly carb with full colour print and backed up with diabond to rear with 2 rows of channel and clips for £176.00 plus VAT.

Signs would include; No Golf; No Quad Bikes; No Motor Bikes; Please Clean Up After Your Dog and Thank You For Disposing Of Your Litter.

Questions were raised whether the existing posts could be removed and used again. A quotation for two new posts would also be obtained.

Parish Clerk

As regards the ownership of the hedge/fence at the bottom of this field adjacent to the adjoining field, the Parish Clerk reported that there was no known title to this area so he would now have to go through Land Registry for an official search of the index map. This was agreed.

Parish Clerk

**033/02/16.R Open Spaces**

Prior to the meeting the Chairman had instructed the Parish Clerk to obtain an update on the transfer of Open Spaces from Shropshire Council.

Mark Blount, Shropshire Councils (SC) Parks & Greenspace Team Leader had reported as follows;

Ringway will inform us on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016 regarding removing sites from the contract and whether there is any compensation SC has to pay for this! SC preferred option is to lease the sites over a long term of 99 years or more, however, if the Parish Council (PC) can demonstrate that it is in the 'community interest' for the sites to be owned by the PC, then the sites could

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be transferred on a freehold basis, subject to due diligence from SC, i.e. checking covenants etc. Members agreed that they would still only consider this on a freehold basis on all sites in the parish and would only register an expression of interest to SC at this stage.

Parish Clerk

Mark Blount had added that this would take more time and would not be in place for the 1<sup>st</sup> April this year. However, if SC agreed to the process, perhaps we could come to some interim agreement for the PC to take on the maintenance responsibility until the freehold is signed. They have done this with Shrewsbury & Bridgnorth TCs.

With regards to Irvine Gardens which is the new development just starting, Mark Blount said he believed the open space will now be transferred to a management company and as such there will be no financial contribution for future maintenance. Members expressed concern that SC had allowed this to happen without consulting the PC.

Mark Blount had also updated the contribution summary, attached, to reflect this. He had also attached a copy of the variation to the S106.

**034/02/16.R Ellesmere Road/Cherry Tree Drive**

Now that the Churchfields site was complete Members were asked to consider a similar possible open space survey for this area. Firstly we need to consult the residents in the area as the main priority might be a fence adjacent to the road but they may have other ideas of what facilities they would like financed through Section 106 money.

Mark Blount, Shropshire Councils (SC) Parks & Greenspace Team Leader would be consulted to see if SC still have the resources to carry out such a survey.

Parish Clerk

**035/02/16.R Rhosyllan Farm Recreation Area**

The Parish Clerk had now obtained a large scaled plan of this area to enable a working group to meet as and when required to initially look at what facilities can be incorporated in this area. These would include a football pitch, cricket pitch and pavilion/changing rooms.

Any help from organisations within the village would be appreciated.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 18.55 p.m.

Signed .....

Date .....

Chairman