

St Martins Parish Council

Meeting notes of a Zoom Video Conference held on Thursday 4th June 2020 at 16.00.

PRESENT: Cllrs, Andrew Cast, Nina Mistry, Glenn Pennington, Helen Williams, Shropshire Cllr Steve Davenport and the Parish Clerk.

In the Chair: Cllr Helen Williams

415/06/20.C Apologies for Absence

There were none, all invitees present.

416/06/20.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.

417/06/20.C Minutes

Proposed: Cllr Glenn Pennington **Seconded:** Cllr Andrew Cast

Resolved: **that the minutes of Video Conference meeting held on Thursday 28th May 2020 having been previously circulated be confirmed as a correct record and adopted.**

These would now be forwarded to all Cllr's.

418/06/20.C Urgent Items

Paul Field-Williams from Shropshire Council has asked Ffion Horton also from Shropshire Council to review a number of CIL applications with regard to buildability and affordability with funds available to introduce local improvements within the public highway. She has requested a site meeting to discuss St Martins Parish Council's request for highways improvements at the 'Stans Roundabout'.

The Chairman reported that she had set up a meeting for 13.00 on Monday 8th June 2020. Cllr Steve Davenport said he would chase up Dave Gradwell for a copy of the proposed plan for this site before the meeting.

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

419/06/20.C Parish Clerk's Progress Report

Street Lighting – Highline Electrical are still monitoring when the outstanding parish council owned lights will be converted to LED by Eon. These were; Cedar Close No 26 No LED fitted, Cherry Tree Drive No33 is an advanced LED Clara Lantern not an INDO Air and Cottage Lane No61 - No LED fitted.

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Vacancy for Councillor – There had already been four interested people for this vacancy.

420/06/20.C Recreation Partnership

Cllr Glenn Pennington reported on a meeting of the partnership held on the 29th May 2020. Discussions were still being held on the various trees with TPO’s and those with none as regards removal. A tree surgeon might have to be brought in on this. The Parish Clerk was instructed to forward the first Section 106 grant application to Melanie Williams at Shropshire Council for £43,806. A further application for £22,500 would also be submitted once checked by Cllr Andrew Cast.

Parish Clerk

Cllr Andrew Cast said he was still waiting answers from Iain Hill-Trevor regarding the transfer of land to the Parish Council, in which he casted doubt on the suggested status of the school land: with the estate having some control or lease.

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Andrew
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421/06/20.C Ifton School site

Lucy Heath had reported that Simon their Project Manager and Bryan the architect working on the development proposal met with Mr Edwards on the 28th on site in the evening which was all very positive.

They now plan to submit the planning application in the next few weeks.

422/06/20.C Arthans Pool

Cllr’s noted the following response from Sue Heard on the maintenance of this pool.

She was also frustrated by the lack of progress at the pool but weather/Covid-19 were not predictable! I hope this explains our plans.

Volunteers widened the bank ready to move machinery onto the site to remove the weed. A wet winter along with the wettest February on record flooded the pond along with the local area meaning that no ‘pump out’ could happen. ‘Lock down’ in March put a stop to volunteers moving back onto the site. Lack of visitors during ‘lock down’ has meant that wildlife has moved in with a new family of brooding geese along with the usual brooding ducks and Moorhens. Recently volunteers have returned for grass cutting and hedge trimming. Pumping out can only start ‘quietly’ until the waterfowl have flown then weed/silt will be removed. Remedial work to pond and surrounding area will be carried out. Weather permitting the pond will refill in the Autumn/Winter. Re stocking can only happen when the water has had time to settle.

Future developments depend on: Weather conditions and availability of volunteers.

Agreed to monitor the situation over the coming months.

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<p>423/06/20.C Public Footpaths</p> <p>Cllr noted the concerns from a local resident on the current state of public footpaths within the parish. Cllr Steve Davenport would chase this matter up with Shropshire Council who had also been informed of these concerns and try and locate equipment that was provided in the past by Shropshire Council which is thought to be stored at St Martin's Centre for local volunteer groups to carry out work on these footpaths.</p>	Cllr Steve Davenport
<p>424/06/20.C War Memorial</p> <p>Cllr's noted the latest position to the repairs of this memorial and possible grant aid. This was all dependent on the lifting of the Covid-19 restrictions.</p>	Parish Clerk
<p>425/06/20.C VAS</p> <p>The Parish Clerk reported that the cost of an extended warranty after the 2 years was £399 per unit per year for a maximum of 3 more years with a 15% discount for a 3 year extension. This took the total cost with the solar panels to £15,448 (budget £15,000) for the 4 units. Cllr Nina Mistry agreed to check this now with the other quotation, speak with the contact at Baschurch PC on any extra costs involved for installation etc. and report back at the next meeting.</p>	Cllr Nina Mistry
<p>426/06/20.C Financial Matters Project</p> <p>426/06/20.1.C Accounts for payment;</p> <p>There were no accounts for payment.</p> <p>The Parish Clerk reported that the 2019/20 accounts had now been forwarded to our Internal Auditor.</p>	
<p>427/06/20.C Planning</p> <p>There were no new planning applications to consider.</p> <p>Still outstanding Reference - 20/01262/VRA106 Address - Land Adj To Garden Village, Hollands Drive, St Martins, Oswestry, Shropshire. Proposal - Variation of S106 agreement (OS/07/15162/FUL) to omit the provision of the Part 2 Open Space Works.</p> <p>There were no decisions taken by Shropshire Council since the last meeting.</p>	
<p>428/06/20.C Members Reports</p> <p>Cllr Helen Williams reported that the gullies either side of the bridge in Pistyll Lane, St Martins require cleaning out and the mud etc. removing from either side of the road gully.</p>	Parish Clerk

Huw Manford would be asked to attend to a loose stone by the Pinfold.

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429/06/20.C Next Meeting(s)

The next video conference meeting would be held on Thursday 11th June at 16.00. Other members of the parish council would be asked if they wished to join this meeting.

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There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 16.55

Signed Date

Chairman