

St Martins Parish Council

Minutes of a Zoom Video Conference meeting held on Thursday 11th June 2020 at 16.00.

PRESENT: Cllrs, Andrew Cast, John Hodgson, Fatema Kapasi, Nina Mistry, Glenn Pennington, Pierre Saunier and Helen Williams, Shropshire Cllr Steve Davenport and the Parish Clerk.

In the Chair: Cllr Helen Williams

Action

430/06/20.C Apologies for Absence

Cllr's Gordon Fryer (hospital), Mark Hayball (working), James Hoos (no internet), Lesley-Anne Roberts (no Zoom login) and Sophie Hughes-Saunier (working).

These apologies were accepted.

Absent: Cllr's Brian Herbert & Duncan Laing (no apologies received).

431/06/20.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.

432/06/20.C Minutes

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

<p>Resolved: that the minutes of Video Conference meeting held on Thursday 4th June 2020 having been previously circulated be confirmed as a correct record and adopted.</p>

Parish Clerk

433/06/20.C Urgent Items

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

434/06/20.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.

Parish Clerk

Vacancy for Councillor - There had already been four interested people for this vacancy, now got a further two before closing date on the 19th June.

Parish Clerk

435/06/20.C Recreation Partnership

The Chairman updated everyone on the current situation. It was planned to start work on the site before the end of this year by widening the driveway access to the site.

Action

The parish clerk reported that two Section 106 applications had been submitted to Shropshire Council (SC), one for £43,806 and a further one for £22,500. As regards the later SC are not in a position to forward this request to Richard Knight (Outdoor Recreation) as they have not yet received the payment of the £22,500. The invoice was only recently issued. When they receive the payment they will of course forward the application to Richard and notify us. They added that there may be a delay in receiving the payment, as the Council are taking a sympathetic view when dealing with debtors during the current Covid-19 Emergency.

Parish Clerk

Cllr John Hodgson joined the meeting at 16.12.

Cllr Glenn Pennington reported on the progress so far, especially for those Cllr's attending for their first meeting. Following the recent death of Cllr John Stevens, he and Cllr Andrew Cast had now taken over the leadership of this project and had been going back over John's paperwork and emails to familiarize themselves with the current position. Various online meetings have been held with representatives from the school and football club. The first objective will be to get the land transferred over to the parish council. The next stage which we are waiting for, is for S106 changes in Iain Hill-Trevor's planning application to be approved then we can pass this project on to our solicitors for their ratification of the land transfer. This will then be followed up by our request through SC for the Section 106 commuted sums. Once we know we have the land will then be looking into a joint venture ship with the school and football club on sources of funding.

Cllr's Glenn Pennington & Andrew Cast

Cllr Andrew Cast said the next meeting of the group would be held on the 18th June followed by a site meeting with representatives of the football association who we need on board for other sources of funding. Still an issue over which trees can be removed, although a tree planting scheme is being considered between site and the industrial estate, location of MUGA and the size of the hockey area required. He added that the planning application will only be for a change of use. The Chairman said she was also in contact with the archery group who may be able to give some financial help.

Cllr Nina Mistry said there had been no further progress or meeting of the publicity group.

436/06/20.C Arthans Pool

Cllr's noted the response from Sue Heard and Keith Allum on the maintenance of this pool.

Agreed to monitor the situation as residents have indicated that they want this pool back including the fish. Will remain as an agenda item.

Parish Clerk

437/06/20.C War Memorial

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.

Parish Clerk

Action

As regards the **Memorial Garden** the Chairman suggested we ask Highline Electrical to look at a better and alternative location for this light to protect the miner’s statue.

Parish Clerk

438/06/20.C CIL Funding

Following our request for highways improvements at the ‘Stans Roundabout’ junction, Cllr’s Helen Williams and Glenn Pennington met on site with Paul Field-Williams and David Gradwell to discuss this. Although funding has been approved the final design has yet to be approved. It was suggested that Shropshire Council check with the Land Registry if any of the land around this junction is to be taken into account with these designs.

Shropshire
Cllr Steve
Davenport

439/06/20.C VAS

Cllr Nina Mistry had now been in contact with representatives from Baschurch PC. Further work was required on any extra costs involved for installation etc. and then a report would be presented to council.

Cllr Nina
Mistry

440/06/20.C Financial Matters Project

440/06/20.1.C Accounts for payment;

E Davies, Salary & Expenses	£819.16
HMRC, Month 3 PAYE & NI	£239.65
Nigel Thomas, Play Area Inspections	£24.00
Huw Manford, Litter Picking & Gen Maintenance	£266.79
Neil Rheade, Baskets	£975.00
Audit Solutions, Internal Audit	£258.00
Veolia, Bin Emptying	£31.13

Proposed: Cllr Pierre Saunier **Seconded:** Cllr Fatema Kapasi

Resolved: that the above payments be authorized.

Parish Clerk

The Parish Clerk reported that the 2019/20 accounts which had been forwarded to our Internal Auditor had just been passed off. These would now be forwarded to all Cllr’s including the Auditors report.

Parish Clerk

441/06/20.C Planning

There were no new planning applications to consider.

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.

Decisions taken by Shropshire Council since the last meeting, and noted.

Action

Reference: 20/01447/FUL (validated: 15/04/2020)

Address: 10 Bower Farm Drive, St Martins, SY11 3FA

Proposal: Application under Section 73A of the Town Country Planning Act 1990 for the erection of 16ft x 10 ft. wooden summer house

Decision: Grant Permission

442/06/20.C Members Reports

Following concerns expressed at the last meeting from a local resident on the current state of public footpaths within the parish, it was agreed that a working group should be formed when appropriate. Cllr Andrew Cast added that there was a number of styles along these footpaths that required some repair. Copy of resident’s concerns would be forwarded to Cllr Pierre Saunier.

Parish Clerk

Cllr Pierre Saunier also enquired about the free tree scheme being offered by the Government. Cllr Steve Davenport agreed to follow this up. Cllr Glenn Pennington said we had plans showing all the council owned areas that might be considered for such planting, with highways approval.

Shropshire
Cllr Steve
Davenport

Cllr Nina Mistry expressed concern over the state of the grass verges down Clarks Lane which were restricting vehicle visibility in many places. Cllr Andrew Cast pointed out that after the spur off of Fach lane (if heading from Overton Road) this section, to its end at the nursery, is sign posted no (vehicular) access.

Parish Clerk

Cllr Andrew Cast reported damaged bollards in Back Lane.

Parish Clerk

443/06/20.C Next Meeting(s)

The next video conference meeting would be held on Thursday 18th June at 16.00.

Parish Clerk

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 17.10

Signed Date

Chairman