

ST MARTINS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 9th January 2014 in The Community Centre, commencing at 7.00pm

In the Chair – Councillor H Williams

Present: Councillors: A Allum, G Fryer, N Graham, M Hayball, B Herbert, D Laing, B Latham, G Pennington, J Sands, S Schofield, J Stevens and H Williams.
Shropshire Councillor S Davenport;

Also present – Mr E Davies & 8 members of the public;

Prior to the meeting Gordon Fryer signed an acceptance of office.

1. Public Participation with respect to *items on the agenda or of relevance to the parish* (15minutes)

Thank you for the new lights & noticeboard in Moors lane
Possible planning problems in Moors Lane were put forward

2. To receive apologies and reasons for absence.

Councillors A Kynaston-Jones – family; E Harkess, W Lander,

3. Disclosure of pecuniary Interests

- a) Declaration of any disclosable, pecuniary, interest in a matter to be discussed at the meeting, and which is not in the register of interests.

Item 11 & 12 (flagpole request) Councillors N Graham, D Laing, S Schofield, as Trustees of the Centre.

b) To consider any applications for dispensations.

None

4. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of December 12th 2013;

The minutes of the Council Meetings held on the 12th December were approved and it was **resolved** that the minutes be signed and adopted as a true record.

5. Progress Report.

Gledrid Roundabout & Approach roads - Thank you for your email of 28 November 2013.

With regards to vegetation, we currently have no plans to undertake environmental works at Gledrid this year. No works to the soft estate are carried out for the purposes of aesthetics, and no verge/swath cut is undertaken. However, vegetation is cut as and when required to specific standards (sight lines, visibility, etc.) to ensure road users are able to use the network safely.

This is in line with government policy across the strategic road network in England; Welsh Highways are funded separately and subject to different funding mechanisms.

Referring to the pot hole at Gledrid, I can confirm that it is in the programme of works to be carried out in the year 2014/15, however we will continue to monitor the area and if necessary carry out pot hole filling at this location until the scheme is completed.

Noted

6. Police Report

a) *Crime report*

DEC; Burglary -1; ASB(not youth related) -1; Public Order 1; Burglary(non dwelling) -2; Vehicle crime-1.

b) *Councillors questions & reports on policing matters*

None

7. Financial matters

1. To receive a statement of accounts; paid, and for payment, since the last meeting.

1878	09/01/2014	SALC	Travel Expenses	26.10		
1879	09/01/2014	SCRAP				

Chairman

Date

1880	09/01/2014	Highline Electrical	December	449.21	74.87	374.34
1881	09/01/2014	Daren Brewer	Cleaning play area	130.00		
1882	09/01/2014	S Crow	Salary Expenses Jan	859.37		
1883	09/01/2014	Highline Electrical	Cherry Tree Drive Repair	2802.00	467.00	2335.00
				4266.68	541.87	2709.34

The Council **resolved** to make the above payments

2. Income since the last meeting;
£461.70 from IMMC (money not used at Lantern Parade); £16.06 interest. **Noted**
3. Bank Statements for viewing; cheque signing
Councillors Sands and Schofield signed the cheques.
4. Items for consideration for inclusion in the 2014/15 budget. **None**

8. New Clerk update

Mr Davies will start officially on April 1st.

9. Precept

Shropshire Council have agreed to accept the precept figure after the 6th February meeting

10. Unitary Councillor's question time

Questions re the 5year supply of housing.

How many houses does the 1% shortfall represent? (The county has 4.9years supply)

Men working at Swan's Pool pumping in something recently, making a mess and causing problems.

(Area belongs to Shropshire Council). (possibly pumping flood water from Clerk's Lane)

11. Reports for consideration re Trust Land

Councillors **agreed** that the three Centre trustees & the chair of Trustees Councillor Steve Davenport remain in the meeting

The Council **resolved** to accept the following recommendations;

1. That the Parish Council should take financial responsibility for the repair, maintenance and insurance of the facilities on the Trust land other than the Community Centre building and the garden being developed at the front of it.
2. That a discussion takes place with the present grass/hedge cutting contractor to ensure that those areas of the grass and hedges that are not currently being cut are included in a revised contract even if this causes the cost of the grass/hedge cutting contract to increase.
3. That the litter picking contract is renegotiated to ensure as follows:-
 - That each litter pick should cover the entire Trust Land area, including clearing out from underneath internal boundary hedges.
 - That all collected material should be removed from the site as part of the litter pick (and preferably recycled in accordance with Shropshire Council policy).
 - That during the months from April to October there should be twice-weekly litter picks (on Mondays and Thursdays).
 - That during the months from November to March there should be one litter pick per week (on Tuesdays).
4. That there should be ongoing supervision of all contracts to ensure that they provide good value for money.
5. That the representatives of the Parish Council and the Trustees continue to meet on a regular quarterly basis both to define the contract supervision processes and to review any required changes.

The Council **resolved** that a written record of the meeting should be kept

6. That the maintenance of the garden currently being developed by the Trustees should also be considered for inclusion in Parish Council costs when that development is completed.
7. That any costs incurred in the current financial year are met from the existing £1,000 budget provision for "Outdoor Amenities, Play Area".
8. That the negotiated costs for the revised contracts are included in the Parish Council budget for 2014/15.
 - The Clerk will write to the secretary of the Centre Trustees including the above information.
 - Amy Davies, Shropshire Council to be informed that the Annual Play Inspection will in future be the responsibility of the Parish Council

The Council **noted** a report by the Clerk 'Responses to the report by Councillors Pennington & Stevens'

12. Correspondence

CIL Training invitation – 1 Councillor + The Clerk.

The Council **agreed** that Mr Edward Davies, the new Clerk and The Chair would attend. Councillor Schofield would be reserve.

St Martins Centre Trustees – request to erect a flagpole at the Memorial Garden

The Council **resolved** to refuse the request.

Noted

Buckingham Palace Garden Party 3rd June

SALC – letter Re: Local Tax Support Grant

Councillor Kynaston Jones – letter WW1 - can no longer take this on due to husband's illness.

Shropshire Rural Hub Dec Newsletter emailed 16/12

Outdoor Recreation Newsletter emailed 16/12/13

SALC information bulletin 13th December 17/12/13*

SALC information bulletin 7th Jan (part – Council Tax Funding & Crime Commissioner Consultation*) 8/01/2014

Minutes St Martins Centre Management meeting

IMMC letter re lantern parade + cheque

Sensitive & Strategic Significant Street – have emailed to ask which streets are involved (9 Jan)

13. Planning Applications

13/05016/OUT(validated: 02/01/2014)Land Adjoining , 8A St. Martins Moor, St. Martins,

Proposal: Outline application for the erection of 2 no. detached dwellings (all matters reserved)

Applicant: Mr Paul Gurnett (8A Moors Lane, St Martins, 8A Moors Lane, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 7BQ)

The Council **resolved** to object for the following reasons.

The site is outside the village boundary;

The Council's Samdev.response states no further development in Moors Lane;

The land & access are prone to surface water flooding; (Environment Agency **Map of X: 332,356; Y: 335,361**)

Effect on the right of way to the coal yard business (access may be compromised);

Additional traffic on a narrow no through lane may cause problems;

We believe that the applicant does not own the whole access road;

There is a pond on the site are there newts?;

How will the accumulated site surface water be dealt with?

Unitary Councillor Davenport left at 8pm

To consider any applications which arrive before the meeting.

None

Planning Permission Granted since the last meeting

None

14. Local Hero update

Applications received to date – None

15. Members Reports-

Councillor Pennington reported a pothole on the LHS approaching The Gledrid, over the Nefod Bridge

Councillor Latham reported that water is not getting into the ditch in Cottage Lane

Councillor Graham reported 1) Water from Bower Farm is blocking drains & damaging the road;

2) Rubbish at Swans pool

Councillor Allum reported that Areva buses are using School Lane which is not an authorised route.

The meeting closed at 8.47pm