

## ST MARTINS PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2013 in The Community Centre, commencing at 7.00pm**

### In the Chair – Councillor H Williams

**Present:** Councillors: N Graham, M Hayball, B Herbert, D Laing, B Latham, G Pennington (arrived at 7.15), J Sands, S Schofield, J Stevens and H Williams

*Also present – Mr W Gurnett; Mr E Davies*

*One member of the public;*

**1. Public Participation** with respect to *items on the agenda or of relevance to the parish* (15minutes)  
The Vicar reported on the changes to the grass cutting in the church graveyard. It will be cut every two weeks next season. He also asked for volunteers to help with the upkeep of the graveyard.

#### **2. To receive apologies and reasons for absence.**

Councillors A Kynaston-Jones - away, W Lander, Shropshire Councillor S Davenport; ,Absent; Councillors E Harkess, A Allum

#### **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 included in the register of interests.

**Item 11** Councillors N Graham, S Schofield, H Williams as member of the group.

- b) To consider any applications for dispensations.

None

#### **4. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of November 14th 2013;**

The minutes of the Council Meetings held on the 14<sup>th</sup> November were approved and it was **resolved** that the minutes be signed and adopted as a true record.

#### **5. Progress Report.**

**Noted**

#### **6. Police Report –CSOs now have extra powers;**

- a) *Crime report*

*Nov – Assault – 1; Burglary -1; ASB -1; Theft 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.

1863	12/12/2013	Valley Security Services	Armistice Day	343.98		
1869	12/12/2013	SALC	Good Councillor Guide & AGM	32.00		
1870	12/12/2013	Daren Brewer	Cleaning play area	130.00		
1871	12/12/2013	PO LTD	Tax Clerk; NI Parish Council	1221.74		
1872	12/12/2013	S Crow	Salary Expenses Dec	845.22		
1873	12/12/2013	Selattyn & Gobowen PC	Training Precept & Budget	23.54		
1874	12/12/2013	Highline Electrical	November	281.20	46.87	234.33
1875	12/12/2013	Reprographix	Newsletter + delivery	105.70		
1876	12/12/2013	Agritel	Toner	45.90	7.65	38.25
1877	12/12/2013	Highline Electrical	New columns Moors Lane	864.00	144.00	720.00
				<b>3893.28</b>	<b>198.52</b>	<b>992.58</b>

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

Chairman

Date

2. Income since the last meeting; £2,335 – to replace bus shelter
  3. Bank Statements for viewing; cheque signing
- Councillors Sands and Schofield and signed the cheques.

#### 8. New Clerk update

The new clerk was introduced to the council

#### 9. New Standing Orders for adoption

To adopt the NALC 2013 model standing orders. The Council agreed that Executive committee would meet to go through them in detail. They would then be taken forward to the AGM of the Council in May to be ratified.

Councillor Pennington Arrived at 7.15

#### 10. Unitary Councillor's question time

10.1 Request that the Council support for a 40mph speed at The Moors. The Council's decision - they don't agree as they would prefer a 30mph limit.

#### 11. Vacancy on Bower Farm Project group

Councillor Pennington volunteered to replace Councillor Allum as a council representative on the group.

#### 12. P3 project – application for running cost grant

Councillor Latham will fill in the form for a grant.

#### 13. Co option to the Council

The Council **resolved** to co-opt Mr Gordon Fryer to the council.

#### 14. Correspondence – list distributed at meeting

14.1 **Mr W Gurnett** - Request for potential conformation of local connection They Council questioned Mr Gurnett and agreed to forward information.

14.2 **Cllr Haworth** - The Death Knell of SAMDev in favour of NPPF

Response – The Council supports the principle behind SAMdev and supports Shropshire Council's response to Eric Pickles

Letter from D Boyce re Colliers Way funding– the footpath group agreed to look into this to see if it can be taken forward. (Stated that it had proved difficult in the past to contact relevant people across the border).

#### **Noted;**

SLCC Membership – Check if new clerk is already a member

Briefing note on revised Planning Committee Procedures sent 28/11\*

Apologies Councillor Kynaston Jones + Christmas wishes

Connecting Shropshire Mobile Infrastructure Project sent 29/11

Email re lights in Cherry Tree

Letter from resident

Email from First Responders

CAB request for donation – to June 2014

Severn Dee News November 2013

Lantern Parade Accounts

Police report November

Bower Farm Project minutes 25<sup>th</sup> Nov

Email re SAMdev & 5 year supply of housing\* 5/12

Temporary Road Closure x 3

Welsh Water Flooding Alleviation Scheme – St Martins

#### 15. Planning Applications

**To consider any applications which arrive before the meeting.**

13/04776/TPO (validated: 26/11/2013) 7 Inch Murrin, St Martins,

**Proposal:** Works to include the felling of 18 Leylandii trees and the crown reduction of 15 mixed trees covered by The Council of the Borough of Oswestry (The Inch Murrin) TPO 2003  
 Applicant: Mr & Mrs Bird (7 Inch Murrin, St Martins, Oswestry, SY11 3QH)  
 The Council ask can a replacement hedge of mixed native species be planted to include some appropriate trees to replace the Leylandii  
 The Council are happy with the crown reductions.

**Planning Permission Granted since the last meeting -Noted**

13/03739/FUL (validated: 23/09/2013) Moreton Park Garden Centre, Chirk Road, Gledrid, Chirk,  
**Proposal:** Erection of one (straw bale) show house

**16. Annual Place Plan Priorities Review 2013/14**

The Council's decision for priorities;-

1. Purchase of land for recreational purposes and or the development of recreational & sporting facilities
2. Continuation and maintenance of footpaths and local Rights of Way

**17. Local Hero – publicity**

The Council agreed that the forms would be on the Councils website and to request that it be put on St Martins website. Also that forms would be available for collection at The Centre if the Trustees agreed. The Trustees present at the meeting agreed to the request.

**18. Members Reports-**

'To report minor routine items relating to maintenance - highways, lighting.'

Oswestry Health Group Report – Councillor N Graham gave a report;

111 goes direct to the Ambulance Service so use Shropdoc

Problem re parking at Cambrian Medical Centre – solution being looked at

Maternity – Review due soon; New Fairholme – all beds taken. Dementia Strategy being developed

*Councillor Graham* reported that *the* Potholes in Colliery Road had been repaired.

*Councillor Latham* stated that the Environmental Agency are updating their flood date base to include surface water flooding. Historic information will show that St Martins had surface water flooding. The agency need to take note of the remedial work that has been carried out by S&T.

The members of the Water Forum were asked to forward the information to all agencies involved.

*Councillor Schofield* reported that; 1. The Parish Plan Group are continuing review but need more help; 2. Broadband – There is little or no news at present but there is some hope of having fibre to cabinets which will boost the signal. 3. BT have been informed that St Martins is semi rural (not rural)

*Councillor Sands* reported that yellow lines denoting potholes needing attention in upper Wigginton had been washed away.

*Councillor Stevens* reported 1. the same problem in Rhyn Lane & 2. The increasing problem of the pothole around the drain on the main road from Gledrid – not long before reaching Escob Farm.

*Councillor Herbert* reported that no one had come forward to join the Playing Field Committee and that there was Money in their bank account. Councillor Schofield stated that two residents had contacted her about this.

*Councillor Williams* reported a light out in Overton Road