

ST MARTINS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 13th February 2014 in The Community Centre, commencing at 7.00pm

In the Chair – Councillor H Williams

Present: Councillors: G Fryer, N Graham, M Hayball, B Herbert, B Latham, J Sands, S Schofield, J Stevens and H Williams.

Also present – Mr E Davies; CSO D Hughes (left after giving his report)
Shropshire Councillor S Davenport;

1. Public Participation with respect to *items on the agenda or of relevance to the parish* (15minutes)
None

2. To receive apologies and reasons for absence.

Councillors A Kynaston-Jones – family; E Harkess - illness, W Lander -working, G Pennington-family, D Laing -working,
Absent; 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 in the register of interests.

None

- b) To consider any applications for dispensations.

None

4. a) To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of January 9th 2014;

b) To confirm the minutes of the Budget meeting of 6th February 2014

The minutes of the Council Meetings held on the 9th January & 6th February were approved and it was **resolved** that the minutes be signed and adopted as a true record.

c) To note the minutes of the Finance Committee of 23rd January 2014

Noted

5. Progress Report.-Noted

Lights Out Overton Road 55/56/57/58 reported again – Major fault In a garden; Shropshire Council chasing this up.

6. Police Report

a) *Crime report; January; Nuisance, malicious communication -2; Assaults -2; 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.

1884	23/01/2014	Protek (SFE) Ltd	Bus Shelter	2801.40	466.90	2334.50
1885	13/02/2014	Highline Electrical	January	357.70	59.62	298.08
1886	13/02/2014	Daren Brewer	Cleaning play area	155.00		
1887	13/02/2014	S Crow	Salary Expenses Feb	846.67		
1888	13/02/2014	St Martins Centre	Room Hire Parish Plan	30.00		
1889	13/02/2014	Broker Network Ltd	Insurance 01/03-01/06 play area	101.14		
				4291.91		

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

2. Income since the last meeting; **None**

3. Bank Statements for viewing; cheque signing. Councillors Sands and Graham signed the cheques.

Chairman

Date

4. 3rd quarter statement **Noted**

8. **Local Hero update**

There were two nominations. The information & voting slip will be in the Spring newsletter.

9. **Unitary Councillor's question time**

Budget – Council working on this

Questions

Application at The Moors – A site meeting has been requested

Moors 30mph signs on the Gobowen side of the bridge - looking into the request; it is ongoing

School roads etc an update was requested - chasing

Traffic count census results – were these an accurate representation of the speeds?

A discussion took place on the present situation re planning.

10. **Vacancies - Finance Committee-1; Wrekin Housing Group -1**

Finance Committee – left open. Councillor Fryer would be the third council representative on the Wrekin Housing Project Group.

11. **Correspondence**

Letters to Owen Patterson and Shropshire Council re planning for consideration & signing

The Councillors present **agreed** to sign and send these letters

Letter requesting that the Council pay insurance for the play area to cover from 1st March to 1st June when the Council's insurance is due. The Council **agreed** to this

Noted;-

Revised contract received from D Royce. Price fixed for 5 seasons.

Invite re FRESH Approach to Equality in Shropshire.

Revised contract from D Royce re Play area and memorial Garden Prices fixed or 5 seasons

Letter from Weston Rhyn PC re Gledrid pothole – I replied with the latest information 12/02

From Councillor Davenport – Situation re SAMDev & Moors Lane

Crime figures for January sent 03/02

Reply from The Centre Trustee re the new arrangements

Nightingale House Midnight walk 28th June; + Nightingale News

Minutes of Bower Farm Project Board 13th Jan

Road Closure 10 March for 2 weeks – (8am-5pm) Old Ifton Farm via Ivy Cottage –sent 17 Jan*

Marie Curie grant request – to June meeting

12. **Planning Applications**

14/00554/ful Erection of 2 storey extension to side 60 Cherry Tree Drive

No Comment

Planning Permission Granted since the last meeting -Noted

13/02464/FUL (validated: 24/06/2013) Bower Farm, St Martins, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 3AN

Proposal: Erection of 12 affordable dwellings and associated road and drain infrastructure

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

Proposal: Works to include the felling of 17 Leylandi trees and 1no Poplar Tree and the crown reduction of 15 mixed trees covered by The Council of the Borough of Oswestry (The Inch Murrin) TPO 2003

Decision: Part Approved Part Refused

To consider any applications which arrive before the meeting.

None

13. **WW1 Commemoration**

Councillor Fryer willing to coordinate this.

14. **Items for newsletter**

None at present

15. **Members Reports-**

Councillor Williams reported broadband upgrade to Chirk exchange due Autumn2014

Councillor Latham reported surface of Cottage Lane is poor; gullies are blocked & water is bubbling up through the road surface;

Councillor Graham reported blocked drain near junction of Green Lane and Church Lane;

Councillor Schofield reported that the first issue of a new village magazine should be available by Easter

Councillor Hayball reported that a tree on the verge opposite 100 New Ifton was leaning.

Councillor Sands reported that water was going into one drain and coming out of the next in Darky Lane; potholes by the Vicarage

Also reported;

Drain blocked near Ridgeway Rentals – Shropshire Councillor Davenport agreed to investigate this.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm