St Martins Parish Council

**Minutes of a Meeting of the St Martins Parish Council held on Thursday 12th March 2015 at 7.00 p.m. in The St Martins Community Centre, St Martins.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr’s A. Allum, G. Fryer, N. Graham, M. Hayball, B. Herbert, J. Hoos,

1. Kynaston-Jones, D. Laing, G. Pennington, J. Sands, J. Stevens

and S. Schofield.

**Also in attendance: representative from the police, three members of the public and the Parish Clerk.**

**In the Chair: Cllr S. Schofield**

**The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the meeting.**

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| **058/03/15.C** | **Public Participation**  Jacqui Wilkins expressed concern that outline permission had been granted for the development in Cottage Lane. She again stressed that the public are being miss lead over the number of properties proposed for this site. | **Action** |
| **059/03/15.C** | **Apologies for Absence**  Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr’s B. Latham (away) and H. Williams (holiday).  The Parish Clerk explained changes in legislation that came into force at the end of January 2015 regarding the summons to meetings and that Members need to sign their consent for these to be sent by electronic form. All Members present signed this consent. |  |
| **060/03/15.C** | **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**  **Resolved:** to note that no other 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.  ***Resolved to bring item 063/03/15.C - Police Report forward and discussed at this stage.*** |  |
| **063/03/15.C** | **Police Report**  The Chairman welcomed Sgt. Scott Barnes to the meeting. He explained the area that they cover and went through the recent incidents recorded during the last three months. He also reported on results of Speed Checks in St. Martins in the 30mph zone. 12% of vehicles checked in January exceeded the speed limit while this increased to 24% in February.  They will continue carrying out speed enforcement in the village and as the days get longer and they have more light they will have more scope to do this. It is hoped that this information will enable the Parish Council to approach the Road Safety Partnership and see what traffic calming measures can be put in place.  Shropshire Cllr S. Davenport said that following a recent report in a circular sent out by our Police & Crime Commissioner Bill Longmore he would follow up the availability of a fixed speed sign for St Martins.  Cllr A. Kynaston-Jones said she welcomed the police presence at the meeting. However Cllr J. Stevens added that it was disappointing that the message had not been passed down to officers that we had previously changed our Standing Orders to accommodate police officers at 7.30 pm.  The Chairman said there was still an issue at the new island by the school when children are crossing the road. She requested more police presence at this junction, or CSO’s, especially in the morning before school starts.  The Chairman thanked Sgt. Scott Barnes for attending who then left the meeting. | **Action** |
| **061/03/15.C** | **Minutes**  **Proposed: Cllr D. Laing**  **Seconded: Cllr J. Hoos**    **Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on Thursday 12th February 2015, having been previously circulated be confirmed as a correct record, signed by the Chairman and adopted.** | **Chairman** |
| **062/03/15.C** | **Progress Report**  The Parish Clerk gave the following verbal report;  **Finance:-** Accounts for payment  E Davies Salary & Expenses March £395.19  Post Office PAYE £532.70  Nigel Thomas Play Area Inspections £24.00  Daren Brewer Cleaning Play Areas/Planting £130.00  St Martins Centre Room Hire £330.00  Highline Electrical Street Lighting Repairs £386.20  Annual Maintenance £672.00  Information Comm Data Protection Registration £35.00  SLCC Annual Membership £129.92    **Report/update from Divisional Surveyor**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | ***Highway Issue*** | ***Action Taken/Date*** | | Grid blocked 100m from Pentre Nursery in Glyn Morlas Lane. | Field flooded and overflowing | | Deep pot hole in Church Lane opposite Griffin Farm. | Work has been issued | | Footpath at the back of Bower Farm now impossible to walk on due to deep mud. | Muddy near entrance will contact developer | | Roadside grass verges damaged around Church area due to large agricultural vehicles using this area which is now a hazard to cyclists. | One area over run by tractor | | Update required on new warning signage for new mini roundabout by new school.  ***Members requested an update on this from Shropshire Council Officer David Gradwell.*** | Meeting County Cllr on site about this issue  18/02/2015 | | Very untidy and environmental concerns around 3 Take-away shops. | Passed onto Public protection and will get Community Pay Back to tidy area if not resolved | | Fly tipping in area around Greenfields Farm. | Will investigate | | Pot holes now opening up on opening to New Ifton and outside The Keys PH.  ***Members added that these are now major and dangerous pot holes.*** | There are minor potholes in the area |   **Report/update from Police by Kate Le'Clere**  Reports issued for December, January & February.  See also report from Kate Le’Clere under correspondence plus results of Speed checks in St Martins.  **Street Lighting:-**  All reported faults have been repaired.  Report on survey of Community Street Lighting just received, now to be considered by Street Lighting Committee.  **Skate Park:- Latest report from Chaz Hampson**  I am currently waiting for my skatelite supplier to come back with a date with it to be in-stock with them be rest assured that as soon as it is in stock I will collect it and come over and sort your skate park for you. I called by the other day on the way back from a job in Twywn and had a look at your damaged gate hinge that will be no problem to sort when I am onsite and I will do that within the price quoted for your other works.  **Stans Field:-**  New three year lease drawn up and awaiting signature.   **War Memorial:-**  The Independent Memorial Inspection (IMI) has been contacted which is an established company undertaking memorial headstone inspection on behalf of Burial Authorities. IMI also offer the service of cleaning and conserving War Memorials using only methods approved by War Memorials Trust and English Heritage. They work in tandem and liaise with In Memoriam 2014 enduring the safety of our Nations War Memorials as well as with The United Kingdom National Inventory of War Memorials who keep an up to date record of all the war memorials nationally. A number of clients have undertaken the operations with grants for the works which IMI carry out the works to the high standards required for the grants. These services are provided nationally from our Midlands base, not location is too far to provide a high standard of service. A report is awaited.  **Next Meeting(s):-** Council 9th April 2015 at 7.00 pm  Annual Parish Meeting 16th April at 7.00 pm | **Action**  **Parish Clerk**  **Parish Clerk**  **Action** |
| **064/03/15.C** | **Financial Matters**  **064.1 Accounts for payment;**  1975 E Davies Salary & Expenses March £395.10  1976 Post Office PAYE £532.70  1977 Nigel Thomas Play Area Inspections £24.00  1978 Daren Brewer Cleaning Play Areas/Planting £130.00  1979 St Martins Centre Room Hire £330.00  1980 Highline Electrical Street Lighting Repairs £386.20  Annual Maintenance £672.00  1981 Information Comm Data Protection Registration £35.00  1982 SLCC Annual Membership £129.92  **Proposed: Cllr D. Laing**  **Seconded: Cllr G. Pennington**  **Resolved: that the above payments be authorized.**  **064.2 Income**  There was no income to report.  Cllr J. Stevens asked for an update on the Bower Farm Phase 2 Grant Funding Application. The Parish Clerk said all papers had been signed off and the funding would be in our bank account by the end of the month.  **064.3 Bank Statements**  These were on file and noted.  **064.3 Local Council Award Scheme**  The Parish Clerk reported on this new scheme and a session being run by SALC with a NALC Development Manager explaining how Councils can start planning their own improvement programme. Cost was £20.  **Proposed: Cllr J. Stevens**  **Seconded: Cllr G. Fryer**  **Resolved: that the Parish Clerk attends this training session and reports back to the next meeting.** | **Parish Clerk**  **Action**  **Parish Clerk** |
| **065/03/15.C** | **Planning**  The following schedule of planning applications was considered;  New Planning Applications published on 19/02/2015 relating to parish of: St Martins   **Reference:**  15/00566/REM (validated: 06/02/2015)  **Address:**  Proposed Residential Development West Of, Cottage Lane,  St Martins, Shropshire  **Proposal:**  Approval of reserved matters (access, appearance, landscaping,layout and scale) pursuant to permission 14/01390/OUT for the erection of  12 no. dwellings  **Applicant:** Mr Steve Jennings (London House, Town Walls, Shrewsbury,  SY1 1TX)  The Chairman asked all Members for their comments on this application. Again they expressed concern over this application, referring back to the original outline application for this site. Shropshire Cllr S. Davenport said there were still an enormous number of inaccuracies in the application and he was still trying to arrange a meeting with the Head of Planning. He also expressed concern that it had been brought to his attention that these houses were now on the market through an estate agent. Cllr J. Stevens then went through a report he had prepared which went into detail all the conflicting dates and anomalies in the applications and a resolution to put to Shropshire Council which was  **Proposed**: Cllr G. Pennington  **Seconded**: Cllr D. Laing   |  | | --- | | This Council resolves that it will lodge a formal complaint against Shropshire Council over the granting of outline planning permission for application 14/01390/OUT concerning land West of Cottage Lane, St Martins.  The process followed for this application, together with the documentation provided in its support and the contradictory evidence contained in subsequent applications 14/05638/REM and 15/00566/REM indicate not only a misinterpretation and misapplication of policy, but also a breach in the rules of procedure and a contravention of the rules of natural justice to the extent that the decision is so unreasonable as to be irrational or perverse.  We therefore request that Shropshire Council remedy this situation by rescinding the outline planning permission granted on 5 February 2015, by investigating and resolving the key questions supplied by St Martins Parish Council and that they then resubmit the original application for determination by the elected members of the North Planning Committee. |   After further discussion it was;  **Proposed**: Cllr J. Stevens  **Seconded**: Cllr N. Graham  **Resolved:** **that the Parish Council strongly objects to this application on the following grounds; enormous number of inaccuracies in application, concern over how this site is increasing in numbers by each submission, dangerous junction onto Ellesmere Road from Cottage Lane which cannot be improved and concern that Shropshire Council’s Highway Officers raise no objections to the application, vehicle access from a single track lane, not included in the SAMDev by the parish council and concern that the road disappears into a field at the end of the proposed development which could lead to further development in the future. The Parish Council also object to the fact that the "road" is described as a Tarmac drive and as such would not be to highway standards - despite the application being for 12 houses.  It also has no street light.**  -----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------  New Planning Applications published on 18/02/2015 relating to parish of: St Martins   **Reference:**  15/00537/FUL  (validated: 05/02/2015)  **Address:**  Ifton Heath C P School, Overton Road, Ifton Heath, St Martins,  Shropshire, SY11 3DH  **Proposal:**  Change of use of part of former school site to provide temporary residential site for Travellers for a period of up to one year.  **Applicant:** Assets and Estates Team (Mrs Steph Jackson, Head of  Commercial Service, Shropshire Council, The Shirehall, Abbey Foregate,  Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 6ND).  The Chairman felt the word ‘Travellers’ should be replaced by the ‘Stokes Family’. Cllr J. Stevens said we should object to the application until such times as Shropshire Council come and talk to the parish council on what plans are acceptable for this site. After further discussion it was;  **Proposed**: Cllr S. Schofield  **Seconded**: Cllr A. Kynaston-Jones  **Resolved: St Martins Parish Council are concerned that they were not involved in the proposal to use the land at the former Ifton Heath Primary School as a temporary base for the Stokes travelling fairground and its family. We also object to the erroneous and incomplete information contained in the current planning application and we are concerned that the process followed so far has not included any consultation with local people. Furthermore recent observations of the site show vehicles already parking outside the proposed boundary limit of the application. We want to see the former school site developed for the benefit of the local community, either as a centre for business or the community or both. Approval of this planning application will effectively blight the site for at least a year and – if rapid progress is not made on a permanent site – potentially even longer.**  It was also;  **Proposed**: Cllr J. Stevens  **Seconded**: Cllr A. Kynaston-Jones  **Resolved: that a press statement is prepared, should it be required. This would be emailed to all Members.** -----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------  **To consider** any planning applications not listed above that are received after the date of publication of this agenda due to response time frames set by Shropshire Council.  There were none.  -----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------  Planning decisions and recommendations of the planning authority listed in the schedule below.  To date there are none.  ----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------- | **Action**  **Parish Clerk**  **Action**  **Parish Clerk**  **Action** |
| **066/03/15.C** | **Coal Bed Methane Extraction**  Shropshire Cllr Steve Davenport reported that this had now gone to a public enquiry and he will continue to monitor developments on this. | **Cllr Steve Davenport** |
| **067/03/15.C** | **Shropshire Council**  Members noted items of correspondence received from Shropshire Council.  Shropshire Cllr S. Davenport reported that Shropshire Council’s budget had now been signed off with 80m cuts to be taken across all departments.  Cllr J. Stevens asked for an update on the SAMDev. Cllr S. Davenport said it had not yet been signed off by Central Government but the inspector has completed his work. | **Cllr Steve Davenport** |
| **068/03/15.C** | **Vacancy for Councillor**  The Parish Clerk reported that we had received two applications for this vacancy. Both filled the criteria set for becoming a Councillor.  These would now be considered by the Council at the April meeting. | **Parish Clerk** |
| **069/03/15.C** | **Street Lighting**  The Parish Clerk reported that he had just received the maintenance report from Highline Electrical. This would now be considered by the Street Lighting Committee before any decision could be taken on changing the light units to LED. | **Parish Clerk** |
| **070/03/15.C** | **Cottage Lane**  Cllr G. Fryer raised concerns at the last meeting over dog fouling in this area. Members agreed that a bin should be provided in this area, preferably half way down but not restricted to just dog waste so that there would be no charge for emptying.  **Proposed**: Cllr D. Laing  **Seconded**: Cllr J. Stevens  **Resolved: that Shropshire Council are asked to provide a dual purpose litter bin in Cottage Lane.** | **Parish Clerk** |
| **071/03/15.C** | **Kimberley Lane**  Cllr J. Stevens gave an update on a survey of the 12 properties in this area on what action can be taken following concern expressed by residents that private cars parked in Kimberley Lane are being damaged by HGV’s using this lane. So far 9 forms had been returned.  He would look through these with the Chairman and then hold a public meeting with these residents to agree a way forward which would then be presented to Shropshire Council. | **Action** |
| **072/03/15.C** | **Correspondence**  All items of correspondence had been circulated to all Members at the meeting, which included;   * Clerks & Councils Direct * SNT Newsletters – Kate Le’Clere & Speed Check Results * Police reports – December 2014, January 2015, February 2015 * Cherry Tree Drive – Heather Lloyd * Kimberley Lane Traffic Management * Gas Drilling Inquiry * Survey of Community Street Lighting   Correspondence forwarded by email since the last meeting   * 16th February SALC Special Bulletin * 17th & 23rd February SALC Information Bulletins * 25th February SALC Council Tax Support Grant * 1st & 6th March SALC Information Bulletins |  |
| **057/02/15.C** | **Members Reports**  Cllr G. Fryer reported large pot holes and the edges of the road breaking up in Clarks Lane as you come off Overton Road.  Cllr M. Hayball reported a dangerous pot hole the St Martins side of the Canal bridge.  Cllr B. Herbert said he had received complaints from residents that bus drivers were not lowering the bus to allow elderly people to dismount from the service buses. There was also concern over the change in time tables.  Concern was expressed over the overgrown path between no’s 19 and 44 at the back of Moors Bank.  Cllr N. Graham questioned why Openreach Vans have to park on the grass verges which have now damaged the area by the Telephone Kiosk opposite Stan’s Superstore and at the end of Colliery Lane. On one occasion there being three vans which restricted visibility in this area. | **Parish Clerk**  **Parish Clerk**  **Parish Clerk**  **Parish Clerk**  **Parish Clerk** |
|  | There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting  closed at 20.50 p.m.  Signed ……………………………… Date ………………. | **Chairman** |