

## ST MARTINS PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013 in The Community Centre, commencing at 7.00pm**

### In the Chair – Councillor H Williams

**Present:** Councillors: N Graham, E Harkess, M Hayball, B Herbert, D Laing, W Lander, B Latham, G Pennington, J Sands, S Schofield, J Stevens and H Williams

*Also present – Unitary Councillor Davenport; CSO D Firth & PC L'eclere  
1 members of the public;*

**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.**

A Kynaston-Jones – family business; A Allum-family business;

**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 16;** *Councillor Pennington –home adjacent to the area.*

**Item 17;** *Councillors Graham, Laing and Schofield –Trustees of The Centre*

- b) To consider any applications for dispensations.

None

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

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

**5. Progress Report.** *To be distributed at the meeting.*

*POTHOLE Gledrid sent 18/09; St Martins Parish Council noted this reply but feel that the pothole needs attention now. I do hope that you will be able to progress this repair*

**ANSWER** *Further to your email of 18 September 2013, our Managing Agent Amey, visited the site last week and confirm that the temporary repair was still in place and holding well.*

*Amey will go out again next week to check if this is still the case.*

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

**CSO** Dan Firth's Blackberry 07816172510; mobile 07792 757647;

PC Kate Le Clere 07792 774 024;

Email – [oswestrym.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:oswestrym.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk); witter @OsCops; Web [www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk);

a) *Crime report*

*Sept - Burglary Non Dwelling-1; Assault 1; theft from vehicle -1; theft of a vehicle -1; theft -2;*

b) *Councillors questions & reports on policing matters*

**7. Financial matters**

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

1850	10/10/2013	Reprographix	Newsletter + delivery	257.10		
1851	10/10/2013	SLCC	Training	20.00		
1852	10/10/2013	Midland News Assoc	Advert - clerk vacancy	60.00	10.00	50.00
1853	10/10/2013	G R Contracting	Seat Installation + Moors path	343.20	57.20	286.00
1854	10/10/2013	S Crow	Salary Expenses Oct	2462.33		
1855	10/10/2013	Daren Brewer	Cleaning play area Oct	105.00		
1856	10/10/2013	ALC	Lunch AGM	40.00		
1857	10/10/2013	John Hicks	Post Installation Inspection	300.00	50.00	250.00

Chairman

Date

1858	10/10/2013	Highline Electrical	Trevor Avenue lamp	66.00	11.00	55.00
1859	10/10/2013	Agritel	Ink Cartridges	119.58	19.93	99.65
				<b>3773.21</b>		

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

2. Income – Interest £20.55 Noted
3. Bank Statements for viewing; Councillors Schofield and Graham signed the cheques.
4. Second quarter financial report. July – September 2013 -Not available as awaiting a bank statement
5. Purchase of a replacement Bus Shelter -  
The clerk reported that as a result of information received Arriva accepted the responsibility for the damage and their insurance would pay. The Council **resolved** to purchase a shelter from Shelter Solutions; to be installed against the fence. The Clerk will check that Arriva will reimburse the council before ordering.

### 8. New Clerk update

To date 6 application packs have been sent out

### 9. To adopt the procedure for Co-option of new Councillors

The council **resolved** to adopt the policy

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

Cuts - Planning department to lose 12% of officers (already lost a third)

### 11. Armistice Day Arrangements

Band booked; Councillor Graham agreed to let the band know which hymns to play; Council **agreed** to pay the band £125.

Letters sent to scout group; guides; brownies and security firm.

Valley Security –

- The diversion signs will be collected from The St Martin's Centre.
- Cost of controlling the road closure - £343.98

Road closure order in place, 10.30- 11.15am –on noticeboards

Printing the Order of service – Councillor N Graham **agreed** to do this. The council **resolved** to pay for a colour ink cartridge.

It was agreed that the wreath would be laid by a serving soldier.

The service will be at the Chapel this year.

Clean memorial –Councillor agreed to ensure that the memorial is clean

The Clerk has been in contact with Severn & Trent to ensure access to the memorial on the day

### 12. 2014 remembrance – What will St Martins do? Ideas needed

War Graves in churchyard.

### 13. Correspondence – list distributed at meeting

- i) SALC AGM 2<sup>nd</sup> November Councillors Harkiss, Pennington and Schofield will to attend Amey - proposed freeway Gledrid to Halton. The council support the road being designated as a freeway.

#### **Noted**

Armistice Day road closure notices/permission received from Shropshire Council

Budget & Precept Setting 24<sup>th</sup> October –arranging **local training** with Selattyn & Gobowen

Shropshire RCC –Buzz Autumn magazine

Resignation letter from Councillor Guntrip. Vacancy notices up & Shropshire Council informed.

Bus Timetables 53,53A,X53, 449 -on noticeboards

Response re Road safety concerns agreed at the September meeting

LJC Agenda, Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 7pm

## 14. Planning Applications

13/03739/FUL (validated: 23/09/2013) Moreton Park Garden Centre, Chirk Road, Gledrid, **Proposal:** Erection of one (straw bale) show house. **Applicant:** Period Builders Ltd (Mr Brian Daure, Moreton Park Garden Centre, Chirk Road, Gledrid, Chirk, Wrexham, Shropshire, LL14 5DG)

No comment.

13/03854/OHL (validated: 24/09/2013) Lower House Farm, Pen-y-bryn, St Martins, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 3DX **Proposal:** Diversion/undergrounding of an existing 33kv overhead line to facilitate the construction of the new legacy to Oswestry 132 kv overhead line

**Applicant:** Scottish Power (Energy Networks, Wrexham Road, Pentre Bychan, Wrexham, LL14 4DU)  
Council **resolved** to object as would rather see the new line go underground.

### To consider any applications which arrive before the meeting

13/03978/FUL (validated: 03/10/2013) Pinfold Cottage, Church Lane, St Martins, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 3HS **Proposal:** Erection of a single storey extension to front. Applicant: Mr & Mrs T E Jones

No comment

### Planning Permission Granted since the last meeting

13/03255/FUL (validated: 14/08/2013) New House Farm, St. Martins, Oswestry, SY11 3DR

*Proposal: Construction of porous macadam tennis court, with plastic coated chain link fence surround*

## 15. Post Installation Inspection New Play Equipment report

The Clerk reported that this was needed in order to comply with the insurance

## 16. Playing Field Land, behind Stan's; Shropshire Council to reduce financial support.

The Council **resolved** to accept the proposal & will budget accordingly.

## 17. To agree to the recommendation from the executive meeting that Councillors Pennington & Stevens liaise with The Centre Trustees re Trust land

The Council **agreed** that Councillors Pennington and Stevens should liaise with the Centre Trustees on this matter.

## 18. Request to plant a tree in the Memorial Garden

**In principle the council agree to this.**(8ft high at present; need to know how tall it will grow; the species and who will look after it initially.

## 19. Petition re broadband –for support

The Council **agreed** to support the petition.

## 20. Members Reports-

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

Report from Oswestry Area Committee of Town & Parish Councils by Councillor Pennington – attached

*Councillor Stevens reported* a mattress dumped at the junction of Nefod & Rhyn Lanes

*Councillor Laing reported* give way road markings disappearing at junction of Coopers Lane& Ellesmere Road

*Councillor Schofield reported* potholes Church Lane near Church Farm.

Date of the next meeting Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2013

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Congratulations on the success of the first Annual show to Sue Schofield & Steve Davenport and all others involved.