

MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 10th January 2022 at 7pm at Martin Club.

	Present: Cllr King, Batten, Hooper, Hapke, Richard and Sampson, Becca Stobie (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.		
	The Chairman opened the meeting by explaining that, following guidance from HALC, the meeting should be kept brief and that social distancing measures should be adhered to.		
Item No	Item	Description	Action
20-228	Apologies for Absence	20- 228 None Received	To record
20-229	Councillors' Declarations of Interest	20-229 Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011. Sam Hooper.	
20-230	Open Public Forum	20-230 The public are invited to speak on matters relevant to the meeting. No comments raised.	
20-231	Minutes of Previous Meeting	20-231 For Approval & Signature. Meeting held on 13 th December 2022 The minutes of the meeting of 13th December 2021, having been previously circulated, were approved and signed.	Clerk to file
20-232	Matters Arising	20-232 To discuss any matters arising from minutes. Highways: Cllr King has spoken to SGA, a 2nd battery should have been supplied, this will now be done, and we can change it ourselves. Vacancies – To be discussed later. Playground – To be discussed later. Fallen Tree – needs to be cut back further. Donation of Walnut Tree – agreed to accept with a decision on location required.	
20-233	Clerk's Report & Financial Matters	20-233.1 To receive Clerk's/Chair's General Report. The Clerk apologised for the confusion with the numbering on the pervious minutes and agenda. 20-233.2 To approve payment of the following accounts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plusnet (broadband+calls) - £30.68 DD • Clerk's Salary (6/12/21–2/1/22 x 4 weeks) £250.56 • Website hosting - £11.98 to Cllr Richards • Landscaping Services, Mark Hooper: Inv. 1529: Bustard pond, Village green/playing field £2032.80 Inv. 1530: Community Orchard £132.00 Inv. 1531: Church Yard £576.00 Total £2164.80 The Clerk stated that the total for Landscaping Services did not include the Church Yard £576 as this had been approved and paid at the last meeting.	Approved. To be paid.
20-234	SID Update & Highways	20-234 Discuss the most recent data and update regarding the road issues in the Parish. No further news.	
20-235	Vacancies on the Parish Council	20-235 To discuss the vacancies and plans to fill 20-235.1 Parish Councillor 20-235.2 Parish Clerk This will be discussed at the closed session after the Parish Council meeting.	

20-236	Planning & Other Applications	<p>20-236 To consider the following planning applications received from NFDC:</p> <p>20-236.1 21/11653 – Shepherds Cottage (21.1.22 closure) PAR 1 - recommend approval but will go with officers. However, we question the increase in footprint and not happy with increased paving on the road verge which we try to discourage.</p> <p>20-236.2 Land at Townsend Lane No further updates.</p> <p>20-236.3 Updates on: Knap Barrow Farm – Extended to 18th February. No further info King’s Yard – No further info Maple Field Farm – 2 appeals lodged but no dates given</p>	All agreed Clerk to respond.
20-237	Playground/Martin Park	<p>20-237.1 To receive the latest safety/inspection report No issues to report other than additional bark being required. Consider levelling another area for use as a football pitch and reseeding the worn patches.</p> <p>20-237.2 Progress report on the planting project No updates.</p> <p>20-237.3 Discuss Future developments at the park Check budget figures to see if purchasing the table tennis equipment is viable.</p> <p>20-237.4 Update on litter bin Litter including beer bottles and cans has been removed from the recreation ground once again. A new bin has been identified, a final check to see if it can be fixed to the ground is required prior to purchase. The PC hopes that an extra bin will encourage people to leave the recreation ground tidy for others to enjoy.</p> <p>20-237.5 Possible grants for play equipment A reminder to be sent to Edward Heron.</p> <p>20-237.6 Official name for the Recreation Ground This agenda item will be discussed at a later meeting, but in the meantime and for the foreseeable future the PC will call the area “the Recreation Ground”.</p>	<p>Clerk to obtain quotes.</p> <p>Clerk/Chair to look at budget.</p> <p>Cllr Hooper to look at fixings before ordering.</p> <p>Clerk to contact Edward Heron.</p>
20-238	Minor Matters and Items for Next Agenda	<p>20-238 Councillors to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas</p> <p>Cllr King asked all Cllrs if they were happy to continue meeting face to face maintaining social distancing and short duration.</p> <p>Agenda numbering should restart at the beginning of each Financial Year. This will be addressed in future.</p> <p>Cllr Richards explained that a letter had now been sent to landowners with regards to accessible footpaths. This will be added to the next agenda.</p> <p>Cllr King thanked Becca Stobie for her time as Clerk as this would be her last official meeting.</p>	<p>All agreed.</p> <p>Clerk to add notes to files.</p> <p>Clerk to add to agenda</p>
20-239	Closed Session	20-239 The meeting will be followed by a closed session to make decisions re the Clerk's post and vacant Councillor position.	

Meeting closed at: 7.30pm Date of next meeting: 21st February 2022

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