

MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 8th November 2021 at 7pm at Martin Club.

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| | Present: Cllr King (Chair), Cllrs Hapke, Hooper, Richards, Batten and Sampson. and 1 member of the public. | |
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| 20-198 | Apologies for Absence Becca Stobie (Clerk) | |
| 20-199 | Councillors' Declarations of Interest 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 Janet Richards | |
| 20-200 | Open Public Forum The public are invited to speak on matters relevant to the meeting. A member of the public, who lives close to the field in Townsend Lane, came to talk about the field and its possible planning issues, agricultural ties, protected hedges, and the safety implications if any new housing is proposed in that area of the village. | |
| 20-201 | Minutes of Previous Meeting The minutes of the meeting of 27th September 2021, having been previously circulated, were approved and signed. | |
| 20-201 | Matters Arising To discuss any matters arising from minutes. 20-182 Townsend Lane hedge now cut, but hedge trimmings have not been cleared and a lot of soil also in the road. PC Chair to be told if this was not cleared. Later in the meeting Cllr Batten said he may be able to help if the debris was still in the road. 20-179/184 Ash trees in Sillens lane – Cllr Hooper chased NFDC, they had passed it to HCC who supplied a ref number but not sure if they have actually done anything. 20-169/184 SID No reply to 2 emails. 20-191 Advert for co-opted Councillor on hold – maybe add clerk position. 20-192.5 Cllr Richards to ask for grants from HCC for play equipment . 20-192.5 Clerk to ask Damerham (and other local PCs) what they pay re clearing rubbish. 20-195 Grant procedure is now amended and is on website | Cllr Hooper to chase Cllr King to call Cllr Richards to apply Clerk to contact local Clerks |

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| <p>20-203</p> | <p>Clerk's Report & Financial Matters</p> <p>20-203.1 To receive Clerk's/Chair's General Report. Clerk's written report was received with appreciation</p> <p>20-203.2 To approve payment of the following accounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plusnet (broadband+calls) - £31.52 DD • Clerk's Salary (20/9/21–31/10/21 x6 weeks) £375.84 • Website hosting fee paid by Cllr Richards - £9.98 • J Parkers Bulbs paid by Cllr Sampson - £39.60 <p>20-203.3 Venue for future meetings Agreed to hold meetings at Martin Club for the time being</p> <p>20-203.4 Broadband costs Broadband end date is required to decide on costs and if MPC will continue to pay. Decision at end of contract.</p> <p>20-203.5 Clerk's report confirmed her intention to resign because of increased work hours for her job. Clerk will continue until we can find someone else.</p> | <p>All Payments Approved Cllr Richards to action</p> <p>Clerk to check contract</p> <p>Cllr King to advertise role</p> |
| <p>20-204</p> | <p>Cllr Edward Heron Update from Cllr Heron Report chased but not received. No update.</p> | |
| <p>20-205</p> | <p>SID Update & Highways</p> <p>20-205 Discuss the most recent data and update regarding the road issues in the Parish. Cllr Hapke reported untrimmed hedges have narrowed the Drove End Road as you turn off dual carriageway. On the western side, Cllr Richards advised it is cut annually.</p> <p>Re potholes, Chair said that it is everyone's responsibility to report potholes.</p> | |
| <p>20-206</p> | <p>Budget Planning</p> <p>20-206 To discuss Budget Planning for 2022/23</p> <p>Cllr King, Richards and the Clerk will form a sub-committee to look at the budget. Precept to be decided at next full PC meeting (Dec 6th).</p> | |

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| <p>20-210</p> | <p>Housing Needs 20-210 To discuss the Housing needs in the village Clerk to contact the NFDC dept that we dealt with before with a view to sending out survey.</p> | <p>Clerk to contact NFDC</p> |
| <p>20-211</p> | <p>Footpaths 20-211 Update on how to make our footpaths more accessible and potential grant fund availability</p> <p>Route around the village was provisionally agreed. JR to ask for permission to put up disc signs.</p> <p>Process - Letter to landowners regarding the route. Introductory letter and reasons why. Answer their possible questions and then approach individually to discuss specific gates and improvements.</p> <p>Report fallen tree in Angel Lane and missing footpath signs.</p> | <p>Cllr Richards draft letter Cllr's King and Hooper to approve draft</p> <p>Cllr Sampson to report</p> |
| <p>20-212</p> | <p>Lengthsman 20-212 The next Lengthsman visit is on 29th November. Discus required works (deadline 24/11/21)</p> <p>Would like grips to be done, but he will not do them anymore. Branches need cutting around SID both ends of village. Tidpit path also needs attention. Clerk to be informed of other needs in good time.</p> | <p>All Cllr's to respond to clerk with works required</p> |
| <p>20-213</p> | <p>Minor Matters and Items for Next Agenda 20-213 Councillors to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas</p> <p>Cllr Sampson – Jen Rhodes will be requesting disabled access for Blandford Hall (NB polling station, shop access). The best way may be to go through Edward Heron. PC happy to endorse.</p> <p>For next agenda</p> <p>Budget, Climate Change, Tree planting, Tree map to celebrate our trees.</p> | |
| <p><i>Date of Next Meeting: <u>Monday 13th December – 7pm Martin Club</u></i></p> | | |
| <p>Posted: 16/11/21</p> | <p><i>Clerk - Martin Parish Council</i> <i>20 Downview Road, Martin, SP6 3LP</i> <i>clerk@martin-pc-newforest.gov.uk</i></p> | |