**MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on April 4th at 7pm at Martin Club.

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|  |  | Present: Councillors King, Hooper, Hapke, Richards, Sampson, Batten and Greenwood  Councillor E. Heron (NFDC)  Melissa Hildreth – Clerk  And 2 members of the public |  |
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| **Item No** | **Item** | **Description** | **Action** |
| **22-001** | **Apologies for Absence** | ***None*** | **To record** |
| **22-002** | **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*.* ***Cllr. Hooper husband is Mark Hooper. Cllr Richards also represents Martin Club.*** | **To record** |
| **22-003** | **Open Public Forum** | The public are invited to speak on matters relevant to the meeting. ***Members of the public came to enquire about apparent developments at Bumbleberry Field. They enquired about whether there had been planning applications and could the Parish Council please keep the owners informed as to what developments should be started through planning application.*** |  |
| **22-004** | **Minutes of Previous Meeting** | Meeting minutes for 21/02/22 approved and signed. | **Signed and recorded** |
| **22-005** | **Matters Arising** | To discuss any matters arising from minutes.  ***20-245******Will discuss later in agenda***  ***20-246******Will discuss later in agenda***  ***20-249******£1000 grant received for table tennis table.***  ***20-250 Tree at Packbridge Lane has been removed.*** |  |
| **22-006** | **Clerk’s Report & Financial Matters** | **22-006.1** To receive Clerk’s/Chair’s General Report.  ***March 1, 2022 opening balance of £6262.72***  ***March 31,2022 Closing balance of £5626.63***  ***Clerk took training course in March about audit and how to fill-in AGAR.***  **22-006.2** PlusNet contract up. To discuss new plan.  ***Council approves to allow Clerk to watch and sign up for best price on broadband plus calls.***  **22-006.3**To approve payment of the following accounts:   * Plusnet (broadband+calls) - £31.10 DD * Clerk Rebecca Stobie back dated NJC Pay scale raise for 2021 (48 weeks x 6hrs x .19 increase) £ 54.72 * Clerk’s Salary Melissa Hildreth (21/02/22 – 02/04/22 x 6 weeks)= £382.68 (at new rate) Back pay (3 weeks x 6hrs x .19 increase) £3.42 Total pay =£386.10   To reimburse clerk:   * Microsoft 365 Business- £9.48 * Sim only Pay as you Go Lebara- £5.00 * HALC Officers Update meeting = £12.00 | **All costs approved. To be paid.** |
| **22-007** | **Hampshire CC** | ***22-007*** Hampshire CC presentation to local councils (17/03/22)  ***Cllr King attended meeting and gave summary of what he learned. Informed us about devolution. This may not affect PCs as much as larger conurbations. Also shared budget constraints of Hampshire CC.*** |  |
| **22-008** | **Cllr Heron** | **22-008.1** Cllr Heron opportunity to address PC  ***Councillor Heron wanted to inform us about the new Rubbish and Recycling plans to come into effect by 2024. Details can be found at*** [**https://newforest.gov.uk/wastestrategy#h22**](https://newforest.gov.uk/wastestrategy#h22)  ***He asked that we let the local community know and to contact NFDC with their views on proposed changes.* *There will be*** ***an update again in July. There is a backdoor collection service for rubbish and those who feel they are not physically able to take their rubbish to street may register for this.***  ***For Ukrainians coming to area they should be contacted by the council within three days to help with services. If not contact Cllr Heron. Right now only Ukrainians who know someone in the UK are being admitted to stay.*** |  |
| **22-009** | **SID Update & Highways** | **22-009.1** Discuss the most recent data and update regarding the road issues in the Parish.   ***Potholes in roads recently filled. Parishioners reporting directly to Council seems to be working.***  ***Cllr King went to the premises of SGA and was assured the battery pack would be ready soon.*** |  |
| **22-010** | **Planning & Other Applications** | **22-010** To consider the following planning items received  from NFDC:  **22-010.1** 22/10313– Juniper Cottage – ***Council decided on PAR 2 Refusal***  **22-010.2** Land at Townsend Lane – ***No further information***  **22-010.3** Updates on Knap Barrow Farm-***No further information*** King’s Yard – ***No further information***  Maple Field Farm - ***Ref: 21/11160- Continued use as campsite-Granted by NFDC- Appeal withdrawn***  Land Adjacent to Maple Field Farms- ***now known as Bumbleberry***  ***Field*** | **Clerk to notify NFDC Planning of MPC decisions** |
| **22-011** | **Recreation Ground** | ***22-011.1*** Discuss Future developments at the Recreation Ground **-Cllr Batten requested MPC to allow purchase of play bark for recreation ground. Same supplier and volume as last year. MPC agreed.**  **22-011.2** Discuss which table tennis table to purchase and install-**MPC decided a concrete table to be purchased. MPC councillors to meet April 9th at 6pm to agree position of table. Clerk to confirm costs of table to agree next meeting. MPC to scout placement of 70 trees for Jubilee at Saturday meeting.**  **Basketball court needs some cement patching. Cllr Batten to complete. MPC agrees. Ben reports new bin being used and there is less rubbish on grounds. Cllr Batten would like to use weights for Football goals as pins go missing. MPC agrees. Broken tree to be replaced possibly by a donated Cherry tree. Clerk to notify MPC when bark arrives so that all Cllr can help place bark.** | **MPC agreed. Clerk to order bark.** |
| **22-012** | **Hedge and Grass**  **Maintenance** | ***22-012.1*** Hedge and Grass cutting in Orchard and Recreation Ground  ***Mark Hooper completed first hedge cut in Orchard and first grass cut at Recreation Ground. Parishioner that had complained about hedge in Orchard sent note of thanks for the hedge cutting.***  ***22-012.2*** ‘No Mow May’ for discussion/decision- **MPC to support ‘No Mow May’** **again this year. Due to wildlife concerns at Bustard Pond, the front will be mowed but the back will be left to grow for May. Mowing will start again in June.** |  |
| **22-013** | **Ukraine** | ***22-013.1*** Response to Ukraine needs. **Cllr Heron earlier report concerning support of Ukrainian refugees met MPC queries.** |  |
| **22-014** | **Martin**  **Club** | **22-014.1** Update and news about Martin Club **– No longer pursuing a new build that had been sponsored by MPC. Current building will be repaired. Cllr Richards asks if MPC would support Martin Club by writing a letter of support for a roof grant. -MPC agrees**  **MPC agrees to request pre-application advise on behalf of Martin Club.** |  |
| **22-015** | **Minor Matters and Items for Next Agenda** | **22-015**Councillors to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas   * Annual Village Meeting and PC AGM – **Suzanne and Bernd to organise food & drink for meeting. Sam to contact Chalk White to invite to speak. Natural England will be invited as well. Cllr Greenwood questioned if there was a set amount of time to announce the meeting date and time?** * Decide where to plant donated walnut tree **– By T junction to East Martin chosen.** * **Clerk informed MPC that July 4th PC** **meeting is too late to meet AGAR regulations. Therefore MPC agreed to change date to 27th June. Meeting to move to Blandford Hall.** | **Clerk to investigate announcement time frame.**  **Clerk to contact donators.**  **Clerk to arrange hall.** |
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| ***Date of Next Meeting/PC AGM: Monday 16th May 2022 – 7pm at The Martin Club*** | | | |
| **Posted: 14/04/22** | | ***Clerk - Martin Parish Council*** |  |