

# MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 4th September 2023 at 7pm at Blandford Hall, Martin.

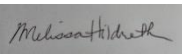
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Item No.	Item	Description	Actions
		Present: Chair – <b>S. Greenwood</b> , Vice Chair – <b>S. Hooper</b> Councillors- <b>J. Richards, T. Scott-Ison, B. Hapke</b> Clerk - <b>Melissa Hildreth</b> , <b>4 members of the public</b>	
23-099	Apologies for Absence	<b>23-099</b> -To receive and record. <b>An apology was received from Cllr Ben Batten. Martin Parish Council voted to accept the reasons for his apology.</b>	
23-100	Councillors' Declarations of Interest	<b>23-100</b> - 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. <b>Cllr Sam Hooper as her husband is Mark Hooper.</b>	
23-101	Open Public Forum	<b>23-101</b> - The public is invited to speak on matters relevant to the meeting. <b>4 members of the public to speak about Martinique Farm building changes. Two neighbours voiced concern over privacy. One neighbour nearest plot 3 would like there to be fencing placed along with the beech hedging to maintain privacy in the winter months. The owners of Martinique explained that it would be difficult to convert the building and add the required insulation. It would make the living space much smaller. They would like to knock the buildings down and build new ones with all the required insulation. Still maintaining the 3 plots. The roof pitch will be 1.2 meters higher with a 30% pitch as per regulations.</b>	
23-102	Minutes of Previous Meeting	<b>23-102</b> - For Approval & Signature: Meeting held 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 and 17th July 2023 and the meeting minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on April 17, 2023. <b>Minutes for all three meetings were approved unanimously and signed by the Chair.</b>	
23-103	Matters Arising	<b>23-103.1</b> All items have been actioned or will be reported on later in the meeting with the exception of the following from 26 June: <b>23-089</b> - Hampshire County Council helped fix the email issue. The new website provider quoted a larger sum than originally stated, therefore as the emails were fixed it was decided to not continue with the new website provider <b>23-091</b> – The clerk has not yet contacted insurance in regards to renting equipment. Will move to Oct agenda to discuss an answer. <b>23-103.2</b> - All items have been actioned or will be reported on later in the meeting from 17 July.	
23-104	Proposed Meeting Dates for 2024	<b>23-104</b> - Proposed dates for 2024 – 8 JAN, 5 FEB, 25 MARCH, 15 APR (Annual Parish Meeting), 13 MAY (AGM), 24 JUNE, 9 SEPT, 14 OCT, 2 DEC	<b>All dates approved</b>
23-105	Clerk's Report & Financial Matters	<b>23-105.1</b> - To receive Clerk's General Report. <b>Balance as of 11 Aug £5996.06. The clerk reported that a fireproof box and a fireproof envelope had been bought to protect Council records. Also, there are now 2 filing cabinets that have been donated for no charge.</b> <b>23-105.2</b> -To approve payment of the following accounts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blandford Hall rental SEPT - £15</li> <li>• XLN for broadband &amp; calls August 2023: £41.61</li> <li>• Clerk Microsoft 365 Business and Lebra mobile for clerk: £14.48</li> <li>• Rent to 9th Earl Agricultural Estate - £5</li> <li>• DATA License - £40</li> <li>• Clerk for Fireproof box and fireproof envelope – £59.87</li> <li>• MJ Hooper extra footpath cutting -£225.60</li> <li>• MJ Hooper Community Orchard cutting -£72</li> </ul>	<b>All payments approved</b>

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23-106	District Councillor Richard's Report	23-106- To listen to Cllr Richard's report from her role on NFDC – Cllr Richard attended the Community Energy South meeting. It was an introductory meeting. CES was asked by NFDC to give advice to communities on how to make community energy groups. Solar panels or heat schemes that members of the community could buy into. This is more difficult in an area like Martin due to planning regulations. A further meeting will be in November.	
23-107	Affordable Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 23-107 – To discuss requests for affordable housing and any possible solutions.- Cllr Richards stated that she has had people request additional affordable housing in the area. There are currently 5 people on the register for housing in Martin. Tim who is a Service Manager of Housing Strategy and Development at NFDC would be able to come speak to the Council and answer any questions. The usual process is to have a Housing needs survey approved by Martin Parish Council for the parish. There would be a need for 8-10 homes to continue. A request for land would be placed to the community. There is some land near the playfields that would be available. Cllrs voted unanimously to invite Tim to speak to them further. Cllr Richards to arrange.</li> <li>• There has been a request by a land owner to form a land trust. The land is along Townsend Lane. The trust would have some shared ownership and market housing. Cllrs decided to speak with Tim from Housing Strategy first and will speak with the land owner at a later date.</li> <li>• An affordable flat has also been proposed at Martin Club. Part of the building would be converted. It is proposed to be a 1 bedroom flat. NFDC would need to see that Martin Parish Council is agreeable to such a plan before going further. Martin Parish Councillors agree that they are happy to consider any planning applications that would be for the proposed affordable 1 bedroom flat at the Martin Club.</li> </ul>	Cllr Richards to arrange for Tim from NFDC to speak.
23-108	Planning	<p><b>APPLICATION NO:</b> 23/10808</p> <p><b>SITE:</b> MARTINIQUE FARM, EAST MARTIN ROAD, EAST MARTIN, MARTIN SP6 3JS</p> <p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b> Proposed replacement of redundant storage buildings with 3 new dwellings and 2 new garages, access and parking. It was decided to recommend PAR 1 as Martin Parish Council previously approved a similar application made for this site. Even though the redundant buildings now need to be demolished, the Council thought it better to have new energy-efficient homes on site. Martin Parish Council asks that plans must include privacy fencing on both neighbour-facing boundaries of the site. Martin Parish Council will accept the decision reached by the District Council Officers under their delegated powers.</p> <p>Cllr Janet Richards did not participate in this discussion or vote on this planning application.</p>	

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23-109	Footpaths and trees	<p><b>23-109.1</b> – Update on extra footpath cutting- <b>Cutting complete and invoice received. Clerk to investigate why such cutting cannot be done by the lengthsman.</b></p> <p><b>23-109.2-</b> To discuss a quote on steps and stile for Sillens Lane footpath- <b>Council received the quotes. Cllr Richards to investigate getting a grant that may pay 50% of the expense. Councillors agreed that the remaining cost could be covered under funds reserved for Community Development.</b></p> <p><b>23-109.3-</b> To discuss the placement of trees for the Queen’s Canopy. <b>Suitable sites for trees found in Churchyard, Rec Grounds and near the junction to East Martin.</b></p> <p><b>23-109.4</b> – To discuss the copse near the recreation ground and a complaint regarding the trees. <b>The trees are on the Housing Association Grounds. The member of the public will need to call the Housing Association. The clerk will make a complaint with Sovereign as the hedging bordering the rec ground and homes have not been cut in two years.</b></p>	Cllr Richards to investigate grant.
23-110	Playground	<p><b>23-110.1-</b> Update on placement of tennis table. <b>A tennis table placed and has been used by the community. Bats and balls are purchased and need to be distributed to local children. Clerk to facilitate.</b></p> <p><b>23-110.2-</b> Update on misuse of the Recreation Grounds. <b>Misuse has stopped since letters were written.</b></p>	Clerk to facilitate delivery of bat and balls
23-111	Highways & Related Issues	<p><b>23-111.1-</b> Update on contact with SID company. <b>To discuss steps going forward. Nothing has been heard from the company. Cllr Scott-Ison investigating taking the SID directly to the company site. Clerk to investigate small claims court.</b></p> <p><b>23-111.2</b> – Update on the progress of Speed Watch. <b>Speed Watch was conducted twice. Once in the afternoon by the Green. This did not have many people speeding. Another was done by Martin Club at 8am. This had many people speeding some as fast as 47mph. Standing mobile device is now being used in other villages that share it. There has been an offer of a donation of funds to pay for a hand held Speed indicator device. Cllr. Scott-Ison to investigate costs further.</b></p> <p><b>23-111.3-</b> Update on response to letter regarding speeding and requests for highway improvements at the Salisbury end of Martin Drove End. <b>Cllr Scott-Ison and Cllr Hooper to write the letter together in response to the request for highway improvements.</b></p>	Clerk to investigate small claims court. Cllr Scott-Ison to consider taking unit back to company.  Cllrs Scott-Ison and Hooper to write letter.
23-112	Resilience project And Flood Control	<p><b>23-112.1-</b> Update on training <b>Cllrs Scott-Ison, Hooper and Greenwood to complete training.</b></p> <p><b>23-112.2-</b> Update on written appeal for flood control measures for the village. <b>Cllr Richards has completed the letter and will share with everyone. It will be discussed at next meeting.</b></p>	
23-113	Minor Matters and Items for Next Agenda	<p><b>23-113-</b> Councillors to report minor matters and items for future agendas. –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Discuss use of traffic cones to prevent people parking in Downview Road</b></li> <li>• <b>Discuss the drain on the other side of Sillens Lane from original complaint.</b></li> </ul>	
23-114	Closed Session - Parish Councillor vacancy	<p><b>23-114-</b> To consider applications made to become a Councillor through co-option.</p> <p><b>A decision was made unanimously to co-opt Eileen Horley to the parish council.</b></p>	
<b>Date of Next Meeting: Monday 16th October 2023 commencing at 7 pm @ Blandford Hall</b>			
Posted: 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2023		<b>M Hildreth, CLERK TO THE COUNCIL</b>	

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