

MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 8th January 2024 at 7pm at Blandford Hall, Martin.

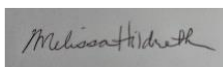
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| Item No | Item | Description | Action Needed |
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| 24-001 | Apologies for Absence | Present: Chair – S. Greenwood, Vice Chair – S. Hooper Councillors - T. Scott-Ison, B. Batten, E. Horley, J. Richards Clerk - Melissa Hildreth 2 members of the public Absent- B. Hapke -apology accepted by Council members | |
| 24-002 | 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. Sam Hooper as Mark Hooper is her husband. | |
| 24-003 | Open Public Forum | The public is invited to speak on matters relevant to the meeting. 2 members of the public spoke regarding the letter of support for Martin Community Shop CIC. The members are part of Martin Community Shop Executive Committee and Committee. They asked to clarify that the shop was pursuing a grant from Hampshire County Council Rural Community Funds for new storage shelving and a new upright freezer. The members of the public expressed that they wished for Martin Parish Council to support them in pursuing the grant by sending a letter stating so to the Rural Community Funds. Council members asked questions regarding the items that they wished to purchase and why the shop would need those items. | |
| 24-004 | Minutes of Previous Meeting | For Approval & Signature – Minutes approved for Meeting held 04/12/23 and signed by the Chair. | |
| 24-005 | Matters Arising | 24-005 All items had been actioned or will be reported on later in the meeting, except for the following. 23-140 -Resilience working party- Unable to meet due to holidays. Will set a date soon. Will look to report in February. 23-147-Notice Board Improvements.- Unable to make progress due to weather will report in March. 23-146.6 – Unable to make progress on the new bench by notice board due to holidays. Will report progress at a later meeting. | |
| 24-006 | Clerk's Report & Financial Matters | 24-006.1 To receive Clerk's/Chair's General Report. 31 December balance of account was at £7745.15. Precept has been sent to NFDC and VAT reclaimed for 22-23. Invoices were sent for ½ of Lower church yard cutting and for ½ of Broadband to Future Farms as their last contribution. Broadband to now be shared with Martin Community Shop CIC. 24-006.2 To approve payment of the following accounts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • XLN (Daisy) DEC- £49.41 • NOV Clerk Microsoft 365 Business £9.98 • NOV Lebra mobile for clerk: £5.00 • DEC Clerk Microsoft 365 Business £9.98 • DEC Lebra mobile for clerk: £5.00 • Mark Hooper – Lower Church Yard – £420.00 • Blandford Hall JAN 8 meeting -£15.00 • Janet Richards for WHUK website- £13.49 | All expenses approved to be paid |

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| 24-007 | Grant Application updates | <p>24-007.1- Update on grant application for new SID. Cllr Richards has sent grant application off. Now waiting to hear a result.</p> <p>24-007.2 – Update on a grant application for new stiles on footpath 29 Sillens Lane. Grant was approved 1/8. Clerk to contact Countryside Access Parish Delivery Partnership to accept the agreement and give banking details.</p> | |
| 24-008 | Drainage, Footpath maintenance and Lengthsman | <p>24-008.1 – To discuss bridleway and footpath maintenance. Footpath 7 should be 8' wide. Landowners to be contacted to trim hedges. The path can be cut by mower later in summer.</p> <p>24-008.2 - To discuss drainage issues in the village. Gullies are blocked. Cllr Richards to contact Highways about gullies. Some have been done but not all. Cllr Richards will also contact Highways about East Martin drainage issues.</p> <p>24-008.3 – Lengthsman next due 5 Feb, job requests – remove a tree in the Rec Grounds, but only up to our line, as the tree from HA side. Cllr Batten reports large items blocking the ditch and will report it as fly-tipping.</p> | |
| 24-009 | Replacement of Benches on Green | <p>24-009 – To receive an update and discuss removing and replacing the benches on the Green. Cllr Batten and Scott-Ison to remove benches from the Green as they are dangerous. Looking at new recycled plastic wood effect ones to replace. They are £334.80 a bench. Cllr Horley to seek grant money from Cllr Heron. A Saturday morning coffee morning to be booked in the hall to raise further funds.</p> | |
| 24-010 | District Councillor Richard's Report | <p>24-010 – To listen to Cllr Richard's report from her role on NFDC. Cllr Richard's report was sent to Cllrs directly.</p> | |
| 24-011 | Playground at recreation grounds | <p>24-011 To receive the latest safety inspection report. Cllr Batten to send clerk the report. Cllr Batten looked at another pump track to get ideas for our pump track. Signs cleaned in the Rec Grounds.. Clerk to make an order for bark again for March, 3 bags. Cllr Batten to purchase 2 new sandbags to weigh down the goals.</p> | |
| 24-012 | Affordable Housing | <p>24-012 – Update on progress with affordable housing survey. Cllr Horley stated that the survey needs to be started. We will need to apply for money to fund the survey . Once the survey is created then the council members will need to go out and ask people to fill in the survey. Cllr agree it would be good to meet with HARAH people and Catherine Bonnet during our 5 Feb meeting if possible. Cllr Horley to invite them.</p> | |
| 24-013 | Fly tipping campaign | <p>24-013 – Update on the progress of the tipping campaign. Cllr Richards and Hooper to work together. Cllr Richards's flyer just needs adapting.</p> | |
| 24-014 | Martin Community Shop | <p>24-014 – To decide if a letter of support for Martin Community Shop will be given from Martin Parish Council with the purpose of them applying for a Hampshire County Council Grant. The council decided to grant a letter of support for the shop. Clerk to write and send to Martin Community Shop CIC.</p> | |
| 24-015 | NFALC Report | <p>24-015– To report on the recent meeting of the New Forest Association of Local Councils. The clerk attended online. The group aims to represent all the smaller parish councils and to assist them have more of a voice with NFDC. The clerk recommended that Cllr take turns to attend meetings. Clerk to remind Cllrs of future meeting dates.</p> | |
| 24-016 | Minor Matters and Items for Next Agenda | <p>24-016 Councillors to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider meetings in Hart of Martin as well as Blandford Hall • Community newsletter | |

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 5th February 2024 – 7pm at The Blandford Hall

Posted: 22/1/24



M Hildreth, CLERK TO THE COUNCIL, 22/01/2024