

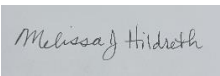
## MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 5th February 2024 at 7pm at Blandford Hall, Martin.

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Item No	Item	Description	Action Needed
		<i>Present: Chair – S. Greenwood, Vice Chair – S. Hooper Councillors - T. Scott-Ison, E. Horley, J. Richards Clerk - Melissa Hildreth      2 members of the public, 3 visiting speakers</i>	
24-017	Apologies for Absence	<i>Apology sent- Ben Batten, Cllrs voted to accept the apology Absent – Bernd Hapke</i>	
24-018	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. <i>Sam Hooper declares she is the wife of Mark Hooper and Janet Richards declares she is a member of the committee for The Hart of Martin.</i>	
24-019	Open Public Forum	The public is invited to speak on matters relevant to the meeting. <i>No comments from the public.</i>	
24-020	Minutes of Previous Meeting	For Approval & Signature. <i>Meeting Minutes from the meeting held on 08/01/24 approved by the Council and signed by the Chair.</i>	
24-021	Matters Arising	<i>24-021 All items have been actioned or will be reported on later in the meeting. 24-007.2 – Clerk filled in the grant acceptance for the steps and gate. 24-008.1 – Hedges along FP28 are to be cut by owners and FP 7 will be cut to the appropriate width. 24-008.2 – Cllr Richards contacted Hampshire Highways and they came out to mark gullies that were not on their maps. There are about 8 gullies that should now have been added to Hampshire Highways maps and these should be cleaned in future. Landowners are responsible for clearing blockages in ditches. Hampshire County will target and write to specific landowners about what their responsibilities are. 24-008.3- The clerk reported a fallen tree to Sovereign and requested the lengthsman to cut the tree where it is on Rec Grounds. 24-014- Letter for Martin Community Shop CIC written and sent to shop committee.</i>	
24-022	Affordable housing update	<i>24-022 To hear from New Forest District Council Housing Initiatives and Action Hampshire about the next steps in pursuing affordable housing. Three guest speakers. Two from Action Hampshire and one from NFDC housing initiatives. It was voted on and decided to formally ask Action Hampshire to conduct a housing survey for Martin. There was a quotation for the cost of the survey. As it is under £5000 then Martin will likely receive grant funds to pay for the survey. The survey is similar to one created in 2019. Will be a targeted survey. Survey anyone who lives and works in Martin or someone outside who has connections to Martin. Aim to distribute the survey by April 8 and start promoting the survey by March 1.</i>	

24-023	Clerk's Report & Financial Matters	<p><b>24-023.1</b> To receive Clerk's/Chair's General Report. Balance in accounts of £7311.80 as of 1 February 2024.</p> <p><b>24-023.2</b> To approve payment of the following accounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daisy (broadband+calls) JAN – £39.47</li> <li>• Daisy (broadband+calls) FEB -£39.47</li> <li>• Microsoft 365 Business JAN- £9.48</li> <li>• Lebara mobile JAN- £5.00</li> <li>• Blandford Hall Rental (5 FEB 24) -£15</li> </ul>	<i>The Council agrees to all payments. Cllr Hooper to be secondary on BACS payments.</i>
24-024	Asset list	<b>24-024.1</b> -To review and agree on the asset list. <b>Asset list accepted by all Cllrs. with the corrective addition of the firebox and fire bag.</b>	
24-025	SID Grant Update & Stiles for FP 29	<p><b>24 -025.1</b> – Update on SID grant- <b>Still awaiting final decision on CIL funding.</b></p> <p><b>24.025.3</b>- Update on next step for new stiles at footpath 29- <b>Stile being removed and a new gate to be placed. The steps will be replaced. The Council agrees to use the contractor that provided the quote for the works.</b></p>	<i>Cllr Hooper to inform contractor.</i>
24-026	Newsletter	<b>23-026.1</b> - To make arrangements for a newsletter. <b>Newsletter to be put together by Cllr Richards. Each Cllr has an article to write and will provide it to Cllr Richards by the 19<sup>th</sup> of Feb.</b>	<i>All Cllrs present to participate.</i>
24-027	New Benches on Green and by Bus Stop	<b>24-027.1</b> – To receive an update on the progress towards new replacement benches for the Green and a new bench at the bus stop. <b>£500 grant received from Cllr Heron for the purchase of two new benches. All Cllrs voted in favour of ordering from Leisure Bench at £334.80 including VAT. Clerk to order and Cllr Scott-Ison to help assemble and place. There will be a fundraiser in Blandford Hall for the remaining funds.</b>	<i>Clerk to order benches. Cllr Horley to arrange fundraiser.</i>
24-028	Meeting in Hart of Martin	<b>24-028</b> – To discuss meeting in the Hart of Martin as well as Blandford Hall. <b>It was decided to remain meeting in Blandford Hall for regular meetings but will meet at The Hart of Martin for the larger Parish Assembly.</b>	
24-029	Planning & Other Applications	<p><b>24-029.1</b> 23/11272 KEEPERS COTTAGE, OLD CRANBOURNE ROAD, TIDPIT, MARTIN SP6 3JR <i>Proposal: Use of land as domestic garden (Lawful Use Certificate for retaining an existing use or operation) PAR 4 REFUSAL as the Council believes that this should not be a Lawful Use Certificate but a Change of Use. There is evidence from locals in the area that the site was used for keeping animals not as a garden.</i></p> <p><b>24-029.2</b> 24/10040 POND BARN, MANOR HOUSE, MARTIN ROAD, MARTIN SP6 3LN <i>Proposal: Erection of a holiday let (retrospective) (resubmission of application 22/10792) PAR 1 PERMISSION as the owners have agreed to phosphate mitigation, but the Council would accept the decision reached by the District Council's Officers under their delegated powers.</i></p>	
24-030	Annual Parish Assembly	<b>24-030</b> To make plans for the Annual Parish Assembly – <b>Clerk to contact local groups to speak again at the Annual Parish Assembly on April 15<sup>th</sup> at the Hart of Martin. Cllrs Greenwood and Hapke to arrange refreshments.</b>	<i>Clerk, Hapke and Greenwood</i>

24-031	Minor Matters and Items for Next Agenda	<p>24-031- Councillors are 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"> <li>• <i>Invoices that arrived after the posting of the agenda that require payment before 25 March meeting will be paid and will be posted on next agenda. Said payments are less than £100 and are for items agreed to in previous meetings.</i></li> <li>• <i>Tree works application received for dead ash at Lime Trees Farmhouse. Cllrs please reply to me if you have objections as we would need another meeting before the 25<sup>th</sup> of March.</i></li> </ul>	
		<p><i>Date of Next Meeting: <u>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – 7pm at Blandford Hall</u></i></p>	
	<p>Posted: 19/2/24</p>	<p> M Hildreth, CLERK TO THE COUNCIL, 15/02/2024</p>	