

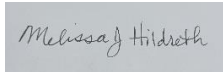
MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 25th March 2024 at 7pm at Blandford Hall, Martin.

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Item No	Item	Description	Action Needed
		<p>Present: Chair – S. Greenwood, Vice Chair – S. Hooper Councillors - T. Scott-Ison, E. Horley, J. Richards, B. Batten and B. Hapke Clerk - Melissa Hildreth 2 members of the public & Cllr E. Heron</p>	
24-032	Apologies for Absence	None received	
24-033	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 declares that Mark Hooper is her husband.	
24-034	Open Public Forum	The public is invited to speak on matters relevant to the meeting. 2 members of the public are in attendance to enquire if the council would be making comments to the planning inspectorate about the appeal for Martinique farm.	
24-035	Minutes of Previous Meeting	For Approval & Signature meeting held 05/02/24. . Meeting Minutes from the meeting held on 05/02/24 approved by the Council and signed by the Chair.	
24-036	Matters Arising	<p>24-036 All items have been actioned or will be reported on later in the meeting except for the following: From 5 FEB meeting:</p> <p>24-026- The newsletter was created and distributed the second week in March.</p> <p>24-027-Two three-person benches purchased for £771.60. Benches assembled and placed on the green by Cllr Toby Scott-Ison and Martyn Hildreth 10/03/2024. £500 grant received from Cllr Heron towards the cost of benches. Councillors will host a coffee and cake morning on the 6th of April in Blandford Hall to fundraise for the remaining amount.</p> <p>24-030- Clerk sent invitations to groups for the Annual Parish Assembly. Most have accepted. Waiting for a few to respond.</p> <p>24-031- A vote of 'No Objection' was sent to NFDC Tree Works in regards to dead ash at Lime Trees Farmhouse</p>	
24-037	Cllr Edward Heron	<p>24-037- Welcome to Cllr Edward Heron. To allow Cllr Heron to address the Martin Parish Council. Cllr Heron reported that there were 6 days left to make comments on the proposed budget cuts by Hampshire County Council. This public consultation by the County is part of the legal requirements. £650 Million of the budget is for Adult Services. That is for anyone over 18 not just the elderly. Cutting services at recycling centres so that Martin Parish's only option is Lymington is not a favoured idea at the County Council but people are the priority in the budget where there is a large shortfall. Closing a recycling facility would allow people to remain the priority. There are not many things that can be legally cut back on. Please keep reporting potholes so that they can be repaired. If they are not reported it will take longer for them to be fixed. -Cllr Heron answered a question regarding 20mph is plenty. Communities are now allowed to request 20mph through their communities. They need to meet specific items for it to be allowed. Local Councils will have to pay for all the changes themselves. There are expensive reports that need to be commissioned as part of the process. Martin is unlikely to meet the requirements to have a 20mph speed limit. - Heron then answered a question about the lengthsman program. Hampshire County will pay for the lengthsman for another 2 years. The County is looking into expanding the work that a lengthsman can do.</p>	
24-038	Cllr Janet Richards	<p>24-038-To listen to Cllr Richard's report from her role on NFDC. Cllr Richard's reports that the Midgem Farms gravel extraction planning application will now have to go to a full council meeting. There were 900 complaints received regarding this gravel extraction site and it was felt amongst certain councillors that it would not be fair to vote for the plan without going to a full council meeting first.</p>	

24-039	Clerk's Report & Financial Matters	<p>23-039.1 To receive Clerk's/Chair's General Report. <i>The balance on the account as of 25 March 2024 was £6310.80. Action has been taken to add Cllr E. Horley and B. Batten to the banking account. Training for Cllr on planning is on offer in Fordingbridge. Cllr S. Hooper to attend.</i></p> <p>23-039.2 To approve payment of the following accounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • XLN (broadband+calls)March- £42.94 • Hampshire Assoc of Local Councils -£57.60 (already paid as invoice due before this meeting) • HALC Training for Cllr Horley- £117.60 • Microsoft 365 Business- £9.48 FEB • Lebara Mobile- £5.00 FEB Lebara Mobile-£5.00 MARCH • Blandford Hall Rental (MARCH) -£15.00 +£2.00 (FEB) • NFDC Election Fees £75.00 (Election 2023) (already paid as invoice due before this meeting) • NFDC Election Fees£75.00 (Election 2019) (already paid as invoice due before this meeting) • Melissa Hildreth-3 bags play bark £346.92 (For purchase end of March or in April) 	All payments approved
24-040	Financial Regulations and Risk Management	<p>24-040.1- To review and agree to the Financial Regulations and Risk Management for 23-24 financial year. <i>Martin Parish Council all agree to the Financial Regulations and Risk Management as presented.</i></p> <p>24-040.2- To discuss creating a working party to adjust the Financial Regulations and Risk Management for the 24-25 financial year. <i>Clls B. Batten and E. Horley along with the clerk to review and adjust the financial Regulations and Risk Management for 24-25.</i></p>	
24-041	SID Grant Update & Steps/Gate for FP 29	<p>24-041.1- Update on SID grant. <i>The grant application will need to go to the 3rd of April Council Meeting then a final decision will be made.</i></p> <p>24-041.2- Update on Footpath 29 steps and gate project. <i>Cllr Hooper reports that after all the rain the contractor is waiting for a dryer day and better conditions.</i></p>	
24-042	Affordable Housing Update	<p>24-042- To hear about any updates with the Affordable Housing survey. <i>The survey is at the printers. When they come in Cllr E. Horley will contact the other Cllrs to deliver to homes.</i></p>	
24-043	Resilience update	<p>24-043 – Update on the working party meeting for the resilience project. <i>Members of this working party still need to meet and suggest possibly the 3rd of April. They will be in contact with one another.</i></p>	
24-044	Notice Board rejuvenation update	<p>24-044- To hear any update on the rejuvenation of both parish notice boards. <i>Cllrs S. Hooper and Cllr. T Scott-Ison is waiting on an improvement in the weather.</i></p>	
24-045	Annual Parish Assembly	<p>24-045- To hear an update on Annual Parish Assembly plans. <i>The clerk has heard from most groups that were invited. Refreshments to be done by B Hapke and S Greenwood. S. Greenwood suggests that J. Butler be asked to speak about Asian Hornets. Clerk to invite.</i></p>	
24-046	Recreation Ground and Orchard Matters	<p>24-046.1 – To receive the playground inspection report. <i>Cllr B Batten to send reports by email as he has in the past. There is moss on the basketball court and Cllr Batten will ask local powerwasher if he would be able to clean it off.</i></p> <p>24-046.2- Should we have the lengthsman weed the flower garden? Would it be an idea to hire a wood chipper and chip the fly-tipped Christmas trees as mulch for the flower garden? <i>Cllr Batten thinks he could get us a chipper for free. It would be a good idea to use the chippings in the flower garden. Clerk to ask Susan Sampson about the plants.</i></p> <p>24-046.3- Request received for hedges to be trimmed down in the orchard directly behind the houses. <i>Clerk to ask the lengthsman to trim down and stack the cuttings so that they can be chipped.</i></p>	

24-047	Planning & Other Applications	<p>24-047.1-Application No: 23/10808 <i>Planning Inspectorate Reference: APP/B1740/W/23/3335812</i> Site: MARTINIQUE FARM, EAST MARTIN ROAD, EAST MARTIN, MARTIN SP6 3JS Description: Proposed replacement of redundant storage buildings with 3no new dwellings and 2no garages, access and parking. Martin Parish Council stands by its previous support for this application. Those comments sent to NFDC Planning will automatically be included in the Planning Inspectorate appeal.</p> <p>24-047.2 - APPLICATION NO: 24/10157 <i>Variation / Removal of Condition</i> KEEPERS COTTAGE, OLD CRANBOURNE ROAD, TIDPIT, MARTIN SP6 3JR DESCRIPTION: Variation of condition 2 of application 22/11340 to allow amended plans, specifically 1m deeper stables and fenestration alterations (Retrospective) Martin parish Council recommends PAR 1 approval for this application as there were no objections to the plan.</p> <p>24-047.2 -APPLICATION NO: CONS/24/0115 YEW TREE COTTAGE,MARTIN ROAD,MARTIN,FORDINGBRIDGE,SP6 3LD -To reduce one Yew Tree Martin Parish Council has no objection to this tree application.</p>	
24-048	D-Day Commemoration	<p>24-048.1 – To discuss if Martin Parish Council should mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day. Suzanne to find out if the Church or Community Association are doing anything will report back.</p>	
24-049	Lengthsmen	<p>24-049 – New contract received for lengthsmen. It has been confirmed that there will be funding for the lengthsmen until the 31st of March 2026. Clerk to sign the contract on behalf of the Martin Parish Council.</p>	
24-050	Highways	<p>24-050.1 – To discuss an email sent to Martin Parish Council regarding the ditches at Martin Drove End near the A354. Clerk to inform the member of the public to contact Hampshire Highways regarding the ditches outside their home.</p> <p>24-050.2 – To discuss the email sent by the Broadchalk Parish Clerk regarding signs on A354 to restrict access to vehicles weighing more than 7.5T on Howgare Road. It was stated that Howgare Road is not restricted. The clerk to recommend to the Broadchalk Parish Clerk how to report items directly to Hampshire Highways on their website. The Clerk is to report to Hampshire Highways as well.</p>	
24-051	Minor Matters and Items for Next Agenda	<p>24-051- Councillors are to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas. Bernd Hapke reported that he would be stepping down from his spot on the Council and this was his last meeting. The Council thanks him for his many years of service to the community.</p> <p>-Discuss how the Council will work on the Asian Hornet issue.</p> <p>- To discuss on the search for a replacement for Bernd Hapke is going.</p>	
	Posted: 22/4/24	<p>Date of AGM: Monday 13th May 2024 – 7pm at Blandford Hall</p> <p> M Hildreth, CLERK TO THE COUNCIL, 22/04/2024</p>	