

MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

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

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	In Attendance	Apologies	Absent
Councillor S. Greenwood	√		
Councillor S. Hooper	√		
Councillor J. Richards	√		
Councillor B. Batten		√	
Councillor T. Scott-Ison	√		
Councillor E. Horley	√		
Vacancy	-	-	-

Also, IN ATTENDANCE: Melissa Hildreth – Clerk, 2 visitors (1 from Action Hampshire and 1 from NFDC Housing) & 1 member of the public

Item No	Item	Description
24-093	Apologies for Absence	24-093-To receive and record.
24-094	Councillors' Declarations of Interest	24-094- 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>Suzanne Greenwood for the tree planning application at Penylan Cottage as that is her employer. Samantha Hooper declares her husband is the contractor for the grass cutting.</i>
24-095	Open Public Forum	24-095 -The public is invited to speak on matters relevant to the meeting.
24-096	Planning Applications	<p>24-096.1 -CONS/24/0343 <i>Clerk to respond 'No Objection'</i> <i>Proposed Works:</i> Group of Ash trees – Fell <i>Address:</i> Wayside Cottage, East Martin Road, East Martin, Fordingbridge, SP6 3LJ</p> <p>24-096.2-CONS/24/0338 <i>Cllr Greenwood did not participate in this vote.</i> <i>Clerk to respond 'No Objection'</i> <i>Proposed Work:s</i> Cherry x 1 Reduce, Apple x 1 Reduce, Ash x 1 Fell, <i>Address:</i> Penylan Cottage, Martin Road, Martin, Fordingbridge, SP6 3LR</p> <p>24-096.3-CONS/24/0331 <i>Clerk to respond 'No Objection'</i> <i>Proposed Work:s</i> Reduce 1 x Atlas cedar <i>Address:</i> Old Farm House, Martin Road, Martin, Fordingbridge, SP6 3LD</p>

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24-097	Financial Matters	<p>24-097.1- To Approve for 12 months a monthly standing order for the clerk’s salary. Approved by the Council</p> <p>24-097.2 – To minute that the below payments were paid as per the Financial Regulations of 2024 section 6.6. Payments noted for the record</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blandford Hall – June meeting room fees - £15 • XLN – £54.94 • Microsoft 365 and Lebara June- £15.32 • Microsoft 365 and Lebara July- £15.32 • Smith of Derby- £432.00 • Janet Richards- WHUK2024 -website -£14.29 • Mark Hooper invoice 1758 community orchard-£72.00 • Mark Hooper invoice 1757 extra path cutting-£225.60 <p>24-097.3 - For approval to pay.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blandford Hall – August meeting room fees £15 Approved by the Council <p>24-097.4 – For approval to move money to Equals pre-paid card for the following regular expenses- Approved by the Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website WHUK2024- £14.29 x 2= £28.58 • Lebara - £5 x 6 = £30 • Microsoft 365 -£10.32 x 6 =£61.92 • £10 for cost of physical card • <i>A total of £130.50 to cover 6 months of expenses August-January</i>
24-098	Elan City SID	<p>24-098- To discuss and to consider for approval the purchase of the Elan City SID. All present Cllrs of Martin Parish Council agree to the purchase of the battery speed indicator device for the sum of £2747.99.</p>
24-099	Over Growth of Smallend Lane	<p>24-099- To discuss and decide any action concerning the vegetation over growth of Smallend Lane. Smallend Lane has been cut at lower levels by unknown persons. A local volunteer will do the higher level cutting for the benefit of horse riders.</p>
24-100	Affordable Housing	<p>24-100- To receive the official affordable housing report if available and to listen to next steps from representatives of Action Hampshire and New Forest District Council. The Council votes to accept the findings of the report. It was concluded that there is a need in the area for affordable housing. The next step is to look for a suitable housing site. Report from Action Hampshire to be available on the website and Cllrs may want to share results during a coffee morning at Blandford Hall.</p>
24-101	Closed session	<p>24-101-The meeting will be followed by a closed session to make a decision regarding the vacant Councillor position. The Council voted to co-opt Melanie Hapke onto Martin Parish Council. Clerk to inform Ms. Hapke and invite her to the meeting on 9 September.</p>
		<p>Date of Next Meeting: Monday 9th September 2024 commencing at 7 pm @ Blandford Hall</p>
Posted: 30th Aug 2024	<p><i>Melissa Hillbreth</i> Clerk - Martin Parish Council Clerk@martinparishcouncil.gov.uk</p>	