

MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9th September 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	✓		
Councillor M. Hapke	✓		

Also, IN ATTENDANCE: Melissa Hildreth – Clerk & 1 member of the public and 2 guest speakers

Item No.	Item	Description
24-102	Apologies for Absence	24-102 -To receive and record. <i>The Council unanimously agreed to accept the apologies from Cllr. Scott-Ison.</i>
24-103	Councillors' Declarations of Interest	24-103- 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>Cllr Hooper- Her husband is Mark Hooper</i>
24-104	Declaration of Acceptance	24-104– MPC to welcome Melanie Hapke to the Council. She is to make her Declaration of Acceptance, receive her Register of Interests form and Introduction for New Councillors pack. <i>Melanie Hapke was welcomed to the council meeting. She signed her Declaration of Acceptance, witnessed by the clerk. Cllr Hapke was given her Introduction Pack and her Register of Interest form which she will return to the clerk within 30 Days.</i>
24-105	Open Public Forum	24-105- The public is invited to speak on matters relevant to the meeting. <i>A member of the public wanted to comment on the Affordable Housing results and plans for going forward. They wished to make the Council aware of Community Land Trusts. This way of building affordable housing gives the local council and community more say in the way the housing is built. Land Trusts can allow affordable, shared ownership or some market homes. Broad Chalk is currently using this method to build 6 affordable homes. Some downsides are that it takes more time as the community has more say. The community having more say is also an upside as it will help the development fit better into the community.</i>
24-106	Minutes of Previous Meeting	24-106- For Approval & Signature: Meeting minutes for meetings held 24 th June 2024 and 5th August 2024. <i>Meeting Minutes from 24 June 2024 approved and signed. Meeting Minutes from 5 August approved and signed.</i>
24-107	Matters Arising	24-107.1 All items have been actioned or will be reported on later in the meeting with the exception of the following from 24th June: 24-080- A complaint letter from the Council has been written to one user of Maple Field Farm. Other letters are still being composed to send to the Environmental Health (Protection) for New Forest District about noise at Maple Field Farms. 24-107.2- All items have been actioned or will be reported on later in the meeting from 17 July.


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24-108	Planning Proposal for the new Natural Nature Reserve work base	24-108- Council to hear from Alan McVittie, Senior Reserves Manager of Hampshire National Nature Reserves and Ed Flood, Planning Consultant about the proposed new work base in Martin. <i>Mr. McVittie and Mr. Flood presented copies of the proposed plans for the new work base in Martin which will be up Sillens Lane going left into the Downs at Downs Farm. They have DEFRA funding for the site and expect that if construction is allowed there will be increased HGV traffic on Sillens Lane during construction. After construction there will be a low amount of extra traffic up Sillens Lane as volunteers and workers go to the site. It will not be a visitor centre, rather a place to store equipment and for employees to work from.</i>
24-109	District Councillor Richard's Report	24-109- To listen to Cllr Richard's report from her role on NFDC – <i>NFDC is currently working on a New Local Plan. It should take 2 years to complete. Current Local Plan is online at New Forest District Council website. Our Council can make suggestions for changes to the Plan. Martin Parish will still be protected by Planning rules as most of it is in a protected conservation area. NFDC does need to make changes as they have been set a target of 1465 to build which is double the last target for new homes. NFDC is challenging the number as so much of the area is protect it seems difficult to meet those housing goals. – There will be another round of Community Infrastructure Funding. Applying for grants opens in October. Cllrs to gather ideas to see what might be a good community project for the grant.</i>
24-110	Newsletter	24-110- To discuss and decide the production of a newsletter. <i>It was agreed that each Councillor would write a small piece about recent items the Council has been actioning. All articles are to be given to Cllr Richards who will put the newsletter together. Please have articles to Cllr Richards by 23rd September.</i>
24-111	Flooding	24-111 – To hear an update on flooding prevention measures in the area. <i>Cllr Richards has been working on this problem. She feels Hampshire County Council now knows where all the drains are and they should all be cleaned the next time they are out.. The bridge over the ditch near Maple Field needs clearing of debris and scrub. Cllr Richards says this parcel of land is under the jurisdiction of Hampshire County and is not the responsibility of the owner of Maple Field. She proposes a work party to clean the ditch so that it flows freely when the winter rain comes. Cllr Richards and Batten to work together to clear this area of ditch.</i>
24-112	Affordable Housing	24-112 – To discuss and decide the best way to deliver the report to the community. <i>The Housing Survey Report is already on the website. It is proposed for results to be mentioned in a community newsletter. It is hoped the 26th October will be available for Action Hampshire to come to Blandford Hall during a Saturday coffee morning to present results to the community. Martin Parish Council will host the coffee morning. The community would have an opportunity to ask questions. Clerk to contact Broad Chalke Parish Council to ask about their experience with having a Community Land Trust.</i>
24-113	Highways & Related Issues	24-113.1- To receive an update on the purchase and install of the Elan City SID. <i>Installation has gone well. Currently, waiting for IT assistance with the mobile app to download the first set of information. The batteries are lasting 2 weeks and Cllr. Scott-Ison will move the unit to the other-side of the village soon.</i> 24-113.2 – Update on the progress of Speed Watch. <i>Everything going well. Highest speed recorded was 47mph. It was suggested that there might be a donation to purchase a handheld device similar to the one used in Sandleheath.</i>
24-114	Playground	24-114- To discuss playground safety reports and repair of the playground. <i>-No immediate repairs to equipment needs to be made. Cllr Scott-Ison changed the height of the swings to help keep the bark in place. Cllr. Greenwood has been completing the inspection sheets and will drop them with Clerk. - It was suggested that there has been damage to the lawn by workmen driving on the grass to reach homes that back onto the Rec Grounds and from Wessex internet putting in the new cabling. Cllr Hapke to contact Wessex internet to ask them to make the grass right. A Cllr is to speak to home owners about making the grass right where their workmen have created ruts in the grounds. – Picnic table to be moved and secured at the Pond area. -It is time to spray again for weeds while the children are at school. -Mark Hooper to quote for dragons teeth and a small gate at the entrance to the Rec Grounds to prevent unauthorized vehicles. -Clerk to check who owns the hedge of the Recreation Grounds.</i>

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24-115	Resilience project and Flood Control	24-115- To receive and update on the resilience project and to set a meeting date if necessary. - <i>Cllrs unable to find a good date to meet before now. They will talk again and try to find a date to meet.</i>
24-116	Trees from Queens Canopy	24-116- To check on the progress of the trees from the Queens Canopy. – <i>Clerk to give the tree sleeves and posts to Cllr Richards. They are a nice height to plant now. All Saints church has said they have a spot to plant one. Another spot has been picked for the others.</i>
24-117	Clerk's Report & Financial Matters	<p>24-117.1- To receive Clerk's General Report.</p> <p>24-117.2 -To approve payment of the following accounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blandford Hall rental SEPT - £15 -All agreed <p>Paid by BACS previously approved: -All acknowledge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elan City (SID) - £2747.99 • Action Hampshire (Housing survey) - £4037.00 <p>To pay by DD: -All acknowledge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rent to 9th Earl Agricultural Estate - £5 • DATA License - £35 <p>24-117.3- To allow the payment of NI to HMRC via DD on a quarterly basis- All agree to allow the DD to HMRC for quarterly payments.</p>
23-118	Minor Matters and Items for Next Agenda	24-118- Councillors to report minor matters and items for future agendas. <i>Cllr. Hooper reported that both the lower (for pedestrians) and the upper(for horse riders) parts of Smallend Lane have been cut.</i>
Date of Next Meeting: Monday 14th October 2024 commencing at 7 pm @ Blandford Hall		
Posted: 23rd September 2024	 Clerk - Martin Parish Council Clerk@martinparishcouncil.gov.uk	

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