

MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 14th October 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

Item No.	Item	Description
24-119	Apologies for Absence	24-119 -To receive and record. <i>The Council unanimously agreed to accept the apologies from Cllrs J. Richards and B. Batten</i>
24-120	Councillors' Declarations of Interest	24-120- 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 S. Hooper as she is married to Mark Hooper who has given a quote for works.</i>
24-121	Open Public Forum	24-121- The public is invited to speak on matters relevant to the meeting. <i>None</i>
24-122	Minutes of Previous Meeting	24-122- For Approval & Signature: Meeting minutes for meetings held Sept 9, 2024. <i>Meeting Minutes from 9 Sept 2024 approved and signed.</i>
24-123	Matters Arising	24-123.1 All items have been actioned or will be reported on later in the meeting except for the following from 9th Sept: 24-104- Melanie Hapke has returned her Declaration of Interest and it has been sent to New Forest Direct Council to be placed on the web page. 24-111 – Lengthsman has been asked to clear debris around bridges. This work should fall into the kind of work the lengthsman can be contracted to do. 24-112- Clerk has been in contact with the clerk at Broad Chalke. Martin Council is now able to contact a member of the Broad Chalke Community Land Trust to ask questions. 24-115-Resilience update will be added to a future agenda when the clerk has been informed that there has been a meeting of the working group.
24-124	District Councillor Richard's Report	24-124 - To listen to Cllr Richard's report from her role on NFDC- <i>Cllr Richard's sent her report by email to the other Cllrs as she was at a New Forest District Council meeting.</i>
24-125	Newsletter	24-125 – Update of the production of a newsletter. Articles were to be to Cllr Richards by the 23 rd of September. <i>Cllr Richards has produced the newsletter. Cllrs are to look over and give their ok to Cllr Richards. The newsletter will then be printed and distributed.</i>
24-126	Affordable Housing	24-126 – To discuss and arrange plans for October 26 th informational coffee morning. Budget for spending, survey and where will raised funds go? <i>Some councillors to make cakes and some will help with serving. Supplies will be bought from the Community Shop and funds collected will be used first to pay for supplies and then anything extra will be donated to Blandford Hall. Post-It notes and felt board for people to leave comments. Action Hampshire to come and present their information about affordable housing for Martin.</i>
24-127	Council Logo	24-127- To discuss and decide if our council should have a logo. <i>Most councils have some form of logo. The Council agreed that a logo competition would be held. The competition to be announced in the newsletter. Open to all residents of the parish.</i>

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24-128	Trees from Queens Canopy	24-128 -To make arrangements for the planting of the trees- <i>A working party of Cllrs Batten, Richards and Greenwood will work together to plant the trees from the Queens Canopy. They are now large enough to plant.</i>
24-129	Council Meeting dates for 2025	24-129 – To discuss and decide Council Meeting dates for 2025. Proposed – 20 JAN, 24 FEB, 7 APR, 19 MAY, 23 JUNE, 4 AUG, 15 SEP, 27 OCT, 8 DEC . Proposed date for Parish Assembly is 24 MARCH <i>All dates agreed to.</i>
24-130	Working Groups	<p>24-130.1- To arrange an agree a working group for the appraisal of the clerk in November-<i>Cllrs Hapke, Greenwood, Horley and clerk to meet 7pm 18th November.</i></p> <p>24-130.2 – To arrange and agree a working group for the 2025-2026 Budget to meet in November. <i>Cllrs Horley, Greenwood, and clerk to meet 25th November, 6pm.</i></p> <p>24-130.3 – To arrange and agree a working group to meet with the All-Saints PCC to review previous clock maintenance and grass cutting agreements. The meeting should be done in October if possible. <i>Clerk to contact PCC on behalf of Cllrs Scott-Ison, Richards and Hapke so that they may arrange a meeting.</i></p>
24-131	Playground	<p>24-131.1- To receive the weekly playground inspection reports- <i>Playground inspection reports received.</i></p> <p>24-131.2- Update on the damaged lawns of the rec grounds. <i>-Looks ok for now. Continue to monitor and fill holes, if necessary, when new bark is lain in playground.</i></p> <p>24-131.3- Update on the possible application for CIL funding for a playground project. <i>Cllr Hooper to explore Multi use court to replace basketball area.</i></p> <p>24-131.4- Update on dragons’ teeth and small gate for Rec Grounds. <i>Quote received for £600 for the project. It was decided that such an expense was not necessary and not to go forward with the project.</i></p> <p>24-131.5 – Update on moving picnic table to pond’s area- <i>Cllr Scott-Ison, Hooper and Batten to arrange a date to move.</i></p> <p>24-131.6 -Update on hedging at rec grounds – <i>Clerk to get quotes from professional to have hedges trimmed back to the property line with Sovereign.</i></p> <p>24-131.7 – Discuss and decide if the Martin Community Association may hold their Summer Fete on 21 June 2025 on the Recreation Grounds. <i>It was decided that the Community Association may use the Recreation Grounds for the fete. Further discussion needs to be conducted about vehicles on the grounds. Cllr Greenwood to try to sort other parking out close to Rec Grounds.</i></p>
24-132	Speed watch and Speed Indicator device	<p>24-132.1-To have an update on the new speed indicator device. How things are going. <i>-Batteries need changing every 2 weeks. There is a lot of data. The device collects data from vehicles on both sides. Avg outgoing speed from village was 25.1mph. Avg incoming speed was 27.11 mph. Maximum recorded incoming speed was 67mph and maximum outgoing speed was 65pmh. For the dates 10 Aug to 10 Oct there were 17,219 vehicles incoming to the village and 24,432 leaving the village. The device is now on the East Martin side of the village.</i></p> <p>24-132.2- To discuss the purchase of a speed gun. – <i>It was proposed that during speed watch the current portable screen device always be used, to encourage better behavior by motorists. It was felt this aids in the prevention of speeding. Martin Parish Council is interested in preventing speeding rather than catching speeders. This has been agreed to by the Council. Therefore, Cllr Scott-Ison will go back and ask the volunteers if they still wish to have a speed gun device.</i></p>

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24-133	Clerk's Report & Financial Matters	<p>24-133.1- To receive Clerk's General Report. <i>Current balance is £11,382.55</i> <i>The clerk explained that there was one more DD from XLN (Daisy) for the return of the modem. It was £102 (£85 and 20% VAT). The clerk returned the item as soon as the bag arrived at the end of July. She did not have the post office receipt to say it was sent anymore since it is now October. The DD is now cancelled, and this should be the end.</i></p> <p>24-133.2 -To approve payment of the following accounts: <i>All payments approved.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blandford Hall rental OCT - £15 • Training for Clerk about ChatGPT FEB 25- £15 • Reimburse Cllr Scott-Ison for D-Day 80th brass plaques – £30.97 • New Cllr Training with HALC in FEB 25 -£98.00 <p>Paid by BACS previously approved: <i>payment recorded</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equals £12 for physical card <p>Paid from Equals card- <i>payments recorded</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website fee OCT to JAN - £14.29 • Lebara SEPT- £5.00 • MS365 SEPT- £10.32 <p>24-133.3- To discuss and decide the purchase of replacement defibrillator pads for £87.00. Funds to be sent to Equals card to make the purchase. <i>The Council agrees. Clerk to arrange payments and to purchase the defibrillator pads.</i></p>
24-134	Minor Matters and Items for Next Agenda	24-134- Councillors to report minor matters and items for future agendas.
<p>Date of Next Meeting: Monday 2nd December 2024 commencing at 7 pm @ Blandford Hall</p>		
Posted: 21 st October 2024	<p><i>Melissa Hillbreth</i> Clerk - Martin Parish Council Clerk@martinparishcouncil.gov.uk</p>	