



Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 7th April 2025 at 7pm at Hart of Martin, 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 and 5 Members of the Public

Item No.	Item	Description
25-041	Apologies for Absence	25-041 -To receive and record. 2 Cllrs absent and no apologies received.
25-042	Councillors' Declarations of Interest	25-042- 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. No declarations received.
25-043	Open Public Forum	25-043- The public is invited to speak on matters relevant to the meeting. 3 members of the public associated with the speed watch group wanted to support asking for a speed gun to be purchased for the use of speed watch. 2 members of the public to support the shop planning application. These members had further information to share with councillors regarding the plans for the air conditioning unit.
25-044	Minutes of Previous Meeting	25-044- To resolve that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the <i>24th of February 2025</i> , and the extraordinary meeting held the <i>17th of March</i> having been circulated to members, be signed as a correct record. Meeting Minutes from 24 FEB 2025 and 17 MARCH 2025 approved as accurate and signed.
25-045	Matters Arising	25-045 All items have been actioned or will be reported on later in the meeting with the exception of the following from 24 FEB 25: • 25-025- The Parish Assembly on the 24th of March was a success. There were 46 people who attended the event. An e-mail was received by the clerk from members of the public and shared with the Council expressing their gratitude for a well-run Assembly and for all the hard work done was the Council and the Clerk. • 25-029.1 – The notice board has been delivered and put up by Cllr Scott-Ison with some volunteer members of the public. Thank you. • 25-033 -Hanging tree limbs in the orchard have been removed on an extra available day with the Lengthsman. • 25-020-Feedback on Issues and Scope was filled in on the NFDC site specifically set up for the purpose.

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25-046	Cllr Janet Richards District Report	25-046- To hear Cllr Richard's report from her role on NFDC. <i>Cllr Richard's gave an update about Devolution. Hampshire County will be turned into 3 unitary authorities. There is no agreement yet on what these 3 authorities will be. The decision needs to be done by September. Cllr Richard's also wanted to point out that the Taxi Share would no longer be funded. She will look to further discuss this at the next council meeting.</i>
25-047	Affordable Housing Update	25-047- To receive an update on the next stages for affordable housing in Martin. <i>Mr. T Davis from NFDC Housing Strategy and Development came to speak. He stated that with reorganisation happening because of devolution things were a little unsure , but they would carry on as always. Land in Downview Road is available to build on. Martin Parish Council has contacted Planning and they have asked for further information some of which will need to be provided when the site goes to planning. It has been identified that there is a need for 6-8 homes for social rent. The current stage is to appoint an architect. It was RESOLVED that the council continue forward with the project and asked T. Davis to suggest architects for the project .</i>
25-048	Review of Financial Regulations and Risk Assessment	25-048-To review and agree on the Financial Regulations and Risk Assessment for Martin Parish Council. <i>There were a few changes to the Financial Regulations suggested by NALC. These changes were APPROVED. Financial Regulations will be reviewed again next year. Some items were updated within the Risk Assessment. These changes were APPROVED. The Risk Assessment for Martin Parish Council will be review again next year.</i>
25-049	Recreation Ground and Highways	25-049.1-To receive the latest safety inspection report for the playground. <i>Paperwork not received but it was verbally confirmed everything is in good shape.</i> 25-049.2 -Update on cleaning of Townsend Lane. <i>Will ask Cllr Batten at next meeting.</i> 25-049.3- To decide on the amount of bark for the playground. To agree an amount to be sent to the equals card to pay for the bark. <i>This to be discussed in May. Clerk to gather costs and how deep bark should be.</i> 25-049.4 – To discuss and agree to the rolling of the lawn at the recreation grounds. <i>It was agreed that the ground is already too hard to roll at this time.</i> 25-049.5-To discuss and decide on any other maintenance issue in preparation of the Rec Ground for the Fete on 21 June. <i>Cllr Hooper to ask our mower man to cut the grass just before the fete.</i> 25-049.6-To discuss street drains on Martin Road. <i>Some have now been cleared others have not. Cllr Richards to approach Hampshire County again to get a copy of the map of the drains. She then can compare that to what is really on the roads.</i>
25-050	VE -Day May 8th	25-050-To discuss and decide the what plans, if any, should be done for VE-Day. <i>It was agreed that Cllr Richards would approach the bell ringers to confirm that it would be done in Martin for VE Day. It was agreed that Cllr Hooper would bring bunting. Cllr Greenwood to book hall in case of a rainy day. All agree to a tea on the green event similar to last time.</i>
25-051	Data from SID and Update on Speed watch	25-051.1- Presentation of data from the SID- Data from Fordingbridge side of the village. <i>Shows many cars start to go over 30mph as they leave the village. Possibly, because they think the SID is not noticing their speed. Still the few dangerous drivers at 50-60mphs. Majority coming into the village are going 30-35mph. Cllr Scott-Ison will look if it is possible to turn the SID in the other direction. Clerk to look for signs that indicate the SID is still recording your speed even if you are not facing it.</i> 25-051.2-To discuss and decide on the purchase a handheld speed radar velocimeter(speed gun) – <i>It was decide that the Speed Watch group may have a speed gun so long as they still use the larger screen as well. This use of the larger screen is to educate the public on the speed they are going.</i>
25-052	Dog fouling and attacks	25-052-To discuss and decide if there is anything that Martin Parish Council can do about the continued regarding dog fouling and loose dogs that attack people and animals. <i>Lost, found or stray dogs can be reported to the dog warden. A flyer to remind people about cleaning up after their dogs will be produced by Cllr Hooper and the Clerk will print for Cllr Greenwood to distribute.</i>

25-053	Planning and Tree Works	Details of the following planning applications and tree works can be found on https://www.newforest.gov.uk/planning. 25-053.1 – 25/10186 <i>Full Planning Permission</i> BLANDFORD HALL, MARTIN ROAD, MARTIN, FORDINGBRIDGE SP6 3LD <i>Proposed installation of air conditioning unit</i> PAR 1 Permission is recommended as the council has no objections to the plans. 25-053.2 To ratify the recommendation of ‘No Objection’ to the following Tree Works application CONS/25/0106 <i>Field Maple - Fell</i> <i>Hollyhock Cottage, East Martin Road, East Martin, Fordingbridge, SP6 3LJ</i> <i>Damers Cottage, Martin Road, Martin, Fordingbridge, SP6 3LA</i> RATIFIED
25-054	Clerk's Report & Financial Matters	25-054.1- To receive & approve Clerk's report of the reconciliation of accounts for 2024-2025. 25-054.2 -To ratify the following payments: • The Hart of Martin rental FEB -£20 • The Hart of Martin rental March 17 & 24 - £40 • Banking Fee - £4.25 These payments are RATIFIED Paid from Equals card- • Lebara MARCH- £5.00 • MS365 MARCH - £9.72 • WHUK -£14.29 These payments are RATIFIED To agree to pay • Melissa Hildreth- £9.57 (for 20 extra magnets) • The Hart of Martin rental APR -£20 25-054.3- To review and sign the AGAR Accounting Statement 2024/25 Balance to carry forward of £6782 from the 24-25 year. Sectio 2 -Accounting Statement for 2024/25 approved and signed.
	Resilience planning	25-055- To hear the update on resilience planning and set out any future steps to be taken. A group of volunteers and councillors have created a survey to hand out to residents. The Council viewed the survey and approved for it to be sent out. Help will be asked from local groups. It was suggested there be a WhatsApp group for Emergency and council information. This group will have comments turned off. The Council agrees this is a good idea and should be created. Cllr Richard's will send the digital survey out using her email.
25-056	Minor Matters and Items for Next Agenda	25-056- Councillors to report minor matters and items for future agendas. 1. Taxi Share 2. New Whatsapp groups 3. Recruiting for people for speed watch 4. Litter pick 5. Sub committee for design phase of affordable housing
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