



Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 23rd June 2025 at 7pm at Hart of Martin, Martin.

|                          | <u>In Attendance</u> | <u>Apologies</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Councillor S. Greenwood  | ✓                    |                  |               |
| Councillor S. Hooper     | ✓                    |                  |               |
| Councillor J. Richards   | ✓                    |                  |               |
| Councillor B. Batten     |                      |                  | ✓             |
| Councillor T. Scott-Ison | ✓                    |                  |               |
| Councillor E. Horley     | ✓                    |                  |               |
| VACANT                   |                      |                  |               |

Also, IN ATTENDANCE: Melissa Hildreth – Clerk and no members of the public

**25-078 - Apologies for Absence-** To receive and record. ***None received.***

**25-079- 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. ***Cllr Richards declares she has an interest in the agenda item 25-088.2 because she is on the committee for The Hart of Martin.***

**25-080- Open Public Forum-** The public is invited to speak on matters relevant to the meeting. ***None attending***

**25-081- Minutes of Previous Meeting-** To resolve that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 19th of May 2025, having been circulated to members, be signed as a correct record. ***Meeting Minutes from 19 MAY 2025 approved by the Council as accurate and signed by the Chair.***

**25-082- Matters Arising-** All items have been actioned or will be reported on later in the meeting with the exception of the following from 19 MAY 25: **25-067.3-** Three bags of play bark was purchased, weeds around the play equipment sprayed and bark was laid and raked. **25-074-** Insurance was purchased and insurance company informed about the Fete.

**25-083- Planning and Tree Works** - Details of the following planning applications and tree works can be found on <https://www.newforest.gov.uk/planning>.

**25-083.1 - 24/10947**

**Full Planning Permission**

**Land South Of Sillen Lane, Martin, Salisbury**

Construction of a single-storey office building (Use Class E(g)(i)), areas of hardstanding (car park/access roads) and landscaped grounds; extension to existing barn **PAR 4 REFUSAL-None of these changes make this dreadful plan acceptable. We look forward to attending the planning committee meeting to make our objections known.**

**25-083.2 - 25/10478**

**Full Planning Permission**

**READS FARMHOUSE, MARTIN ROAD, MARTIN SP6 3LN**

Installation of x12 No. solar panels in ground location in the garden and associated battery and inverter units

**PAR 1 PERMISSION- The Council can find no objection to the plans, but will accept the decision of the District Council's Officers under their delegated powers.**

**25-084-Bustard Pond-**Update on new license from Longford Estate and update of cleaning of the pond area. ***Cllr Richards reported that the meeting between the Longford Agent, Cllr Greenwood and herself went well. It was agreed that the Council is responsible for keeping the Bustard Pond area tidy and to clear the drains. The Agent agreed that they would like to take care of any dangerous trees and any limbs that are leaning into the pond. It was***

*understood that MPC would receive a new licence in future. The Clerk is to follow up when the new license might arrive.*

**25-085 -Litter Pick-**Update on litter pick. *10 sets of pickers, high vis vest and garbage hoops have been acquired. The grant money has been received. 26<sup>th</sup> of July was picked as the date for the litter pick. It is to start at Blandford Hall and everyone to return after an hour for coffee and cake. Clerk is to look into the insurance and risk assessments to do the litter pick.*

**25-086 - Noise Monitoring A354 side of village-** Update on amount of noise from TENS event. Discuss and decide any further measures for future events. *Cllr Richards went up at about 11.30pm to see if there was any noise. 11pm being the limit to when any noise could be made. She reported it was very quiet, both next to the camp grounds and from across the street. Most people seem to have gone to sleep or were relaxing for the night. The next event is 25<sup>th</sup> July to 27<sup>th</sup> July. Monitoring will happen again during that time. The group will be staying at Maplefield Farm but have hired the stage at the Hart of Martin. Playing of music will be allowed until 11pm as per license.*

**25-087 – Speed Watch –** Training and poster updated from Cllr Hooper. *Cllr Hooper confirms that training is conducted online. It goes over Health and Safety and how you should be conducting the monitoring. There were about 20 people on the training. Once this is completed a form is sent to you to sign to confirm you will follow the rules and then these details are passed on to the Speed Watch Coordinator. Sign advertising joining speed watch to be posted by the clerk.*

**25-088- Resilience & SSEN Grant Application-**

**25-088.1** -Update on resilience project – *The Council approved survey is still to be distributed by Cllr Richards. It will be sent to the village email list. Cllr Scott-Ison resigned from the committee. The WhatsApp group still needs to be formed. It is almost ready. Cllr Hooper to send a copy of the meeting minutes to the clerk.*

**25-088.2** - To discuss and decide grant application to SSEN – *Cllr Richard's has been allowed to speak about the SSEN grant but will not be voting. Cllr Richard's presented that the resilience committee would like to make the Hart of Martin the emergency centre for any long lasting power outages. Reasoning is that it is large enough for many people, has a full functioning kitchen and oil for heating. That would mean a power supply for The Hart to run the boiler and the lights. The committee would like to apply for an SSEN grant to have a large mobile diesel generator. The Council has agreed that the committee may apply for the grant. Cllr Scott-Ison recommends Stephill generators as a reliable brand. The generator should also have an hour meter attached in case The Hart uses it for a short time for themselves. The generator will need occasional use and a maintenance program. The grant will also ask to cover the electrical connections to the club so that the generator can be used.*

**25-089- Footpath 501-** To discuss and decide about Footpath 501 that goes past Longbarrow Farm. *There has always been a vehicle gate and pedestrian gate at this site. Recently, a padlock has been placed on the vehicle gate. A member of the public is concerned that leaving the gate locked could result in ownership of the land being claimed. The path itself is not part of either Maple Field Farms or Longbarrow Farm according to the Land Registry. Cllr Hooper will see who owns the land at the top of the path. The Council will continue to seek who placed the padlock and speak with them. It is considered that a local lawyer may need to be consulted in future for further help.*

**25-090- Clock repair –** Discuss and decide if reserve money should be used to pay for repair clock chime. *Part is £145+VAT and install by local electrician is £40+ VAT. Full Council agrees to the payment of the repair of the clock for both the part and the labour. The payment is to be taken from Contingency as it was not budgeted for.*

**25-091-Clerk's Report and Financial Matters-**

**25-091.1-** To agree to pay the following invoices: **Smith of Derby** -£390 annual clock inspection

- **Melissa Hildreth** – USB cable for computer to use in Blandford Hall £5.09 + printer ink £13.99= £19.08
- **Blandford Hall** -May £20.00 and June £20.00 **All Payments agreed to by Cllrs present.**

**25-091.2-** To ratify the following payments from the Equals Card: **All Payment RATIFIED**

- **Litter pickers and High Vis vests from Caxton's** - £93.47
- **Bag Holders**-Amazon- £45.90
- **MS365**-MAY £9.72
- **Lebara**- MAY £5.00, JUNE £5.00

**25-091.3 – Virus Protection** -Decide if clerk can purchase BitDefender as virus protection for £19.99 **All agree to allow Clerk to purchase BitDefender.**

25-091.4 – Clerk's report to the Council -Clerk reported to the Council that the account today had a balance of £10,333.99 and the service charge was higher (£4.67) due to depositing a wayleave cheque from SSE. - The new look for the minutes is to help with making documents accessible. The clerk to inspect other documents to see if they are accessible and will look into what needs to be done to make everything accessible. – For the 2025 AGAR the Council will need to state whether they adhere to all GDPR and Data Protection Rules. Clerk feels we should be alright but will make sure that everything is as it should be. – A tree survey needs to be conducted for the Rec Grounds and any grounds that The Council is responsible for. Cllr. Greenwood and Cllr Scott-Ison to pass on some names so that the quotes can be discussed at the next Council Meeting. -Clerk reported that the government will allow remote access to council meetings in future a date has not yet been set. A decision on proxy voting has yet to be set. – The grant from District Cllr Richards for £127 for the purchase of the litter picking tools has been received. Thank you District Cllr Richards!

25-092- Affordable Housing Steering Group- To record any updates concerning the steering group.- Cllr Horley reports there are 5 confirmed members of the committee. She is awaiting another to answer and ask if anyone could suggest a couple of names for the last member. Cllr Greenwood to approach a person on behalf of Cllr Horley. Cllr Hooper suggested another person if Cllr Greenwood's person does not accept. Cllr Horley will keep us updated. She has heard from NFDC and they are at a stage to pick an architect.

25-093 – Resignation- To record that Melanie Hapke has resigned from the Council and a Notice of Vacancy has been posted. If 10 electors do not call for an election by July 1 the seat maybe co-opted. **All Councillors at the meeting noted this event.**

25-094 -Newsletter- To agree the date for the next newsletter-**All agreed to submit an article by the 25<sup>th</sup> of July to Cllr Richards. Cllr Richards- Bustard Pond, Meals on Wheels, & Alternative Transport. Cllr Horley-Affordable Housing. Cllr Scott-Ison – Speed Watch, Cllr Hooper- Downs planning, Cllr Greenwood- Litter pick**

25-095-Minor Matters and Items for the Next Agenda -Councillors to report minor matters and items for future agendas.

- **Etasia machine rental to cut more difficult footpaths. Quotes for rental and what possible paths for next meeting.**
- **To discuss co-opting a new member if an election is not called**

**Date of Next Meeting is 4 August 2025**

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