



Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 4th of August 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 6 members of the public

25-096 - Apologies for Absence- *To receive and record. -None received.*

25-097- 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 S Hooper, as her husband is Mark Hooper. Cllr J Richards, as she is on the Committee for the Hart of Martin.*

25-098- Open Public Forum- *The public is invited to speak on matters relevant to the meeting. -Six members of the public wanted to speak about unreasonable noise in the village after 11pm.*

25-099- Minutes of Previous Meeting- *To resolve that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 23rd of June 2025, having been circulated to members, be signed as a correct record. Meeting Minutes from 23 JUNE 2025 approved by the Council as accurate and signed by the Chair.*

25-100- Matters Arising- *All items have been actioned or will be reported on later in the meeting apart from the following from 23 JUNE 25: 25-084-Bustard Pond-Clerk still awaiting new contract that was to have been received in July.*

25-085 -Litter Pick-*new date to be chosen at future meeting. A young person in the village is litter picking for their Duke of Edinburgh.*

25-101- Planning and Tree Works - *Details of the following planning applications and tree works can be found on <https://www.newforest.gov.uk/planning>.*

25-101.1 - 25/10598

Variation / Removal of Condition

TOYD COTTAGE, ROCKBOURNE, MARTIN SP6 3PF

Variation of condition 2 of application 22/10848 to allow design amendments including fenestration and material alterations PAR 1- PERMISSION- No objection, but please keep Dark Skies in mind due to the amount of windows.

25-101.2 - CONS/25/0346

Proposed Works: Hazel - Remove

Holly Tree Cottage, Martin Road, Martin, Fordingbridge, SP6 3LD

No objections

25-101.3 - CONS/25/0344

Proposed Works: Holly x 1 Reduce

Box Elders & Acers x 5 Reduce

Laurel House, Martin Road, Martin, Fordingbridge, SP6 3LF

No objections

25-102.1-Complaints concerning events playing loud music past 11pm- To discuss and decide what the Council can do about events that play music past 11pm **-A letter to be written to NFDC Environmental Health by clerk on behalf of the Council stating the recent events that have caused noise disturbance.**

25-102.2 -To have an update on TENS monitoring – **Monitoring occurred twice but unfortunate timing meant the music makers were on a break and could not be observed.**

25-102.3 -To discuss and decide what can be done about complaints regarding recent ‘Singing Sticks’ event. **-Council to possibly contract groups directly to ask them to consider the community around them when making noise. Cllrs to see if contact details can be found.**

25-103 – Complaints about the road crossing at Martin Drove End and the A354- To discuss and decide what the parish council can do regarding this road crossing. **Clerk to contact Highways to point out the warning signs cannot be seen from a distance due to tree growth. Also to ask if solar lights can be placed over the ‘No Entry’ signs on the A354 to help prevent people driving up the wrong way.**

25-104- Complaints regarding the speed of vehicles on Sillens Lane- To discuss and decide what measures can be taken. **-Clerk to look for a sign that can be added to the current post asking for people to ‘Slow Down’. Clerk may spend up to £80.**

25-105 – Footpath 501- To receive an update regarding the locking of the gate at footpath 501 and to decide on any further action. **-Councillor Greenwood to seek out a solicitor for advice concerning the lock on the gate.**

25-106 – Vacant Councillor Position – To discuss and decide further action to recruit a new councillor for co-option. **-Cllr Greenwood and Cllr Richards to approach 2 candidates regarding the position.**

25-107-Further footpath and orchard cuts- To discuss and decide on further grass cuts based on quotes received. **-Footpath cut will cost £225.60 and orchard will cost £72.00. Council agrees to these grass cuts. Clerk to instruct.**

25-108-Tree survey – To discuss and decide on a tree survey provider based on quotes received. **-Clerk awaiting one more quote. Clerk to check if lowest quote for £288 does include both the recreation grounds and the orchard. Clerk instructed to accept whatever company has the lowest quote for both sites.**

25-109-Clerk’s Report and Financial Matters-

25-109.1– Clerk’s report to the Council

- **SO to change from August for clerk due to change in payrate (see Appendix A)-** Discuss and approve. **-Council approves of the changes to salary and SO**

25-109.2- To agree to pay the following invoices: **-Council agrees to pay the following invoices.**

- **Blandford Hall -July £20.00**
- **To Equals Card -£19.99 for BitDefender**
- **Melissa Hildreth- £48.64 (back pay to April see Appendix A)**

25-109.3- To ratify the following payments from the bank account: **- Council ratifies the following payments.**

- **HALC Membership -£290.00**
- **Bank Service Charge- £4.25**
- **HMRC - £195.37**

25-109.4- To ratify the following payments from the Equals Card: **-Council ratifies the following payments.**

- **MS365-JUNE £9.72, JULY £9.72**
- **Lebara- JULY £5.00,**
- **Website charge- £14.29**

25-110-Minor Matters and Items for the Next Agenda -Councillors to report minor matters and items for future agendas. **Batteries need changing for speed sign. – Cllr Batten request risk assessment to tidy road debris. -Cllr Horley requests Affordable housing on next agenda.**

Date of Next Meeting is 15 September 2025

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