



Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 12th of January 2026 at 7pm at Blandford Hall, Martin.

	<u>In Attendance</u>	<u>Apologies</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Councillor S. Greenwood	√		
Councillor S. Hooper	√		
Councillor J. Richards		√	
Councillor B. Batten			√
Councillor E. Horley	√		
Councillor T. Horrell	√		
VACANT			

Also, IN ATTENDANCE: Melissa Hildreth – Clerk and 2 members of the public

26-001 - Apologies for Absence- *To receive and record. The Council accepted the apology made by Cllr J Richards*

26-002- 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 declares in interest in item 26-016.2 as Mark Hooper is her husband*

26-003- Open Public Forum- *The public is invited to speak on matters relevant to the meeting. No comments*

26-004- Minutes of Previous Meeting- *To resolve that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 8th of December 2025, having been circulated to members, be signed as a correct record. Minutes of the 8th of December meeting signed by Chairman as a correct record.*

26-005- Matters Arising- *All items have been actioned or will be reported on later in the meeting with the exception of the following from 8 DEC 25: 25-163 Local Government Reorganisation– The clerk has filed the answers as requested. A saved copy of answers can be viewed on request. Councillors have received a copy.*

26-006-Chalk White Trust- *Guest speaker Nick Bourne to speak about the trust and the role of trustees. Our guest speaker explained about the history of the Trust which was first set up in 1797 by William Talk for the benefit of the old pensioners of Martin. He explained how the Trust operates now and requested the Council nominate another member to the Trust. Council resolves to inform the community through the newsletter and to seek another member for the Trust. This is to be discussed at the next meeting.*

26-007- Notice Board – *To discuss and decide whether to hire someone to complete the notice board closest to Blandford Hall. Council resolves to refurbish notice board. Cllr Horley to seek quotes for a replacement sign. Cllr Hooper to sand and paint in better weather.*

26-008- Design Code-*To discuss and decide on how to complete the requirements for the District-Wide Design Code and Settlement Character Studies. East Martin and centre of village complete. Townsend Lane area still to be completed.*

26-009- New signs Sillens Lane and A354 side of village- *To discuss the response from Hampshire Highways concerning Sillens Lane and to discuss and decide about a new sign coming into Martin Village. Hampshire Highways have not been in further contact regarding Sillens Lane pedestrian sign. Clerk to continue to pursue. Council resolves to accept quote of £75+VAT for sign and £45+VAT for installation. Clerk to action.*

26-010- Councillor Vacancy – *To discuss the open position on the Council. Several people approached. Only one said to be interested. Cllr Greenwood to confirm that one will accept. If they do not accept Cllr Horley to approach one more likely candidate.*

26-011- Resilience-*To hear an update on the resilience project in general and to discuss and decide on extra insurance costs of £95.76. Council resolves to accept the extra insurance cost for the generator once it is purchased. Council resolves to spend the amount of the grant money on the purchase of a generator.*

26-012 – Complaint - *Regarding the hedging along 501 Footpath by Longbarrow Farm. To discuss and decide what steps the Council can take. The Council will try to find out who the owners of the hedge are and kindly remind them to trim their hedge. If this is not possible then Hampshire County will be informed.*

26-013 – Complaint – *Regarding the derelict poly tunnels at Drove End. To discuss and decide what steps the Council may take. The Council is not able to assist with this matter. The people who have complained need to speak with the owner directly. An email has been provided to make a complaint and this will be given to the complainants.*

26-014-Complaint- *Regarding the height of the hedging in the Community Orchard. A quote of £90+VAT received to trim them down and back. Council resolves to accept quote. Clerk to action.*

26-015-New Policies – *To discuss and decide on the following policies:*

26-015.1- IT Policy – *Council resolves to accept this policy*

26-015.2- Data Protection Policy- *Council resolves to accept this policy*

26-015.3- Privacy Notice - *Council resolves to accept this policy*

26-016-Financial Matters-

26-016.1- To receive Clerk's General Report.

26-016.2- To agree to pay the following invoices:

- **Blandford Hall -Jan 26- £24.00, *Resolved to accept***
- **Mark Hooper – Lower Church Yard- £504, *Resolved to accept***
- **Mark Hooper – Grass cutting- £1901.25 *Resolved to accept***
- **Mark Hooper – Tree works -£96.00 *Resolved to accept***
- **John Butler – Asian Hornet expenses -£ 44.79 *Council resolves to accept payment minus refreshments.***

26-016.3- To ratify the following payments from the bank account: *Ratified*

Bank Service Charge- £4.25

26-017- Planning – *To discuss and decide recommendations for the following applications:*

26-017.1 – 25/11158 - LAVENDER COTTAGE, MARTIN ROAD, MARTIN SP6 3LF

Full Planning Permission

Single-storey rear extension, removal of existing, replace fibre cement slates to on side extension to match rear extension, alteration to garden levels, single bay timber framed car port on site of former garage.

Council resolves to recommend PAR 1 approval. The council feels that the changes keep in keeping with the village and can find no objections.

26-017.2 - 25/11159 LAVENDER COTTAGE, MARTIN ROAD, MARTIN SP6 3LF

Listed Building Alteration

Single-storey rear extension, removal of existing, replace fibre cement slates to on side extension to match rear extension, relocation of ground floor bathroom to rear of property, use of current bathroom as study/bedroom; alter wardrobe at first floor to a small toilet (Application for Listed Building Consent)

Council resolves to recommend PAR 1 approval. The council feels that the changes keep in keeping with the village and can find no objections.

26-017.3 - 26/10001 ORCHARD HOUSE, SILLENS LANE, MARTIN, FORDINGBRIDGE SP6 3LB

Full Planning Permission

Two-storey side extension; new wall

Council resolves to recommend PAR 1 approval as they can find no objections.

26-018-Minor Matters and Items for the Next Agenda -Councillors to report minor matters and items for future agendas. ● Affordable Housing ● Clerk to send out a reminder on WhatsApp about safety walking and riding in the dark.

26-019-Resolution to Exclude the Press and Public

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, which relates to staffing matters. Resolved to close the meeting to members of the public and press.

26-020- Employee appraisal- To discuss and agree to the results of the employee appraisal. Council resolves to accept the conclusions of the employee appraisal.

Date of Next Meeting is 23rd February 2026

Melissa Hildroth Clerk - Martin Parish Council

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