



Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 23th of February 2026 at 7pm at Blandford Hall, Martin

	<u>In Attendance</u>	<u>Apologies</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Councillor S. Greenwood	√		
VACANT			
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

26-021 - Apologies for Absence- To receive and record. **None**

26-022- 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. **None**

26-023- Open Public Forum- The public is invited to speak on matters relevant to the meeting. **Two members of the public gave their reasons for their approval of the planning application for Shelly's.**

26-024- Minutes of Previous Meeting- To resolve that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the *12th of January 2026*, having been circulated to members, be signed as a correct record. **Minutes of the 12th of January, 2026 meeting signed by the Chairman as a correct record.**

26-025- Matters Arising- All items have been actioned or will be reported on later in the meeting with the exception of the following from 12 JAN 26: **26-008 -Design Code-** *Townsend Lane area yet to be completed. East Martin and Centre of village complete. Information to be passed on the NFDC when fully completed.* **26-012-Hedging 501 Footpath-Clerk to report to HCC rights of way.**

26-026- Parish Assembly- To discuss and decide the arrangements for the Parish Assembly on the 20th of April. **Parish Assembly to be arranged as in previous years. Clerk to send invites. Cllr Horley and Cllr Horrell to arrange refreshments.**

26-027- Notice Board – To discuss and decide on the sign for the notice board. **Option one was agreed by the Council. Clerk to contact and arrange with the sign company.**

26-028- Report District Cllr Richards- To hear a District Council report. **Cllr Richards reported it was very important for the public and councils to give their opinions on the Spatial Options and Policy Direction Local Plan document. Cllr Richards to fill in the Spatial Options survey on behalf of Martin Council. All Councillors to give Cllr Richards their ideas by March 13th.**

26-029- Flooding Plan-To hear a presentation and decide on possible next steps. **Cllr Richards presented that Woodyate water levels were highest in 2014 at 109cm. In 2026 we are already at 108cm. Some of the previous measures taken to reduce flooding of roads has worked but there are some new spots and some areas need further measures. She suggests a plan to ask landowners to dig or reinstate ditches, ask HCC to plan to prevent flooding of the road north of Middle Lane and for the dual carriageway. Also to ask Openreach to be asked to resolve the Townsend Lane joint box problem and ask HCC to investigate the water coming of the Martin Road in the middle of the village. The Council agrees for these actions to be completed.**

26-030-Affordable Housing- To have an update on the progress of the Affordable Housing. *Cllr Horley gave an update on the items discussed during the affordable housing meetings. The number of homes has been decided although the design and the amount of green space has not. A letter from former Cllr Hooper was read out to the rest of the Council. The project is in the pre-planning stage and will be available to see on an open public day to happen in the near future.*

26-031- Councillor Vacancy – To discuss the open position on the Council. *Cllr Richards proposed and Cllr Horrell seconded the motion to vote on the co-option of Alistair Groom. The Council unanimously voted to coopt Alastair Groom. Clerk to inform Mr. Groom.*

26-032- Resilience-To hear an update on the purchase of a generator for The Hart and to hear what funding should be allocated at this time. *The grant money has been received and Cllr Richards will go forward with the project.*

26-033-Talk White Trust -To discuss the nomination of another member Talk White Trust. *As Cllr Hooper has resigned from the Parish Council, Cllr Horrell will be the representative of the Council. It is possible the former councillor will stay on the committee as a member of the community.*

26-034- New Policies- To discuss and decide on the following policies:

26-034.01- Data Protection Map – Resolved to accept

26-034.02- Data Retention Policy - Resolved to accept

26-035-Financial Matters-

26-035.1- To receive Clerk's General Report.

26-035.2- To agree to pay the following invoices: RESOLVED to make these payments

- Blandford Hall Council Meeting-Feb - £24.00,
- Blandford Hall Aff Hsing Meeting -Feb- £24.00

26-035.3- To ratify the following payments from the bank account: Payments Ratified

- Bank Service Charge- £4.25
- Blandford Hall – (Oct x 2 & Nov)-£72.00

26-035.4- Paid from Equals card- Council to ratify payments: Payments Ratified

- MS365-Jan - £9.72 Lebara- Jan & Feb - £10.00 WHUK-Jan- £14.29

26-036- Planning – To discuss and decide recommendations for the following applications:

26-036.1- CONS/26/0071

Ash x 2 - Reduce

Copper Beech - Reduce

Beech - Reduce

Shepherds Cottage, Martin Road, Martin, Fordingbridge, SP6 3LA RESOLVED-No objection

26-036.2- 26/10131

Full Planning Permission

SHELLEYS, MARTIN ROAD, MARTIN SP6 3LF

Demolition and replacement of rear elevation with two-storey extension, rooflights; replacement front porch, detached garage; demolish and rebuild 2no. chimneys; replacement of front boundary wall and gates with boundary fencing and gates with associated landscaping. RESOLVED – PAR 3 Approval -Plans in keeping with the village aesthetics. Nice to see a house restored to a home.

26-036.3-26/10132

Application for Listed Building Consent

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26-037-Minor Matters and Items for the Next Agenda -Councillors to report minor matters and items for future agendas.

- ***A card of thanks should be sent to Sam Hooper for her years of service.***
- ***A vice chair to be decided next meeting***
- ***People need to be added and removed from the bank account***

Date of Next Meeting is 23 March 2026

Melissa Hildreth Clerk - Martin Parish Council
Posted 11 March 2026