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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 11th of May 2026 at 7pm
at Blandford Hall, Martin.**

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

26-060 - Election of Chairman- To elect the Chair and receive the signed Declaration of Office. ***Cllr Batten proposes Cllr Greenwood for Chairman and Cllr Horley seconds. Cllr Greenwood accepts and signs the Declaration of Office.***

26-061-Election of Vice Chairman- To elect the Vice Chair and receive the signed Declaration of Office. ***Cllr Greenwood proposes Cllr Groom and Cllr Horley seconds. Cllr Groom accepts.***

26-062-Apologies for Absence- To receive and record. ***Cllr Horrell sends his apologies. The Council resolves to accept his apology.***

26-063- 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. ***No interests declared.***

26-064-Open Public Forum - The public is invited to speak on matters relevant to the meeting. ***No questions asked.***

26-065-Minutes of Previous Meetings - For Approval & Signature of the meetings held 23rd March 2026 and 20th April 2026. ***Meeting minutes for both 23rd March and 20th April resolved as accurate and were signed by the Chairman.***

26-066-Matters Arising- All items have been actioned or will be reported on later in the meeting with the exception of the following from 23 March 26: ***26-054-Lengthmans contract signed and returned to Fordingbridge.***

26-067-Standing Orders -To review and re-adopt. ***Reviewed and adopted for 26-27 year***

26-068-Financial Regulations-To review and re-adopt. ***Reviewed and adopted for 26-27 year***

26-069-Clerk's report to the Council & Financial Matters

26-069.1 -Clerk's Report- *Balance in the account as of 11 May was £20030.17*

26-069.2-Reconciliation of Bank Account-to read and accept *Moved to next meeting.*

Clerk to provide copy to Council.

26-069.3-CIL Monies receive- How to allocate £2094.28 in CIL funds. *Council to consider ideas at the next meeting.*

26-069.4- Expenses for payment: *Resolved to Accept all payments*

- HALC -£271, Hart of Martin April rental-£25.00,
- Blandford Hall AH April-£20, Blandford Hall March-£24.00

26-069.5- Change clerk SO to £406.89 from June. One off corrective payment of £373.28 for May *Resolved to Accept*

26-069.6- Ratify payments for: MS365 APRIL&MAY-£20.42 on equals card

- Signs in Motion for £174 ***Payments Ratified***

26-070-Recreation Ground -To review and discuss quotation for CocoTurf.

Quote received was £20,998. Council Resolved to not go ahead with this quote as it was too expensive at this time. Council will continue to use play bark. Clerk to ask contractor to spray weedkiller before play bark put down.

26-071-Affordable Housing-To hear an update on the affordable housing progress -*12 May is the Open House in Blandford Hall concerning the affordable housing plans. Council approves up to £10 for refreshments.*

26-072-New Councillor-To discuss the search for a new Councillor. *Cllr Horley informed the council that her candidate was not interested at this time. Gavin Hildreth who was at the meeting expressed an interest. Cllr Greenwood proposed Gavin Hildreth and Cllr Richards seconded. The Council voted in favour of Gavin Hildreth being co-opted as a councillor. Clerk to have him sign his acceptance of office and complete the Register of Interest form.*

26-073- Councillor Specialties -To review and assign councillors to groups eg. Police liaison, Finance or Planning. *Cllr Batten – Recreation Grounds and Speed Indicator Device; Cllr Horley-Affordable Housing, Lengthsman; Cllr Greenwood-Planning, Highways, Community Association, Recreation Ground; Cllr Richards-Website, Resilience, Lengthsman, Planning, Public Rights of Way; Finance Cllr Horrell – Affordable Housing and Talk-White Trust; Cllr Groom-Finance*

26-074-AGAR-To Complete and sign the Certificate of Exemption-AGAR 20/26 Form 2- *Reviewed and approved by the Council. Then signed by the Chairman and the RFO. Clerk to file form with BDO by 30th of June.*

26-075- Annual Governance Statement of the Annual Return(AGAR)-To complete and sign Section 1 Annual Governance Statement – *Completed and approved by the Council. Then signed by Chairman and the Clerk.*

26-076- AGAR - To complete and sign Section 2 Accounting Statement 2025/26 – *Reviewed and approved by council. Then signed by the RFO and the Chairman.*

26-077- Star Fest- To discuss and decide if hosting is a possibility. *Martin is unable to house the planetarium. It is possible to work with Damerham as their Hall may hold it. Clerk asked to contact Damerham to see if they would like to work with Martin.*

26-078-Gate over Footpath 501-To note the advice from HALC-*The Clerk read the advice from HALC regarding the gate over footpath 501. The Parish Council can do very little. Cllr Richards to speak with the person who put the sign on the gate and ask them to remove it. Putting the sign does not mean the person will ever be able to claim that strip of land. A consideration was given to adopting this footpath to help the wild flowers that grow on either side of the path. This issue will be discussed again in September.*

26-079-Annual Insurance- To long term agreement policy. We are in year 2 and the cost is £452.50. *Council resolves to approve the agreement for another year at the cost of £452.50.*

26-080-Planning- 26/10392 Variation / Removal of Condition

MARTINIQUE FARM, EAST MARTIN ROAD, EAST MARTIN, FORDINGBRIDGE SP6 3JS

Variation of conditions 2, 3 & 4 of planning permission 23/11191 to amend levels and change materials *The Council resolves to recommend PAR 5 leaving the decision to the planning officer.*

26-080.2- 26/10131 Re-Consultation

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. *The Council resolves to recommend PAR 1 approval. The plans only vary by the height of the building and much of the project remains the same. The Council holds its previous positive decision towards this application still stands.*

26-080.3- 26/10132 Re-Consultation Listed Building Alteration

Shelleys, Martin Road, Martin SP6 3LF

Demolition and replacement of rear elevation with two-storey extension, rooflights; repair and re-tile roofs; 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 (Application for Listed Building Consent) *The Council resolves to recommend PAR 1 approval. The plans only vary by the height of the building and much of the project remains the same. The Council holds its previous positive decision towards this application still stands.*

26-081- Minor Matters and Items for the Next Agenda- Councillors to report minor matters and items for future agendas.

- *Affordable housing*
- *SID data and speed watch*

Date of Next Meeting is 22 June 2026

Melissa Hildreth Clerk - Martin Parish Council

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