



**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held
on the 27th of July 2026 at 7pm at the Blandford Hall, Martin**

	<u>In Attendance</u>	<u>Apologies</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Councillor S. Greenwood (Chair)	✓		
Councillor J. Richards	✓		
Councillor B. Batten			✓
Councillor E. Horley	✓		
Councillor T. Horrell	✓		
Councillor A. Groom (Vice Chair)		✓	
Councillor G. Hildreth	✓		

Also, IN ATTENDANCE: 4 Members of the Public and Melissa Hildreth – Clerk

26-103 - Apologies for Absence- To receive and record. *Cllr Alistair Groom sent his apologies and they were accepted. Cllr Benjamin Batten was absent.*

26-104- 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 an interest in the planning application 26-109.4 Cllr Richards asked for a dispensation for 26-109.4 to stay in the room during this agenda item. The dispensation was not approved.*

26-105- Open Public Forum- The public is invited to speak on matters relevant to the meeting. *Four members of the public each spoke in favour of the planning application at the Hart of Martin.*

26-106- Minutes of Previous Meeting- To resolve that the minutes of the annual meeting of the Council held on the 22th of June 2026, having been circulated to members, be signed as a correct record. *Meeting minutes for 22nd of June 2026 were resolved as accurate and were signed by the Chairman.*

26-107- Matters Arising- All items have been actioned or will be reported on later in the meeting with the exception of the following from **22nd June 2026: 26-094.2** -Instant Access Account opened and £4000 added to account. **26-092.1**-Bark bought and added to playground. **26-092.5**-Cutting with Etesian completed.**26.095.2**-Speed gun purchased.

26-108-County Cllr Millar and District Cllr Richards – To hear the latest reports from County and District Councils. *Cllr Millar unable to attend and Cllr Richards hopes to have something for the next meeting.*

26-109- Planning – To discuss and decide recommendations for the following applications:

26-109.1- Tree Works -CONS/26/0358

Group of various trees - Reduce

Mead Cottage, Martin Road, Martin, Fordingbridge, SP6 3LD **No Objection**

26-109.2-Planning- 26/10605

SPRINGDALE, MARTIN ROAD, MARTIN SP6 3LR

Wildlife pond

PAR 1 Permission -*Project can increase biodiversity if done correctly. Council would have liked to have seen the consultation with Cranborne Chase. Council asks that all biodiversity survey's should be completed before granting permission.*

26-109.3- Planning-24/10947

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- *The Council is pleased with the changes that have happened. However, the landscaping is still not appropriate for this sensitive location. Also, our previous objections have not been addressed and still stand.*

Cllr Richards stood outside the room for the discussion of this item.

26-109.4-Planning - 26/10668

MARTIN CLUB, MARTIN ROAD, MARTIN SP6 3LR

Alterations and conversion of 2 unused rooms to create 1 bedroom flat

PAR 1 Permission- *The Council are happy to support this application. They can find no objection as it will bring a much needed dwelling to the area.*

26-110-CIL FUNDS

26-110.1- To discuss and decide on any plans for the neighbourhood CIL funding. *It is agreed to use the CIL funding towards playground improvements and the rest towards the purchase of another SID. Clerk to check if the £3000 quote from ElanCity (solar version) has batteries than can be charged manually. If so, then this is the version the Council wishes to purchase. If not, the £2880 version from ElanCity will be used and a solar panel addition for £394 will be added. The Council has also agreed to purchase the £394 solar panel addition for the current SID. This is not portable and stays on the post.*

26-110.2- CIL Fund Grants -To discuss and decide any plans for applying for a grant- *Cllr Richards to apply for the grant to cover the cost of the SID once the Clerk confirms the batteries on the solar version can be charged.*

26-111 - Green Areas/Rec ground

26-111.1- Ground covering in the recreation ground-To discuss & decide if there is another affordable alternative to bark. *It has been discussed that bark is not required under the swings but only under equipment that has a certain height risk. There for not requiring as much bark. Cllr Horley to investigate.*

26-111.2-Swing Seat-To discuss and decide quotes for swing seat replacement-*Two swing seats options were seen. It was decided to purchase the £204.94 swing using CIL monies from Playdale. £204.94 to be moved to the Equals card for the payment.*

26-112-Tree Reports To discuss quote for tree survey for the Green and Bustard Pond- *The quotes were not ready by the meeting. They will be discussed at the next meeting if received.*

26-113-Financial Matters

26-113.1- To receive Clerk's General Report - *Community Account has £12001.13 and Instant Access Savings has £4000.49*

26-113.2- To agree to pay the following invoices: *Resolved to pay all invoices & make all transfers*

Blandford Hall Meetings-June inv596 - £40.00,

To Equals card -£119.84 (6 months Lebara & MS365 plus 2 WHUK)

To Equals card-£120 in paint supplies for gate and notice board

26-113.3- To ratify the following payments from the bank account: *Payments ratified*

Bank Service Charge-July £4.25 DD-HMRC- £311.89

26-113.4- Paid from Equals card- Council to ratify payments: *Payments ratified*

MS365-July - £10.21 Lebara- July -£5 Holmes Bark-£403.20 Bitdefender-£44.99 WHUK-£14.29

Amazon-Speed gun- £155

26-114- Defibrillator- To have an update on the whether the defibrillator is registered and if it now needs new supplies. *The defibrillator is registered and can be found by emergency services. It is possible that if you are over 400m away from the defibrillator it will not come up as available as it is too far. Further details will be gathered to discuss at the next meeting if another defibrillator is needed.*

26-115-Sign- To discuss and decide on a sign for the Fordingbridge side of the village similar to the A354 side. *It was decided that a similar sign to the one at the A354 side of the village should go on the Fordingbridge side of the village with the 'Martin' sign. Clerk to get quotes.*

26-116-Delegation of Authority-To discuss and decide on this document that will give authority to the clerk in specific circumstance for planning applications and tree works. *It was resolved to have a delegation of authority only for tree works. Clerk to amend document for Council to approve at next meeting.*

26-117- Internal Control Document- To discuss and decide on this document the internal auditor required us to have. *The Council approves of the Internal Control document.*

26-118-Talk White Trust- Talk White has requested the Council consider Sara Varley for nomination to their committee. *The Council resolves to approve Sara Varley to the committee of Talk White Trust. Clerk to inform Talk White Trust*

26-119-Generator & Resilience-To have an update on the situation with the purchase of the generator. *Cllr Richards will pass on the generator needed so that the clerk may make the purchase. Funds to be transferred to the equals card. Clerk to ensure someone on site for delivery at the Hart.*

26-120-Affordable Housing-To have an update on the affordable housing project. *-A recent report was sent to Council members. Where to place solar panels is still be determined. Ground surveys taking place. Full planning application due to for mid-August.*

26-121-Newsletter-To discuss and decide the format for a newsletter-*Each councillor to make a contribution. Please send to Cllr Richards by 10 August.*

26-122- Minor Matters and Items for the Next Agenda -Councillors to report minor matters and items for future agendas. *-Affordable housing - Resilience plan for fires -New defibrillator - Parts for current defibrillator*
-Review of Standing Orders and Code of Conduct

Date of Next Meeting is 7 September 2026

Melissa Hildreth Clerk - Martin Parish Council

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