

MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Martin Parish Council held on Monday, 24th February 2014 in the Blandford Hall, Martin.

Present: S. Sampson (Chairman), B. Hapke, W. Perry, J. Richards and D. Binns.
Mr. J. Cartwright – Rights of Way Officer – Hampshire County Council
Six Members of the Public

PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS:

- Rights of Way – Repair to Stiles: A resident enquired about the responsibility for the repair of stiles on Rights of Way. Mr. Cartwright explained that the landowner was responsible for repairs and that HCC had a scheme whereby stiles could be replaced with gates.
 - A resident explained his proposals contained within a Tree Work Application to be considered at the meeting.
1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: H. Lawes and S. Spreadbury. Edward Heron (NFDC and HCC).
 2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 13th January, 2014
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of Martin Parish Council held on 13th January, 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
The Chairman advised that the jetting referred to in the Public Section of the last meeting had not been carried out due to the water levels in the Village.
The Litter Pick had also been put back until 5th April, 2014 when hopefully the weather would have improved.
 3. MATTERS ARISING:
 - i) COOPTION: RESOLVED: That Mr. D. Binns be coopted to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council.
Mr. Binns then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
 4. RIGHTS OF WAY:
Mr. John Cartwright, Rights of Way Officer for Hampshire County Council was present at the meeting and he outlined the County Council's approach to dealing with Rights of Way issues over the whole County with the limited resources available. He identified the different types of Rights of Way and provided copies of the Definitive Map for the Parish of Martin.
The County Council provided Small Grants to help with maintenance problems and would be discussing these issues at the "Paths to Partnership" Event being held on the 5th June, 2014 to which all Parish Councils had been invited.
The meeting identified some specific problems within the Parish and Mr. Cartwright explained that the HCC Website included information for reporting these via: hants.gov.uk
 5. DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT: Cllr. Heron was not present at the meeting.
 6. PLAYGROUND UPDATE
 - i) Inspection of Equipment: The Chairman submitted the playground inspection report carried out on the 24th February, 2014. Two notices were missing and the Clerk was asked to report to the next meeting on the cost of replacement.
 7. FINANCE:
 - a) Schedule of Payments for Approval:

New Forest Disability Information Service	Grant	£50.00
New Forest Citizens Advice Bureau	Grant	£50.00
Victim Support – Hampshire and IOW	Grant	£50.00

- b) GRASSCUTTING: The Clerk reported that the Contractor who carried out the grass cutting at the Village Green, Bustard Pond and the Recreation Ground had confirmed that there would not be an increase if the contract was extended. He had also quoted for maintaining the Community Orchard but it was felt that the area should not be cut regularly but trimmed along the edge of the footpath with the whole area cut twice per annum. The Contractor would be asked to re-quote on this basis. RESOLVED: That the contract for grass cutting at the Village Green, Bustard Pond and the Recreation Ground be extended for a further 12 months. The Contractor would be asked to re-quote for the area at the Community Orchard.
8. WEST HAMPSHIRE CCG: The Clerk reported the response received from West Hampshire CCG regarding the Out of Hours NHS Service. Residents in the area should call the NHS 111 phone number and trained medical advisers would then direct them to the most appropriate GP Service available at the time. Pharmacy out of hour's opening times and locations could be found on <http://www.nhs.uk/Service-Search/Pharmacy/LocationSearch/10> and this would give a list of Pharmacies along with their opening hours. It was also noted that the Avon Clinic at Salisbury offered a walk in service and could be contacted on Salisbury 331191.
9. LENGTHSMAN PROJECT: The Lengthsman had attempted to clear some ditches but the recent weather had made this difficult. The posts on the Village Green had been damaged and needed to be replaced. Clearing vegetation would be undertaken when the weather allowed.
10. MARTIN ROADS: Wendy Perry reported on the site meeting held on the 28th January, 2014 with the New Forest Highways Manager when the whole length of the road through the Village together with Sillens Lane had been walked to identify the problems which had resulted in the flooding in the Village. A number of problems had been identified with blocked drains and ditches and this had also resulted in damage to the highway. Cllr. Heron had also been present at this meeting. Several vehicles had been damaged and Road Closures and diversions had been necessary. The jetting of blocked pipes had proved difficult due to the amount of rainwater and it was felt that a survey was needed to identify the work needed to alleviate any future flooding in the Village. The situation would continue to be monitored and further reports made to future meetings.
11. BROADBAND SPEEDS
Janet Richards reported that a Sub-Committee had now been set up to encourage residents to sign up to the Hampshire County Council Faster Broadband Campaign. A letter would be delivered to each resident encouraging their support for faster broadband. Volunteers were

coming forward to help distribute the letter personally to each resident. The telephone exchange serving Martin was currently being evaluated by BT.

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

i) **Planning Applications:**

14/10138 New access; drive and turning area at 1 Townsend Lane, Martin.

Box 4 Recommend Refusal: The Parish Council would prefer to see a solution to the rear of the property. The current application would set a precedent and adversely affect the setting of the Conservation Area within which the grass verge is situated.

ii) **Planning Decisions**

- **13/11433** Installation of 12 solar panels to central roof slope at West House, Martin Road, Martin. GRANTED subject to conditions.

iii) **Tree Works Applications**

14/0109 Poplar – Fell at Williams Farm House, Martin Road, Martin

14/1046 T1 Clump of Lleylandii (reduce overhanging limbs to existing boundary line at the northern boundary of St. Georges Cottages in bottom south western corner of Paddock at Fern Cottage, East Martin Road, East Martin

14/0151 T1 and T3 Yew (Fell); T2 Apple (Fell); T4 Yew (Reduce by 30%) at Talks Farm, East Martin Road, East Martin.

NO OBJECTIONS were raised to these Tree Work Applications.

13. LITTER PICK: The Litter Pick would now take place on 5th April, 2014.

14. MARTIN COMMON – STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

The Parish Council had no objection to the proposals for Martin Common outlined in the Stakeholder Consultation.

15. SOWING SEEDS- PROGRAMME OF EVENTS: The Clerk reported on the Local Programme of Events to raise awareness of the Sowing Seeds Programme.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of Martin Parish Council be held on Monday, 7th April, 2014 commencing at 7.00pm.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

i) **MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE:** Hampshire County Council were proposing to cut the Mobile Library Service in order to achieve savings in their Budget. Martin was included. The consultation period would end in May, 2014.

ii) **RESILIENCE PLAN:** The Chairman circulated a Draft Letter for circulation regarding an update to the Resilience Plan.

iii) **DEFIBRILLATOR:** Wendy Perry reported that a cost of a Defibrillator would be approximately £2000. It would be kept in a locked Box in a convenient accessible place and the code would be given upon calling the emergency services. The device could then be used (no training was needed) until the emergency services arrived.

- iv) PATHS TO PARTNERSHIP EVENT – 5th JUNE, 2014: The Clerk would book two places for this event.
- v) CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2014: Nominations for Citizen of the Year 2014 had been invited by the Organisers, Rotary Club of Fordingbridge

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35 pm

Signed Date.....

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