

MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of Martin Parish Council held on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2014 in the Blandford Hall, Martin.**

Present: S. Sampson, B. Hapke, H. Lawes, W. Perry and J. Richards,  
Cllr. E. Heron (HCC and NFDC)  
Edward Van Dyck New Forest District Council

**PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS:** Martin Music Festival: A resident was present at the meeting and outlined her comments regarding the impact of the Music Festival and associated camping over the weekend of the 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2014. The Clerk confirmed that two residents had emailed their comments following this event.

Mr. Van Dyck explained the procedures for dealing with Temporary Event Notices and although the Parish Council received notification of these events they did not have a statutory right to object. The Police could raise certain objections. The District Council and the Police would be aware of the problems which had occurred during this year's event and the residents' concerns would be considered should another application be received next year. In particular the impact on surrounding properties, the scale and nature of the event and the potential to minimise any public nuisance arising from the numbers attending and control of the camping facilities could all be assessed on the basis of the comments made.

Mr. Van Dyck left the meeting after the discussion of this item.

**Highway Maintenance:** A question was raised about the completion of the work to the roads in Martin. The Clerk reported that Hampshire County Council had confirmed that they had not yet completed the work which would be programmed shortly.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from D. Binns.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None were made.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2014

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Martin Parish Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING: No matters were raised.

5. DECLARATION OF A CASUAL VACANCY:

The Clerk read the letter of resignation as a Parish Councillor received from Mrs. S. Spreadbury.

RESOLVED: That a Vacancy for a Parish Councillor be advertised following the resignation of Mr. S. Spreadbury from the office of Parish Councillor.

6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- i) Lengthsman Scheme: Cllr. Heron reported that he had arranged to meet with Fordingbridge Town Council to discuss ongoing issues regarding the Lengthsman Scheme.
- ii) Highways: Cllr. Heron suggested that it might be useful for the Parish Council to arrange to meet with the Highway Manager for the area in the autumn and walk the areas discussed at the last site visit. He also agreed to supply leaflets outlining the responsibilities of Riparian Owners in relation to Watercourses and Ditches in the Village.

7. MARTIN MUSIC FESTIVAL:

This matter had been fully discussed during the public session and it was noted that any future application could now be assessed on the basis of the comments received following this year's event. It was also noted that a Temporary Event Notice would only apply to attendances of up to 499 people.

8. PLAYGROUND UPDATE

- i) Inspection of Equipment: The Chairman submitted the latest playground inspection report carried out on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2014. The gate from Downview Road had been repaired by the Housing Association  
The Annual Play Area Safety Inspection Report had been received from PlaySafety Ltd. and a number of advisory items would be considered as part of the ongoing inspection process. The Picnic Table would be removed.

9. FINANCE:

Schedule of Payments for Approval:

|                  |                                 |         |
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| JC Signs         | Replacement Signs               | £94.00  |
| Edwin Macknamara | Clerk's Salary                  | £263.20 |
| HMRC             | PAYE/NI                         | £45.80  |
| Playsafety Ltd.  | Annual Playground<br>Inspection | £85.20  |

RESOLVED: That the Schedule of Payments be approved.

10. PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCES:

The Basketball Unit had been added to the Council's Insurance Cover with a value of £1875. Messrs. Came and Co. had confirmed that there would not be any additional charge during the current financial year.

11. MARTIN ROADS:

The Principal Engineer, Highways West had confirmed that there were 2 or 3 days of ditch clearance work to be done and that this would be followed up with jetting any culverts linking to these ditches. Repairs to the road surface were being organised as part of Operation Resilience but the dates for this work was not yet confirmed.

12. SPEEDWATCH SCHEME:

The Clerk reported that the Police and Crime Commissioner was keen to support the development of Speedwatch Schemes across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and would offer up to £1000 to assist with launch costs for up to 70 new schemes.

The Clerk would clarify whether Martin might be eligible to help with the costs of joining a current scheme.

The problem of speeding vehicles through the Village had been discussed and Cllr. Heron suggested that if Registration Numbers were noted he would ask the unmarked Police Car to visit Martin to deal with the worst offenders.

Arrangements would also be made for the Volunteers to do another speed check preferably during the morning.

13. BROADBAND SPEEDS:

The Hampshire County Council contract with British Telecom to improve rural broadband speeds continued and more improvement might be achieved than originally thought. However, local support for improvements from Martin should continue to be encouraged.

14. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

Cllr. Heron reported that he had discussed this matter further with NFDC Officers and he would try and arrange for a member of the Planning Team to attend a future meeting to talk about a Conservation Area Appraisal.

The Parish Council would consider whether it would be appropriate to undertake the work needed to prepare a Village Design Statement/Neighbourhood Plan and this would be discussed at the next Emergency Planning meeting to be arranged by the Chairman.

15. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

i) **Planning Applications:**

a) 14/10607 Remove chimney and install rooflight (Application for Listed Building Consent) at Folliotts Farmhouse, Old Cranbourne Road, Tidpit, Martin.

There was no objection to this proposal. BOX 3 Permission to be recommended to NFDC

b) 14/10734 Relocate access at Field No. 7193 Haskells Farm, Drove End, Martin:

The proposal was considered to be an improvement to road safety. BOX 3 Permission to be recommended to NFDC

ii) **Planning Decision:** None received.

iii) **Planning Appeal:** 14/10138 New access, drive and turning area at 1 Townsend Lane, Martin – An appeal has been made against the decision of NFDC to refuse to grant planning permission. The appeal would proceed under the Householder Appeals Service and there was no opportunity to submit further comments.

iv) **Tree Work Applications:** None received.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS DEEMED IMPORTANT BY THE CHAIRMAN:

The meeting had noted that the hedges on Footpath No. 28 and Footpath 34 (Definitive Map) were overgrown.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the next Parish Meeting be held on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2014 commencing at 7.00pm.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30 pm

Signed ..... Date.....