

MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Martin Parish Council held on Monday, 4th August, 2014 in the Blandford Hall, Martin.

Present: S. Sampson (Chairman), D. Binns; H. Lawes, W. Perry and J. Richards,

PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS: None

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
An apology for absence was received from B. Hapke.
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None were made.
3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 23rd June, 2014
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Meeting of Martin Parish Council held on 23rd June, 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to Mr. being amended to Mrs. In the Resolution to Minute No. 5.
4. MATTERS ARISING: i) Gate – Downview Road: The Gate had now been re-hung but the fence either side had rotted and the bottom rung of the gate was damaged. The Housing Association would be informed.
ii) 14/10734 Relocate access at Field No. 7193 Haskells Farm, Drove End, Martin: This application had been referred to NFDC Development Control Committee for determination
5. DECLARATION OF A CASUAL VACANCY:
The Vacancy for a Parish Councillor having been advertised following the resignation of Mrs. S. Spreadbury could now be filled by co-option. It was agreed that a Notice be displayed seeking volunteers to put their names forward for consideration by the Council.
6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT
Cllr. Heron was not present at the meeting.
7. PLAYGROUND UPDATE
i) Inspection of Equipment: The Chairman had inspected the playground and would prepare the report shortly. The picnic table had now been removed. It was also noted that the boundary hedge had recently been set on fire and it was agreed that an item be placed in the next Newsletter pointing out the dangers of setting fires adjacent to nearby property.
A suggestion that a fundraising coffee morning should be organised to raise funds to supplement the budget for the playground area was supported.
RESOLVED: That a replacement Picnic Table be purchased and cemented into the ground.
8. FINANCE:
 - i) Schedule of Payments for Approval: No payments had been made since the last meeting.
 - ii) TUFF – Request for Funding: Turn up for Fun (TUFF) had asked the Parish Council to consider making a grant towards their work in Martin. It was

RESOLVED: That TUFF be asked to provide financial information to enable the Council to consider their request at the December meeting.

9. FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS - MAINTENANCE

The Chairman reported that a local resident had contacted Hampshire County Council about the condition of FP 17 and requested that the surface be cut. The County Council had suggested that the resident should contact the Parish Council as FP 17 was not on their cutting schedule. The Clerk had circulated a list of the Rights of Way currently on the cutting schedule together with an explanation of the County Council's policy of maintaining Rights of Way and the responsibilities of landowners.

However, in order to make progress it was agreed that the Parish Council would arrange for FP 17 to be cut and ask Hampshire County Council to include this right of way in their cutting programme.

10. LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:

The Lengthsman had failed to keep the appointment due today to carry out work under the scheme in Martin. No advance notification had been received and Cllr. Perry had waited for his arrival and had eventually had to contact him. He had been unable to attend due to a problem with his vehicle. The Clerk would write to the lead Council and outline the concerns with the current scheme. It was also suggested that individual participating Parish Councils should be required to sign off work only when it was completed so that payment could then be made.

Once a new date had been agreed the Lengthsman would be asked to trim back FP 34 (East Martin) to make it passable for walkers.

11. SPEEDWATCH SCHEME:

The Clerk reported that the Police and Crime Commissioner's scheme to support the development of Speedwatch Schemes across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight with financial support of up to £1000 towards the launch costs was still open to applications. The money could only be used to start a new scheme and could not be used to supplement any existing arrangements. In view of this it was agreed that the current arrangement with Damerham should continue.

12. MARTIN ROADS:

The outstanding highway work in Martin was due to be completed in the coming week and should include the clearance of ditches and culverts.

Work was also needed to re-instate the roadside edges and it was agreed that the Clerk should ask the Highways Manager – New Forest to walk the Parish Roads with the Parish Council to discuss any ongoing maintenance matters.

13. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

The Clerk had circulated a copy of the Sandleheath Design Statement for information.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council would discuss the preparation of a similar Design Statement for Martin at a meeting to be held in September/October, 2014.

14. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- i) **Planning Applications:**
 - a) **14/10942:** Replacement handrail with new balustrade at Blandford Hall, Martin Road, Martin: The drawing for the handrail and balustrade had not been received. The Clerk would circulate a copy and any comments should be returned to the Clerk to meet the closing date for consultation set by NFDC.
- ii) **Planning Decision:**
 - 14/10607** Remove chimney and install rooflight (Application for Listed Building Consent) at Folliotics Farmhouse, Old Cranborne Road, Tidpit, Martin.
GRANTED subject to conditions.
- 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. Decision awaited.
- iv) **Tree Work Applications:** None received.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS DEEMED IMPORTANT BY THE CHAIRMAN:

Beech House, Martin Road, Martin: NFDC had confirmed that there had not been an unauthorised change of use of land at this property.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the next Parish Meeting be held on Monday, 15th September, 2014 commencing at 7.00pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 pm

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