

MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of Martin Parish Council held on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 in the Blandford Hall, Martin.**

Present: S. Sampson (Chairman); M. Farmer, B. Hapke; H. Lawes, W. Perry and J. Richards.

PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS: Two residents were present and commented on the Planning Applications 14/11298 and 14/11299LB which had now been withdrawn. Amended plans would be submitted and they advised the Parish Council on the amendments proposed following the recent site meeting and the comments of the Conservation Officer.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE  
An apology for absence was received from D. Binns and Cllr. Edward Heron (HCC/NFDC)
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None were made.
3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2014  
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Meeting of Martin Parish Council held on 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
4. MATTERS ARISING:
  - i) Dog Bins: The Clerk reported that he had contacted NFDC regarding the provision of a Dog Bin for the Recreation Ground.  
They had confirmed that they would provide a bin at a location to be agreed with the Parish Council.
  - ii) Pot Hole – Townsend Lane: The pothole in Townsend Lane had not been repaired following the last meeting. The Clerk would contact Hampshire County Council as a matter of urgency.
5. PLAYGROUND UPDATE
  - i) Inspection of Equipment: The Chairman would inspect the playground shortly and report any repairs needed.  
The stepping stones were slippery in wet weather and the Clerk would investigate what remedies were available. The small swing seats also required attention.  
H. Lawes reported that the Housing Association would be repairing the gate and fence adjacent to the Recreation Ground on the 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2014.
6. PROPOSED VEHICULAR ACCESS – RECREATION GROUND  
The Clerk reported that following the request from a local resident for vehicular access to the rear of his property NFDC had decided that they should consider this request as freeholders of the land. The Parish Council would be advised of progress as the Leaseholders in due course.
7. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT  
Cllr. Heron was not present at the meeting.
8. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL
  - i) The following payments were presented to the meeting for approval:  
S. Sampson Refund of cost of wood chippings purchased  
For the Recreation Ground Play Area from Elliott's £74.68

RESOLVED: That the payment listed above be approved.

- ii) Grant Requests: The Parish Council had been asked to consider making a Grant to the following Organisations:

New Forest Disability Information Service

New Forest Citizens Advice Bureau

After discussing the benefit to the local Community it was:

RESOLVED: That in accordance with the powers contained in the Local Government Act, 1972 Section 142 (2A) the following Grants be made:

New Forest DIS £75.00

New Forest CAB £75.00

- iii) MAINTENANCE OF THE CHURCHYARD

The Clerk reported that All Saints Church, Martin PCC had asked the Parish Council to assist with the costs of maintaining the Churchyard for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014. The total amount requested was £875.51.

Whilst there was agreement in principle that the Parish Council should support the PCC in maintaining the Churchyard it was not felt that a retrospective claim should be considered. The Clerk explained the legal position regarding the Parish Council's powers to assist with these costs. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would meet the proportion of the cost of maintaining the Churchyard in 2014 of £245.01. The cost for future years would be borne in mind when setting the Budget for 2015/16.

RESOLVED: That a payment of £245.01 be made to the All Saints Church PCC towards the costs of maintaining the Churchyard in 2014.

- iv) Budget and Precept 2015/16: The Clerk circulated figures to assist with the preparation of the Budget and Precept 2015/16. The Draft Budget was discussed in detail.

The cost of an election (should one be called) would be met from the Reserves carried forward and the cost of maintaining The Orchard would be met from the Developer's Contributions held by the Parish Council. After other minor amendments a Budget of £5497 was agreed (Appendix A) which following the deduction of Grant at £105 would require a Precept of £5392.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to return the Precept Request for Martin Parish Council with a spending requirement of £5497 including the Grant of £105 Precept required for 2015/16 of £5392.

#### 9. FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS - MAINTENANCE

Consultation of the Hampshire County Council's Rights of Way Cutting Proposals 2015 had now been received for Parish Councils' comments by the end of January, 2015.

RESOLVED: That this matter be deferred until the next meeting.

#### 10. LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:

Concern was again raised about how the scheme was working and no work had been carried out in Martin for the second consecutive month. W. Perry and the Chairman had met with

the lead Council to express these concerns but no improvements had been made. The Clerk was asked to contact the other participating Councils to see how they viewed the service provided under this scheme.

#### 11. MARTIN ROADS:

The Chairman reported that the Area Engineer had the jetting machine available but the culvert near to the Club couldn't be found and further investigation was needed. The markers adjacent to the ditches had been damaged and two needed to be replaced. The Chairman would be meeting the Area Engineer to discuss these issues further.

#### 12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- i) **Planning Applications:** 14/11480 Retention of timber cladding at Sweetapple Farm House, Sillens Lane, Martin. BOX 5 The Planning Officer's views regarding the section of cladding across the east elevation should be taken into account when considering this application due to the visibility and impact within the conservation area.
- ii) **Planning Decisions:** 14/11298 and 14/11299LB: Single storey infill extension; use of barns as self-contained residential annexe and workshop, single storey extension at Talks Farm, East Martin Road, Martin. WITHDRAWN
- iii) **Tree Work Applications: None**

#### 13. AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY:

The Chairman suggested that as a number of changes had now taken place within the Parish Council a review of the Areas of Responsibility should be carried out.

The following Areas of Responsibility were agreed:

Planning:	S. Sampson and M. Farmer
Roads:	S. Sampson
Footpaths:	J. Richards
Health and Welfare:	W. Perry
Lengthsman:	W. Perry
Recreation Ground:	H. Lawes
Church Liaison:	B. Hapke
Website:	J. Richards
Finance:	J. Richards
Communications:	S. Sampson and M. Farmer
Police Liaison:	B. Hapke

#### 14. DATES OF MEETINGS 2015:

RESOLVED: That the following dates be agreed for meetings of the Parish Council in 2015 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2015; 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2015; 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2015; 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 (Annual Meeting after Parish Election); 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2015; 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2015; 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2015; 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 and 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2015.

All Meetings to be held on Monday evening in The Blandford Hall commencing at 7.00pm

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS DEEMED IMPORTANT BY THE CHAIRMAN: Road Accident A350: The meeting discussed the implications of the road accident on the A350 which had occurred earlier in the day.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the next Parish Meeting be held on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2015 commencing at 7.00pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15 pm

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

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