

MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Martin Parish Council held on Monday, 12th January, 2015 in the Blandford Hall, Martin.

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

PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS: None

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: B. Hapke and W. Perry declared a personal interest in Item 7 (ii) Maintenance of the Churchyard.
3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 8th December, 2014
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Meeting of Martin Parish Council held on 8th December, 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
4. MATTERS ARISING:
 - i) Dog Bins: The Clerk reported that NFDC had confirmed that they had ordered a Dog Bin/Litter Bin for the Recreation Ground but had asked for a photograph of the location where the bin was to be sited.
 - ii) Pot Hole – Townsend Lane: The pothole in Townsend Lane had been reported. A repair was still awaited.
 - iii) Grants: The Clerk reported that he had received letters of thanks from New Forest Disability Information Service and the New Forest Citizens Advice Bureau for the grants made to them at the last meeting.
 - iv) Recreation Ground – Gate: The repair to the gate was awaited. The Housing Association would be contacted regarding this matter.
5. RURAL BROADBAND
The Clerk had circulated an update received from Hampshire County Council regarding the provision of superfast broadband to rural areas.
6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:
Cllr. E. Heron was not present at the meeting.
7. PLAYGROUND UPDATE
 - i) Inspection of Equipment: The Chairman had inspected the playground on the 10th December 2014 and the 5th January, 2015. The completed reports were handed to the Clerk. The loose bar had now been removed for safety reasons. Two new children's swing seats were also needed. Although attempts had been made to improve the safety of the stepping logs they remained slippery in wet conditions. Further advice would be obtained. H. Lawes agreed to carry out the monthly inspections in future.
8. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL

The following payments were presented to the meeting for approval:

Blandford Hall Committee	Hall Hire September to December 2014	£45.00
Mark Hooper	Mowing – Downview Road	£60.00

Edwin Macknamara	Clerk's Salary October to December, 2014	£263.20
HMRC	PAYE	£45.80

RESOLVED: That the payment listed above be approved.

ii) MAINTENANCE OF THE CHURCHYARD

The Clerk reported that the Treasurer of the Parochial Church Council had asked the Parish Council to reconsider the decision made at the last meeting regarding the payment made towards the cost of mowing the Churchyard. His letter had been circulated to all Members of the Parish Council. In order for this matter to be discussed in full it was felt that additional background information was required and the Clerk was asked to supply this information to the next meeting. It was, therefore;

RESOLVED: That this matter be deferred until the next meeting to enable further information to be obtained and that the Treasurer of the Parochial Church Council be informed accordingly.

iii) MOWING:

The Clerk reported that Mark Hooper had submitted his quotes to mow The Orchard, the Village Green and Bustard Pond and Martin Playing Field during the 2015 season. Details of the costs were reported to the meeting and fell within the Budget agreed by the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That the quotation received from Mark Hooper dated 29th December, 2014 for Mowing the Orchard, the Village Green and Bustard Pond and Martin Playing Field for the 2015 season be accepted.

9. FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS - MAINTENANCE

Consultation on the Hampshire County Council's Rights of Way Cutting Proposals 2015 had been received for Parish Councils' comments by the end of January, 2015. The meeting considered a proposal that the current footpaths on the list should be reviewed as the Lengthsman could maintain some areas whilst others could be added to the Cutting List. These were identified as FP23, FP29 and FP34 to be maintained by the Lengthsman and FP17 (Paradise Lane) FP7 (Middle Lane) and FP9 (Townsend Lane) put forward for inclusion in the Hampshire County Council's Cutting List 2015. The proposal was unanimously accepted and it was: RESOLVED: That Hampshire County Council be informed that the Parish Council would prefer FP17, FP7 and FP9 included in the Cutting List for 2015.

10. LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:

W. Perry reported on the work of the Lengthsman since the last meeting. There was concern that he had removed 3 trees in the wood on FP29 without permission. The Lengthsman had submitted an invoice for payment for his work to date but he would need to rectify the work done to some stiles in the area and the following be added to the ongoing list: i) Painting the rails – St Georges Cottages; ii) Dig out the channels in Sillens Lane and iii) Dig out grips along the road adjacent to St. Georges Cottages.

The Chairman would speak to the owner of the land where the Yew Tree was affecting the footpath into the Recreation Ground. The County Council would also be asked to contact

the riparian owners at St. Georges Cottages regarding the blockages in the ditch outside their property.

The Clerk had written to all Parish Councils who participated in the scheme suggesting that a meeting be called to discuss ways the scheme might be better supported. Fordingbridge Town Council had advised that they would be meeting Cllr. Heron and Richard Bastow to discuss the future of the scheme and they would then respond to the request for a meeting.

11. STILES:

A Local Resident had approached the Parish Council regarding replacement stiles which would be supplied by Hampshire County Council Rights of Way Team. He had asked if the Parish Council would help with cost of installation. As the stiles would be on private land it was not felt appropriate for the Parish Council to agree to this request.

12. MARTIN ROADS:

The Chairman reported that the Area Engineer had the jetting machine available and would be in the area on Friday, 16th January, 2015.

13. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- i) **Planning Applications:**
- ii) **Planning Decisions:** 14/11480 Retention of timber cladding at Sweetapple Farm House, Sillens Lane, Martin. REFUSED
- iii) **Tree Work Applications: None**

14. DATES OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 23rd February, 2015

The meeting in April would now be held on Monday, 13th April, 2015 to avoid Easter Bank Holiday.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS DEEMED IMPORTANT BY THE CHAIRMAN: None

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15 pm

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