

MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Martin Parish Council held on Monday, 23rd February, 2015 in the Blandford Hall, Martin.

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

PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS: None

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: B. Hapke, H. Lawes and E. Heron

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 12th January, 2015

RESOLVED: That, subject to the words "cost of" being deleted from the third line of Minute No. 11, the minutes of the Meeting of Martin Parish Council held on 12th January, 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

i) Dog Bins: A photograph of the location where the bin was to be sited had now been sent to NFDC and installation was awaited.

ii) Pot Hole – Townsend Lane: The pothole in Townsend Lane had been reported but a repair was still awaited.

iii) Broadband: J. Richards reported on the meeting she had attended with M. Farmer regarding broadband.

An upgrade to the Martin exchange was due by 2019 but not the whole of the Parish would be covered. It was important for those who would still be excluded to contact Hampshire County Council with their comments. Further information was awaited as more details of the Programme became available.

iv) Recreation Ground – Gate: The Housing Association had been asked to repair the gate.

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

Cllr. E. Heron was not present at the meeting.

6. REQUEST FOR VEHICULAR ACCESS ACROSS THE RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk reported that he understood from the applicant that NFDC had carried out a valuation following the request for access across the playing fields which would prove to be prohibitive. Cllr Heron had been asked if he could assist but no response had been received. The Parish Council as the lessee's had raised no objection in view of the environmental gain which would benefit the Village as a result of providing off road parking. A precedent was set by NFDC agreeing to allow other properties to gain access from the recreation ground. RESOLVED: That NFDC be informed that the Parish Council supports this application and that reasonable steps should be taken by NFDC to enable access to be given at a reasonable cost in view of the environmental gains which would benefit the Village by providing off road parking for this property.

The Chairman reported that she had asked NFDC to deal with an abandoned car adjacent to the recreation ground access.

7. PLAYGROUND UPDATE

i) Inspection of Equipment: The playground had been inspected on the 22nd February 2015. There were no matters to report.

The loose bar had now been removed and it was agreed that Mark Hooper would be asked to fit a replacement. Two new children's swing seats had been ordered from Sutcliffe Play and would cost £126 plus VAT.

The stepping logs became slippery in wet conditions and the Clerk reported that he had contacted the Company who carried out the annual inspection for advice but there was little that could be done to overcome this problem in wet conditions.

8. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL

The following payment was presented to the meeting for approval:

Smith's of Derby	Clock Servicing	£242.40
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RESOLVED: That the payment listed above be approved.

ii) MAINTENANCE OF THE CHURCHYARD:

The Clerk circulated copies of correspondence dated 25th May, 2010 between the Parish Clerk at that time and the response from the Church Treasurer dated 6th June, 2010 which set out the arrangements under which the Parish Council would consider a request for financial support for the mowing of the Churchyard.

The Parochial Church Council had been asked to submit a request in writing by January each but this had not occurred since 2011 until a request was received in December 2014 when a contribution of £245.01 had been paid towards the mowing in the 2014 season.

In the light of this correspondence the Clerk was instructed to provide copies to the Church Treasurer so that the matter could be discussed again at their next PCC Meeting. The Clerk would also send details to W. Perry.

iii) REQUESTS FOR GRANTS:

The Clerk circulated a Draft Form to be used by applicants for financial support.

RESOLVED: That the Grant Form (attached as Appendix A) be used for future requests made to the Parish Council for financial support.

9. PARISH ELECTION 2015

The Clerk would circulate information relating to the timetable and procedure for the Parish Election to be held on the 7th May, 2015.

10. LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:

W. Perry reported on the work of the Lengthsman since the last meeting. She understood that the Parish Council needed to spend any outstanding money by the end of the financial year. The Clerk would contact Fordingbridge Town Council to clarify this and also when the Lengthsman's charging time started.

The following work would be included in the Work Schedule:

Complete the painting of the Railings

Complete the digging of the grips along Sillens Lane

Remove debris from the ditches in Sillens Lane

Dig out the pipe opposite the Martin Club

It was also suggested that the Lengthsman should be asked to clear the ditches using machinery but this was not supported by the majority of those present.

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- i) **Planning Applications:** None
- ii) **Planning Decisions:** None
- iii) **Tree Work Applications:** None

12. DATES OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 13th April, 2015

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS DEEMED IMPORTANT BY THE CHAIRMAN:

- i) Speed Indicator Device: The Clerk reported that NFDC had agreed to carry out speed monitoring using a SID Device during the 2015 Programme. They had asked the Parish Council to indicate which month they would prefer. It was agreed that April or May would be the preference.
- ii) Village Design Statement: The current situation regarding the preparation of a Village Design Statement was discussed. It was agreed that this could be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting if a Speaker could be found. The Clerk was asked to pursue this matter and clarify what the current policy was for adoption of any Village Design Statements by NFDC.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.22 pm

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