

MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Martin Parish Council held on Monday, 13th April, 2015 in the Blandford Hall, Martin.

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

PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS: None

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: M. Farmer and J. Richards.
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None
3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 23rd February, 2015
RESOLVED: That, subject to the word "year" being added to the end of the first line of the second paragraph of Minute No. 8 (ii) – Maintenance of the Churchyard, the minutes of the meeting of Martin Parish Council held on the 23rd February, 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
4. MATTERS ARISING:
 - i) Neighbourhood Plans: The Clerk explained the current policy of NFDC regarding the Preparation of Neighbourhood Plans. A Speaker would not be present at the Annual Parish Meeting.
 - ii) Dog Bin: NFDC had now installed the Dog Bin adj. to the Recreation Ground which was well used.
 - iii) Abandoned Vehicle: The abandoned vehicle adj. to the Recreation Ground access had now been removed.
 - iv) Maintenance of the Churchyard: The Clerk circulated copies of the letter received from The Reverend Player in March 2015 together with the response dated 18th March, 2015. Noted.
5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:
Cllr. E. Heron was not present at the meeting.
6. REQUEST FOR VEHICULAR ACCESS ACROSS THE RECREATION GROUND
A resident had contacted the Chairman regarding Parking on Martin Road and they had been advised to contact their District and County Councillor.
7. PLAYGROUND UPDATE
 - i) Inspection of Equipment: There were no matters to report. The replacement swings Seats were expected to be delivered on the 15th April, 2015 and Mark Hooper would be asked to fit them.
Mr. Hooper would also be asked to roll the Recreation Ground to level it for better play use. The Schedule of maintenance for The Orchard would be done in the same way in 2015 as had occurred in the 2014 season. Members agreed that additional wild flowers should be sown in The Orchard Area.
8. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL

The following payment was presented to the meeting for approval:

HMRC	PAYE/NI	£46.00
E. Macknamara	Clerk's Salary January to March, 2015	£263.00

Hampshire Association of Local Councils Annual Membership Subscription £185.00

The HR Service offered by HALC would not be taken up.

RESOLVED: That the payment listed above be approved.

9. AUDIT 2015

The Clerk reported that the Internal Audit would be carried out during the week commencing 20th April, 2015. The Notice of the Date for the Exercise of Electors' rights would be published on the 11th May, 2015 and the Annual Return would be submitted to the appointed Auditor by the 2nd June, 2015.

The Clerk circulated the accounts for the year ended 31st March, 2015 at the meeting.

RESOLVED: a) That the Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 2015 be noted and received.

b) That the timetable for the Audit 2015 be noted.

10. TRANSPARENCY CODE FOR SMALLER AUTHORITIES:

The Clerk circulated details of the Transparency Code published by the Department for Communities and Local Government which required Parish Councils, including Martin, to publish certain information on their website. The Clerk would prepare this information and report to the next meeting.

11. LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:

W. Perry reported that the Lengthsman had dug out the ditches in Sillens Lane and removed fallen trees. This work had been done because the finance was available within the scheme and needed to be used before the end of the financial year. The adjacent Landowners would be responsible for maintaining the ditches in the future. Natural England had also confirmed the situation regarding the Licence to pipe the section of ditch affected by the Badgers Sett and the Farmer had agreed to install the 16 metre pipe to be supplied by HCC. A new list of work was now needed for the Lengthsman and it was agreed that this should include the following items:

- Completion of the outstanding painting work carried forward from the previous lists
- Dig out and expose the end of the culvert opposite Martin Club
- Replace Marker Posts along Martin Road (subject to Health and Safety and Costs) and make safe the channels on this section of road.
- Mow along Footpaths FP23; FP29 and FP34.

RESOLVED: i) That a letter be sent to the Riparian Owners regarding their responsibilities for the ongoing maintenance of the ditches in Sillens Lane.

ii) That NFDC be asked to repair the railings outside No. 4 St. Georges Cottages

iii) That the Area Engineer be informed that the land owner should be asked to dig out the ditch in Tidpit.

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- i) **Planning Applications:** 15/10085 House; detached garage; access; parking; landscaping; demolition of existing at Drove End Farm, Drove End, Martin

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council recommend Refusal (Box 4); The size of the proposed Orangery/Conservatory would have a detrimental impact on the setting of the dwelling and character of the area and would adversely affect the agricultural character of the area originally intended for the residential property on this site.

ii) **Planning Decisions:** None

iii) **Tree Work Applications:** 15/0336 7 x Conifers – Fell. Between Thatchers Folly and St. Hilda’s, Sycamore Green Martin. No objection. A replacement copper beech hedge is proposed.

13. DATES OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 18th May, 2015 - Annual Parish Meeting at 7 pm followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS DEEMED IMPORTANT BY THE CHAIRMAN:

i) Application No. 15/10312: Talks Farmhouse: The Clerk would ask the Planning Officer Extend the Consultation Period but if needed a Special Meeting would be convened to discuss this application.

ii) Police Liaison Meeting: The Clerk was asked to circulate the Minutes of the Police Liaison Meeting when received.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.32 pm

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