

## MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the Meeting of Martin Parish Council held on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2015 in the Blandford Hall, Martin.**

Present: S. Sampson (Chairman); H. Lawes, B. Hapke, W. Perry and J. Richards.  
One Member of the Public

PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS: None

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: M. Farmer
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None
3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON THE 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2015  
RESOLVED: That, subject to the word “not” being removed from the second line of Minute No. 7 (e) – and the spelling of “conditions” in Minute No. 13(b) being corrected the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Martin Parish Council held on the 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 be Approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
4. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY – COOPTION: This item was deferred until later in the meeting.
5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING – 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2015
  - i) Maintenance of the Churchyard: The Clerk read the letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> June received from The Reverend Player. The information requested by the Parish Council would be forwarded in due course.
6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT:  
Cllr. E. Heron outlined his view on the following Consultation Documents:
  - Hampshire County Council – Draft Cycling Strategy
  - The Electoral Review of Hampshire – Local Government Boundary Commission
  - Spending Review Survey – Hampshire County Council

He also outlined his view on the Review of Planning Policy which NFDC were required to undertake and he pointed to the various matters which would be relevant to rural Parish Councils. In particular he referred to the need for additional housing and the provision of Affordable housing.
7. REVIEW OF THE STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY - NFDC  
RESOLVED: That the Statement of Licensing Policy prepared by NFDC in accordance with the provisions of the Licensing Act, 2003 Section 5 and the guidance contained under Section 182 of the Act be noted.
8. ELECTORAL REVIEW OF HAMPSHIRE – LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION  
Cllr. Heron outlined the details of his current Electoral Ward and the likely effect of the current Review in terms of the number of electors represented and the geographic boundaries. He pointed to the three criteria which formed the basis of the current Review namely:
  - Equal Representation
  - Commonality between areas
  - Conducive to effective Government.

The main concern lay with the ability of any County Councillor to effectively represent the Area if the number of Electors were to increase or the geographic area became too large. Martin lay in the North/West corner of the County and changes to the size of the Ward should be considered within the ability of any Elected Councillor to be able to represent his Ward within the criteria under which the Review was being conducted.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council respond to this consultation to support the need to maintain effective local representation and that the number of electors and geographic size of any proposed Ward should take into account the ability of an elected representative to support the electorate effectively.

#### 9. PLAYGROUND UPDATE

- i) Inspection of Equipment: The report highlighted the deterioration of the wooden play equipment.
- ii) Playsafe Inspection: The Playsafe Inspection had now been received and had identified a number of matters which required immediate attention. The report had also identified a requirement for a safety sign to be erected regarding the use of the Basketball Hoop.

RESOLVED: a) That appropriate advice be obtained regarding the maintenance requirements identified in the Playsafe Report.

b) That consideration be given to any future play equipment requirements when seeking the advice required; and

c) That the Clerk obtain a quotation for an appropriate sign as suggested in the Playsafe Report.

Concern was expressed that the Right of Way adjacent to the Recreation Ground was overgrown. The Rights of Way Team, Hampshire County Council would be notified.

#### 10. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL

- i) The following payment was presented to the meeting for approval:

HMRC	PAYE/NI	£67.60
E. Macknamara	Clerk's Salary January to March, 2015	£270.40

RESOLVED: That the payment listed above be approved.

- ii) DCLG – Transparency Code: The details circulated by the Clerk for publication under The Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities were approved. The Clerk would update these details from time to time as required.
- iii) Review of Insurance: The Clerk would ask Came and Company to review the current level of insurance for playground equipment and the effect on the premiums paid by the Council.
- iv) Hampshire County Council – Spending Review Consultation: The Clerk would submit a response to the Spending Review Survey and in particular the concern for local services including highway maintenance in rural areas and the likely impact on Adult and other services to rural communities.  
The Survey was also open to individual residents who may wish to respond to the Consultation.

#### 11. DRAFT CYCLING STRATEGY – HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

The Clerk had circulated details of the Draft Cycling Strategy.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council supports in principle the proposals within the Draft Cycling Strategy.

12. LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:

With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2015 Marcus Noke of Avon Tree Care had been appointed as the Lengthsman.

All outstanding work had been completed by the previous Lengthsman and a new Work Schedule was, therefore, required.

RESOLVED: That the Lengthsman be asked to maintain those Rights of Way previously identified by the Parish Council and not on the Cutting Schedule of the Hampshire County Council.

13. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- i) **Planning Applications:** 15/10555 Detached double garage at Toyd Cottage, Martin. The Planning Officer had been advised that the Parish Council would accept the decision made under delegated authority.
- ii) **Planning Decisions:** None
- iii) **Tree Work Applications:** None

14. DATES OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 - This would be a week later than originally scheduled.

15. COOPTION:

RESOLVED: That Mrs. S. Hooper be co-opted onto the Council to fill the vacancy arising from insufficient candidates at the recent elections.

Mrs. Hooper signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS DEEMED IMPORTANT BY THE CHAIRMAN:

- i) Dennett's Farm: Tree work had recently been approved at this location which might affect a neighbour's property.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05 pm

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