

MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Martin Parish Council held on Monday, 10th August, 2015 in the Blandford Hall, Martin.

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

PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS: None

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: M. Farmer and E. Heron.
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None
3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 22nd June, 2015
RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of Martin Parish Council held on the 22nd June, 2015 be Approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING: No matters were raised.
5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:
Cllr. E. Heron was unable to be present at the meeting.
6. PLAYGROUND UPDATE
 - i) Inspection of Equipment: The Playground Inspection Reports carried out on the 4th July and 4th August, 2015 were reported to the Council.
 - ii) Removal of Equipment: Since the last meeting, and in the interests of safety, the swings had been removed from the Play Area. Other equipment was being monitored and may also be removed if necessary on safety grounds.
 - iii) Provision of Additional Equipment: A quotation was awaited for the supply and installation of replacement equipment. It was agreed that the Clerk should arrange for three alternative quotations to be obtained for consideration. The involvement of Parents and Children would be encouraged before a final decision was made. The financial implications would also have to be discussed but it was hoped that grants would be available.
 - iv) Maintenance: The Sign for the Basketball Unit had been ordered and would be installed shortly. A letter had been sent to the resident asking him to cut back the overgrown trees on the entrance to the Recreation Ground. However, as the Lengthsman had been in the Village he had trimmed back the foliage. The Rabbit Hutch would also be removed. An incinerator had been dumped on the recreation and should be removed.
 - v) A Local Resident was in the process of replacing the stiles along the footpath on his land. The stiles had been provided by Hampshire County Council.
7. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL
 - i) The following payment was presented to the meeting for approval:

BDO LLP	External Audit Charge	£36.00
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RESOLVED: That the payment listed above be approved.
 - ii) Audit: The Clerk reported that the Annual Audit of the accounts for the year ended 31st March, 2015 had now been completed. The Auditors had asked that the Asset

- Register be reviewed to provide additional information. The Council would be asked to update the Register at the September meeting.
- iii) Erection of Basketball Unit: The Clerk had circulated an email received from Mr. I. Giles regarding the labour costs involved in erecting the Basketball Unit in 2012. He asked the Council to consider reimbursing his son for the work he had done in assisting with the installation of the Unit. The Council had also received details of the budget costs for the work and details of the actual expenditure. The Council noted the situation and the Clerk would write to Mr. Giles accordingly.
 - iv) Review of Insurance: The Clerk reported that following the removal of items of play equipment the current level of insurance for playground equipment would be changed when a decision had been made on replacement items.
 - v) Grant Request – Fluffy Chicks Play Group: RESOLVED: That a Grant of £32 be made to Fluffy Chicks Play Group as requested in their completed Application Form.

8. LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:

The Lengthsman had now completed most of the outstanding work and a new schedule would be required for his next visit. The view was expressed that the Lengthsman should not undertake work which was the responsibility of landowners but the meeting felt that in some instances it was beneficial to ensure that work was done which would benefit the community if it enabled minor issues to be resolved more quickly.

The County Council had not yet carried out any footpath cutting and the Clerk was asked to check which rights of way had been included in the HCC Cutting Programme. In the meantime FP 34 (East Martin) and FP 9 (The Orchard) would be added to the Lengthsman's list. The Chairman together with W. Perry would add other areas depending on the response from HCC.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- i) **Planning Applications: 15/10940** Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 13/11114 to allow plan numbers – 101B, 108B and 109B; Removal of Condition 4 of planning permission 13/11114 Code for sustainable homes at Chalk Hill Farm, Toyd Down, Tidpit, Martin: Defer until the next meeting
- ii) **Planning Decisions: 15/10555** Detached double garage at Toyd Cottage, Martin. GRANTED subject to conditions.
- iii) **Tree Work Applications: None**

10. DATES OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 14th September, 2015

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS DEEMED IMPORTANT BY THE CHAIRMAN:

- i) Hedges: The hedges along Townsend Road and Martin Road (Both sides up to the dual carriageway) were overgrown and the owners should be approached to cut them back.
- ii) Planning Issues: The Chairman referred to a planning issue which was due to be reviewed by New Forest District Council and she had been advised that the Parish Council would be consulted in due course.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.21 pm

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