

MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Martin Parish Council held on Monday, 26th October, 2015 in the Blandford Hall, Martin.

Present: S. Sampson (Chairman); M. Farmer, H. Lawes, S. Hooper and J. Richards

PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS: None

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: B. Hapke and W. Perry. E. Heron.
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None
3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 14th September, 2015
RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of Martin Parish Council held on the 14th September, 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING: None.
5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Councillor Heron was unable to be present at the meeting.
6. PLAYGROUND UPDATE
 - i) Inspection of Equipment: The Playground Inspection Report carried out on the 5th October, 2015 was reported to the Council.
 - ii) Provision of Additional Equipment: Following the last meeting further discussion had taken place with Just Outside Toys who had confirmed that they would be able to install the first phase at a cost of £4359 plus VAT. To provide the vertical net wall would cost £1675 plus VAT. Depending on the finance available the first phase would be commenced as soon as possible. The Clerk would confirm the finance available prior to an order being placed.

Mr. Hooper had confirmed that the cost of preparing the site would be in the region of £40 and he would be able to use the uprights from the redundant swings to make goal posts.

There had been a request to provide humps adjacent to the hedge near the basketball unit for bike riders but it was felt that further information should be obtained on the insurance implications and for the grass cutting. Some parents had indicated that they would be willing to help with improvements to the play area. Whilst the need to upgrade and improve the play equipment was agreed it should not prejudice the Council's financial position and it was, therefore,

RESOLVED: a) That, subject to the current financial position of the Council, Just Outside Toys be asked to proceed with Phase 1 of the scheme to upgrade the play area at a cost of £4539 plus VAT. (The Vertical Net Wall would only be included if current finance permitted).

b) That Mr. M. Hooper be asked to prepare the site to receive the new play equipment.

c) That further suggestions for the play area, including the provision of humps for bike riders be considered at a future meeting.

(Mrs. S. Hooper declared a pecuniary interest in respect of the Contractor (Mr. M. Hooper) and did not participate in the discussion or voting thereon)

7. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL

- i) The following payment was presented to the meeting for approval:
Mr. M. Hooper Annual Mowing – Various sites £2082 inc. VAT
RESOLVED: That the payment listed above be approved.
- ii) Review of Asset Register: The Clerk had revised the current Asset Register as requested by the Auditor. Further amendments would be needed once the new items of play equipment had been installed.

8. LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:

The Lengthsman had now completed most of the work on the schedule and his next visit was due on the 21st December, 2015 when additional items of work would be added to the schedule. Part of FP 34 remained to be cut by the Lengthsman but additional work would be agreed at the next meeting.

9. ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE:

The Clerk confirmed that a decision on the application to NFDC, made by the Parish Council, to include Martin Club as an Asset of Community Value must be made by the District Council no later than the 16th November, 2015. The meeting noted the current situation regarding the Club.

The recent closure of the Nursery Group held in the Blandford Hall may also affect the future viability of community based facilities in the Village.

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- i) **Planning Applications:**
15/11062 Permanent siting and cladding of portable cabin at Damers Farm, Martin Road, Martin. (Amended Description) RECOMMEND APPROVAL on a permanent basis. The proposed cabin would have little impact on the surrounding area.
- ii) **Planning Decisions:**
15/11246 6 Antenna; Cabinet; ancillary apparatus (Prior Notification to carry out Telecommunications Development) at Grimsdyke Granaries, Blandford Road, Martin. GRANTED subject to conditions.
- iii) **Tree Work Applications: CONS/15/1087** Raise Crown T1 Horse Chestnut at Orchard House, Sillens Lane, Martin. Noted

11. DATES OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 7th December, 2015

The dates for meetings in 2016 were AGREED as follows:

Monday, 11th January, 2016, Monday, 22nd February, 2016, Monday, 11th April, 2016
Monday, 16th May, 2016 (Annual Meeting), Monday, 20th June, 2016; Monday, 1st August, 2016, Monday, 12th September, 2016, Monday, 24th October, 2016 and Monday, 5th December, 2016

12. COUNCILLORS AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

The meeting discussed revisions to the Councillors Area of Responsibility which were agreed as follows:

Councillor	Area of Responsibility	Contact No.
Susan Sampson (Chairman)	Planning, Communications	519245

	and Roads	
Janet Richards (Vice-Chair)	Website, Footpaths and Finance	519267
Sam Hooper	Recreation Ground	
Hazel Lawes	Recreation Ground	07747 144542
Bernd Hapke	Church Liaison and Police Liaison	519312
Wendy Perry	Health and Welfare; Lengthsman	519508
Mark Farmer	Planning, Footpaths and Roads	519267

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS DEEMED IMPORTANT BY THE CHAIRMAN:

- i) Martin Club: The meeting noted that the members of Martin Club had been advised on future potential options being considered by the Management Committee.
- ii) Recreation Ground: The current situation regarding access to the rear of a property across the Recreation Ground was requested. This matter was the responsibility of NFDC and no further information was available.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25 pm

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