

MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of Martin Parish Council held on Monday, 7th December,, 2015 in the Blandford Hall, Martin.**

Present: S. Sampson (Chairman); M. Farmer, H. Lawes, B. Hapke and J. Richards  
8 Members of the Public

**PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS:** 15/11447 Retention of single storey timber dwelling for agricultural Worker at Maple Field Farm, Martin Road, Martin

The Chairman welcomed residents to the meeting and explained that residents would now have an opportunity to make their comments on this application to the meeting. Once any comments had been made the Parish Council would then consider their response to the application submitted to NFDC. She also asked that all comments should be made through the Chair.

A number of residents had responded to the NFDC Consultation and opposed the retention of this dwelling. The information supplied by the applicant did not establish that the business was viable and on this basis the retention of the dwelling should not be supported.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: S. Hooper and W. Perry. E. Heron.
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None
3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2015  
RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of Martin Parish Council held on the 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING: Asset of Community Value: Following the decision by NFDC to include Martin Club as an Asset of Community Value it was agreed that further applications should now be made in respect of the following Community Assets: Blandford Hall; Martin Recreation Ground and Paddock; Bustard Pond; All Saints Church and The Village Green. (Minute No. 9 of 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2013)
5. PLANNING APPLICATION: 15/11447 Retention of single storey timber dwelling for agricultural worker at Maple Field Farm, Martin Road, Martin  
The Chairman had brought this item forward in view of the residents in attendance who had outlined their views that this application should be refused.  
NFDC had appointed an Agricultural Consultant to advise on the viability of the business and had reached the conclusion that the 4 acre site available to the applicant and the information he had provided in support of his application was insufficient to establish that the business was sustainable and viable. The Planning Officer had submitted his report on the planning policy issues and in view of the Agricultural Consultant's conclusions it was clear that the proposal was contrary to Local Plan policy DM21.  
Following a discussion of the various issues it was proposed that the Parish Council recommend refusal of this application and support the views of the Agricultural Consultant that the appropriate test for retaining the dwelling have not been met. The retention of the dwelling would be contrary to current Local Plan Policy. On being put to the vote 4 voted in favour and 1 against and it was, therefore, RESOLVED: That Martin Parish Council recommend REFUSAL of this application
6. CURRENT CONSULTATIONS: The following consultations were noted:  
Hampshire County Council's Library Strategy (ends 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2016)

Highway Maintenance Services (ends 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2015)  
Hampshire County Council Draft Walking Strategy (ends 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2015)  
Electoral Review of Hampshire – Have your Say (ends 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2016)

7. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Councillor Heron was unable to be present at the meeting.
8. PLAYGROUND UPDATE
- i) Inspection of Equipment: The Playground Inspection Reports carried out on the 4<sup>th</sup> November and 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015 were reported to the Council.
- ii) Provision of Additional Equipment: Just OutdoorToys had confirmed that they would be able to install the first phase at a cost of £4359 plus VAT. A deposit of £500 had been made and the work would commence on the 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2015. Mr. Hooper would be asked to prepare the site. A local resident had offered to install humps adjacent to the hedge near the basketball unit for bike riders. Local Parents had been involved in this and supported the proposed upgrade to the Play Areas. The possibility of providing an additional goal post was also being considered. The Clerk also reported that Cllr. Heron had, subject to making a satisfactory application, indicated that he would make a grant of £500 from his devolved budget towards the costs of the new play equipment.

9. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL

- i) The following payment was presented to the meeting for approval:
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| Smith's of Derby  | Annual Clock Servicing          | £249.60 |
| Mr. E. Macknamara | Clerk's Salary (Oct – Dec 2015) | £270.40 |
| HMRC              | PAYE/NI                         | £67.60  |
| Just Outdoor Toys | Playground equipment (Deposit)  | £500.00 |
| NFDC              | Cost of uncontested Electio     | £133.00 |
| All Saints Church | Contribution to mowing costs    | £275.00 |

RESOLVED: That the payment listed above be approved.

- ii) All Saints Church: The Clerk reported that the Revd. Player had confirmed the cost of maintenance of the Churchyard and had asked the Parish Council to contribute £275 towards these costs. The payment was approved.
- iii) Grant Request: New Forest Disability Service had requested a Grant. It was agreed that they be asked to complete the Grant Application form for consideration at the next meeting.
- iv) Pre-School Group – Downland Villages: The Clerk reported that he had received a grant application to assist with the start up costs of a new Pre School Group. It was agreed that the application be deferred until the next meeting so that further information can be requested and that a representative of the Group be invited to the next meeting.
- v) BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2016/17: The Clerk had circulated a draft Budget for 2016/17. A number of suggestions were made and the Clerk was asked to revise the Budget for further discussion at the next meeting. Details of the balances to be carried forward and details of possible Grants would also be reported.

10. LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:

The Chairman reported that a local resident had cleared the culvert opposite St. Georges Cottages but this was the responsibility of the Environment Agency. The Clerk would establish whether the Lengthsman might be able to clear it again pending discussion with the Environment Agency on future maintenance. The Lengthsman was due to visit on the 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2015 and a further work schedule would be submitted.

11. ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE:

The Clerk confirmed that NFDC had included Martin Club as an Asset of Community Value. Cllr. Richards was thanked for her work in achieving this listing.

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- i) New Applications Received:  
**15/11447** Retention of single storey timber dwelling for agricultural worker at Maple Field Farm, Martin Road, Martin. RECOMMEND REFUSAL
- ii) Planning Decisions received from NFDC:  
**15/11167** Detached car port with garden room at Hancocks Cottage, Old Cranborne Road, Tidpit, Martin GRANTED subject to conditions  
**15/11426** Forest Road (Agricultural Prior Notification) Martin Wood, Martin (Does not require the details of the proposal to be approved) For information
- iii) Tree Work Applications: **CONS15/1164** Fell 1 x Holly; Prune 2 x Acers; Prune 1 x Silver Birch at Laurel House, Martin Road, Martin - NOTED

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> January, 201

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS DEEMED IMPORTANT BY THE CHAIRMAN:

A350 – HIGHWAY SAFETY: Cllr. Farmer reported that he had arranged to meet the HCC Highways Officer to discuss Road Safety on the A350. Cllr. Heron had also been invited to attend the meeting being held on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 at 2.30pm. Cllr. Sampson would also be in attendance

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20 pm

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