

MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Martin Parish Council held on Monday, 22nd February, 2016 in the Blandford Hall, Martin.

Present: S. Sampson (Chairman); M. Farmer, B. Hapke, S. Hooper, W. Perry and J. Richards

PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS: None

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: H. Lawes and E. Heron (HCC).
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None
3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 11th January, 2016
RESOLVED: That, subject to B. Hapke being added to those who gave their apologies) the Minutes of the Meeting of Martin Parish Council held on the 11th January, 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING: i) Minute 7 – Lengthsman: The date for the next Visit of the Lengthsman had now been agreed as 21st April, 2016.
ii) Minute No. 11(ii): The litter pick had been confirmed and would take place on the 9th April, 2016. NFDC would be sending Posters.
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 Reports carried out on the 4th January and 4th February, 2016 was reported to the Council. The rubber swing seats had a small piece missing and would be monitored.
 - ii) Repairs: The latch on the gate through to Downview Road needed to be repaired. NFDC would be informed.
The Notice adjacent to the Dog Bin on the Recreation Ground had been taken off and needed to be replaced.
7. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL
 - i) The following payments were presented to the meeting for approval:

Downland Villages Pre-School Group	Grant	£50.00
Blandford Hall	Quarterly Rent	£45.00

A receipt of £21.08 had been received from SSE Services Ltd - Wayleave Payment
- RESOLVED: That the payments listed above be approved.
8. FOOTPATHS – FUTURE MAINTENANCE: The future maintenance of the Rights of Way in the Parish was discussed. The comments of the Rights of Way Team received on the 17th February, 2016 were noted. It was agreed that the Rights of Way currently in the HCC Cutting List should be reviewed for the forthcoming season and the following Rights of Way were identified on the Definitive Map; i.e. Numbers 19, 29, 31, 34,38 and 13(a). The current difficulties with the maintenance of these Rights of Way were identified and it was:

RESOLVED: That Councillor Richards discuss these issues with Hampshire County Council with a view to the Cutting List for the Parish of Martin in the 2016 Season being revised by Hampshire County Council.

9. LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:

The next visit of the Lengthsman had now been confirmed to be the 21st April, 2016. He would be asked to continue to clear the grips and grids along the highway and repair damaged verges where possible. Clearing litter and sign washing were a standard requirement included on the list of work to be undertaken.

10. APPLICATIONS FOR THE VACANCY OF CLERK AND RFO:

Two applications had been received for the current vacancy of Clerk and RFO. A possible third candidate may come forward. It was agreed that a further week be permitted for applications to be received and then Interviews would be arranged. The Chair and Vice-Chair together with the current Clerk would carry out the interviews on behalf of the Council.

11. RESILIENCE PLANNING – UPDATE:

Further advice had been received from the Resilience Team at Hampshire County Council. The Chairman reported that she would update the local information currently available so that the HCC Template could be returned to the County Council. If appropriate residents would be advised of the current position through the “Highlights” Community Magazine (if still in circulation) and the Parish Website.

12. A354 JUNCTION:

Councillor Farmer reported that Hampshire County Council were currently carrying out speed and volume tests along this road and the situation was, therefore, currently ongoing. A damaged sign at East Martin would be reported.

13. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- i) New Applications Received: None
- ii) Planning Decisions received from NFDC:
15/11447 Retention of single storey timber dwelling for agricultural worker
At Maple Field Farm, Martin Road, Martin. REFUSED
- iii) Tree Work Applications: None

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14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS DEEMED IMPORTANT BY THE CHAIRMAN:

- i) Church Footpath Sign: This sign required attention. The Clerk would investigate who was responsible for its maintenance.
- ii) Downview Road: “Children’s’ Play Area” sign was suggested to alert motorists. The Clerk would discuss this matter with NFDC.
- iii) Animals in Fields: A local issue regarding animals in fields crossed by a Right of Way had been resolved following discussion with a local resident. HCC had advised on the responsibility of walkers using these rights of way.
- iv) Damory Bus Service: The future of the twice weekly bus service to Salisbury was discussed and the possibility that it could be withdrawn. The Clerk was asked to contact Hampshire County Council regarding this service and future financial support. The service also ran through the Dorset and Wiltshire Counties and their

views would also be obtained. It was also agreed that the campaign running in the Salisbury Journal would be supported.

- v) OLD SWING POSTS: It was agreed that the posts removed from the Play Area should be disposed of.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15 pm

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