

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL HELD MONDAY 11TH APRIL 2016 IN THE BLANDFORD HALL, MARTIN AT 7:00PM

Present: Councillors S Sampson (Chairman), Mrs J Richards (Vice Chairman), S Hooper, B Hapke, M Farmer, E Heron (District Councillor)

Officers Present: Mr E Macknamara (Outgoing Clerk) Mr J P Sheehy (Incoming Clerk)

Members of Public Present: 1

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received in advance from Councillors W. Perry and H. Lawes due to previous commitments.

2. DECLERATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor S. Hooper declared an interest in Agenda Item No.7 in that the contractor was known in a personal capacity.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 11th of January 2016 were signed and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME

1 Present – A member of the public spoke regarding the Martin Club, updating members that the proprietors of the site were considering a number of options for its regeneration to resolve ongoing financial struggles from declining membership, possibly through reconstruction of a new club-house. The Council offered its advice and direction regarding potential planning constraints for any future construction plans.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 11TH OF JANUARY 2016.

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

6. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Noted.

7. PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS

The Chairman notified Members that the list of Playground Assets requires updating to reflect recent changes in equipment.

8. QUEEN ELIZABETH II CELEBRATIONS / DOWNVIEW ROAD STREET PARTY

The Clerk updated Members with proposals of possible events that could take place in Downview Road in celebration of the Monarch's 90th Birthday.

9. FINANCE

The schedule of payments made since the previous Council was received and noted by Members. The Annual accounting and governance statement was reaffirmed to Council Members and noted.

Members were notified that arrangements made for the provision of grass cutting throughout the year had been retendered and options were presented to Council. The council expressed its satisfaction with the quote and service provided by the current contractor and it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the current contract of grass cutting services be continued.

It was **RESOLVED** that total payments of **£193.00** be approved as per payments schedule.

10. RIGHTS OF WAY

Members were notified by the District Councillor that the Parish Council may have to assume additional responsibility to the maintenance of pathways.

11. LENGTHSMAN PROJECT

The next lengthsman visit to the Parish was noted to be set at June 27th 2016.

12. RESILIENCE PLANNING

The Chairman updated Council Members on the current status of the Parish resilience plan to ensure the Parish is fully equipped during emergency situations.

13. A534 ROAD JUNCTION.

Councillor M. Farmer provided Members with an update regarding the A534 Road Junction, stating that minor painting works and tree pruning may be carried out to improve the visibility and safety of the road for users.

14. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Martin Parish Council is a statutory consultee on planning matters but is not responsible for making any final decisions. Comments are taken into consideration during the planning process with all final decisions made by the Local Planning Authority, New Forest District Council.

Application No. 16/10203

No Objections

TREE WORK APPLICATIONS

Application No. CONS/16/2016

No Objections

15. CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – CLERKS CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT

The meeting was adjourned in order to exclude members of the press and public under the **Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.**

Council Members discussed the employment particulars of the incoming Clerk and **RESOLVED** to appoint Mr. J P Sheehy as Parish Clerk for Martin subject to conditions set out in the Clerk’s contract of employment.

16. CHAIRMAN’S ITEMS

The Chairman had no items to raise to Members.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting of Martin Parish Council was noted to be **Monday 16th May at 7:00PM.**

The meeting closed at 8:19PM.

Signed.....

Martin Parish Council Chairman