

MINUTES of the meeting of **MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 20th June 2016** in the **BLANDFORD HALL, MARTIN** at 7:00PM.

Present: Councillors S Sampson (Chairman) H Lawes, M Farmer, B Hapke, S Hooper, J Richards

Officers: Mr J P Sheehy, Parish Clerk

15. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

16. DECLERATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME – an opportunity for members of the public to raise issues of concern or interest, ask a question or make a statement or present a petition or be part of a deputation. Public participation time will be conducted in accordance with the Council’s ‘Protocol for Public Participation Time’.

One member of public was present who did not wish to speak.

18. CO-OPTION FOR VACANT SEAT

Councillors discussed a number of possible candidates for co-option to the Parish Council, with a view to extending an invitation to candidates showing interest. It was

RESOLVED that the Parish Council discuss co-option for the vacant seat at the next meeting.

18. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 16TH OF MAY 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on the 16th of May 2016 were confirmed as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

19. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

It was noted by Members that no further damage had occurred to the Playground Equipment following a recent incident with a dog. **(Ref Min. (12)16-05-2016)**

20. REPORTS

No reports were received from the District & County Councillor.

21. PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning matters to consider.

22. LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

Vice-Chair J Richards provided a comprehensive map of the Parish detailing areas covered by works Councillors discussed works that required attention for the next visit of the lengthsman due on the 27th of June and it was

RESOLVED that the schedule be updated to include strimming of growth and maintenance to footpath numbers 21 and 34 and sent to Fordingbridge Town Council.

23. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Receipts of £2914.00 were noted by Councillors.

A list of payments totalling £470.34 was received by Councillors and it was

RESOLVED that total payments of **£470.34** be made and cheques signed accordingly.

24. ADDITION OF VICE CHAIRMAN AS BANK SIGNATORY

The Clerk apologised to the Parish Council for having misplaced the additional signatory forms prior to the meeting and it was

RESOLVED that this item be included for completion on the next Agenda.

25. COUNCIL ASSET REGISTER

The asset register was received by Councillors and contents noted, with amendments made as required. Following advice from external auditors BDO LLP, it was noted that the asset register should include dates of acquisitions on each item. It was

RESOLVED that the register be approved as an accurate description of the Council's assets.

26. FIRST QUARTER BUDGET REPORT

The budget report was received and noted, with no questions posed.

27. DOWNVIEW ROAD SIGNAGE

The Clerk updated the Council that no further progress had been made after submitting a request to the Highways Authority for a new sign to warn of children playing in the road be placed at the junction of Downview Road and Townsend Lane.

28. RESILIENCE PLANNING

Following a recent event attended at Fordingbridge regarding resilience planning, the Clerk updated members that a series of grant funding avenues were available from utilities suppliers for the benefit of the plan.

29. PARISH NOTICEBOARD AND DRAGONSTEETH

The Clerk updated the Council that no further progress had been made after submitting a request to the Highways Authority for a proposed installation of dragonsteeth (bollards) on the main road into the Parish. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would contact the highways authority in order to make some progress.

The Chair updated the Council with reference to a decaying notice board in the Parish. Having consulted with the owners of the wall on which it is placed, there was no objection to the Parish Council refurbishing the board for the benefit of community and council notices. It was

RESOLVED that local contractors be consulted with a view to obtaining quotes

30. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DEEMS URGENT

The chair read aloud a letter from a local resident requesting permission to fell a tree. With the request being outside the remit of the Parish Council, it was **AGREED** that the Parish Clerk would forward the request to the appropriate authority.

Following a historical suggestion that disabled access to the village hall be considered, it was **AGREED** that the Clerk would contact the highways authority in the first instance for further direction due to a proposed ramp encroaching on highways controlled land.

Meeting closed at 8:10 PM.

..... **Chairman**