

**MINUTES** of the meeting of **MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016** in the **BLANDFORD HALL, MARTIN** at 7:00PM.

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

**Officers:** Mr J P Sheehy, Parish Clerk

**40. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

**41. DECLERATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**42. 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’.

**There were two members of the public present.**

A presentation and advice was given to the Parish Council on Community Defibrillators. It was stated that grant funding of up to 50% of the cost of a defibrillator device, excluding the housing could be met by the Southwestern Ambulance Service. Upon the installation of a defibrillator, upkeep costs were minimal and named keyholders should be appointed, with costs for a total installation peaking at £1,700.00

The parish Council extended its thanks to Lou Whiteborn for attending the meeting.

**43. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR**

Councillor B Hapke proposed that the Parish Council co-opt Mr Michael King, present in the public gallery to the Parish Council. The proposal was seconded by Vice-Chair, J Richards and a vote cast. It was unanimously:

**RESOLVED** that Mr Michael King be co-opted to the Parish Council with immediate effect.

**44. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 18<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY 2016**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July 2016 were confirmed as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

**45. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING.**

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

**46. REPORTS**

No reports were given.

**47. PLANNING MATTERS**

There were no new applications for consideration.

**48. NEW FOREST DISTRICT REVIEW OF LOCAL PLAN**

Details were provided of the a new proposed Local Plan for the New Forest District Area on housing and infrastructure from 2016 – 2036, with a public consultation running until the 16<sup>th</sup> of September. Parish Councillors were invited to place their comments to the public consultation, with the Council to receive further details on the housing plans in due course.

**49. LENGTHSMAN SCHEME**

Ahead of the next scheduled visit by the lengthsman on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September, it was **AGREED** that the schedule of works be updated to include maintenance to the footpath from Sillens Lane to “The Copse”

**50. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

There were no financial matters.

**51. DOWNVIEW ROAD SIGNAGE & HIGHWAYS DRAGONSTEETH**

It was noted that the request for increased safety signage at the junction of Downview Road was being processed by New Forest District Council for an update to be made at the next council meeting.

A response from the highways authority regarding a request submitted by the Parish Council for an installation of dragons-teeth (bollards) was read aloud. The enquiry had been closed by the highways authority stating that the installation would not take place due to safety concerns and lack of budgeted funds. Following discussion, it was unanimously:

**RESOLVED** that the proposal be researched by the Clerk and further action taken with the highways authority to secure the installation of dragonsteeth.

**52. DRAFT GRANT AWARD POLICY**

Councillors were notified for the need of a new updated Grant Award Policy in line with the Council’s mission and priorities. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would forward a copy of the Draft Grant Award Policy to Councillors for review and comments, to be discussed at the next meeting.

**Councillor H Lawes left the meeting at 8:10PM on urgent council business.**

**54. PARISH NOTICEBOARD**

Following the recognition of a decaying noticeboard in the Parish requiring regeneration, measurements were given to the Clerk and a list of preferred local contractors **AGREED**. It was:

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Clerk would source quotes for a report to be made at the next meeting.

**55. PLAYGROUND MOLE HILLS**

Councillor S Hooper drew attention to an increasing problem with Mole Hills arising on the recreation grounds and the detrimental impact caused by the problem, requesting that attention be given to controlling the problem. It was unanimously:

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Clerk be authorised to contact the local pest-control contractor with delegated authority to spend up to £50.00 on mole control, with a payment report to be made at the next parish council meeting.

**56. PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORT**

A hard copy of the recent playground inspection report was circulated to Councillors, and it was **AGREED** the report in full would be sent through email, for any comments to be made.

**57. DEFIBRILLATOR**

Following the presentation given, Councillors **AGREED** of the consummate benefit of a public use defibrillator. It was unanimously:

**RESOLVED** that grant funding lines be sought with a view to purchasing and installing a public defibrillator in Martin.

**58. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DEEMS URGENT**

Councillors received details of proposed signage changes due to be carried out on the A354 junction by Hampshire County Highways.

Reference was made to a 30mph sign that had been turned the wrong way on the road to Tidpit and that it remained facing the incorrect direction. The Chair notified the Council that the sign had been reported Hampshire County Highways.

**59. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was noted as the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

**Meeting closed at 8:21 PM.**

..... **Chairman**