

**MINUTES** of the meeting of MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL held on MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2016 in the BLANDFORD HALL, MARTIN at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors S Sampson (Chairman), J Richards, B Hapke, M Farmer, S Hooper, H Lawes, M King  
District & County Councillor E Heron (arrived 8.04pm)

Acting Minute Taker: Liz Morris

The Meeting commenced at 7.05pm  
The Council welcomed Liz Morris to the meeting

76. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence

77. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

S Hooper declared an interest in M Hooper

78. **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 no members of the public present

79. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016 were confirmed as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman

80. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016**

With reference to Planning Application 16/11097 - Martin Club, the Chair had written to the Planning Officer regarding the pre-application cost. He had advised that he was about to have a meeting with the architect to discuss other possibilities and that the pre-application was not necessary at the moment

81. **RESIGNATION OF JAMES SHEEHY AS CLERK & RESPONSIBLE OFFICER**

The Chair stated that sadly a letter of resignation had been received from James Sheehy and the post of Clerk and Responsible Officer had been advertised on the official board. One application had been received from Liz Morris who was asked to leave the room whilst her application was discussed by the committee. It was AGREED that Liz Morris should attend an interview for the post. Interview to take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> November at a time to be confirmed and Eileen Horley, a previous Clerk, will assist with the interview

82. **REPORTS**

No reports were given

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**83. PLANNING MATTERS****APPLICATIONS**

**16/10968** – St Hilda's, Sycamore Green, Martin, SP6 3LG

Full planning permission

Erection of Solar Panels

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Richards

**Planning Permission has been granted**

**16/11097** – Martin Club, Martin, SP6 3LG

Full planning permission

Demolition of existing clubhouse and flat, construction of new clubhouse and amenity and erection of new 5 bedroom dwelling

Applicant: Martin Club Ltd

**Still in consultation period**

**TREE WORKS**

**CONS/16/0809** – Anvil Cottage, Martin Road, Martin, Fordingbridge, SP6 3LN

Pruning and removal of up to 5 beech tree branches overhanging outbuilding

**Decision at end of the month**

**84. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Receipts of £3000.00 were noted by Councillors from Spectrum Housing Grant for play equipment

Payment for £15.00 for the hire of Blandford Hall for October's meeting was made and a cheque signed accordingly. It was noted that for the past 15 months, meetings had not lasted more than 2 hours

**85. LENGTHSMAN SCHEME**

Ahead of the next scheduled visit by the Lengthsman on 5<sup>th</sup> December it was AGREED that the schedule of work be updated to include the clearing of 153/11/2 bridle path at the Downs end to remove low branches and clear to a width to allow tractor access. The Chair also requested that the bushes be cut on the Recreation Ground by the signs. The Chair reported that the undergrowth behind the bus lay-by had been cleared today

**86. PARISH NOTICEBOARD**

The Chair had obtained a quote from N&E Cooper for £393.50 which was passed around the committee. It was AGREED that the noticeboard should be painted blue and Sundeala pinboard be used. The quote did not include fitting, which M Farmer suggested he could do. Proposed by H Lawes and seconded by J Richards. It was unanimously RESOLVED that the Chair would order the noticeboard as per the quote received

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**87. RESILIENCE PLAN GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION**

The Chair advised that she had not yet heard regarding the grant funding application. The Chair notified Councillors that the Telephone Tree was complete and there would be a practice run in the near future. It was noted that the Clerk's email address would be carried over to the new Clerk when appointed

**88. MARTIN RECREATION GROUND**

S Hooper had received comments from 2 residents that the woodchip may cause splinters, however it was AGREED that due to the huge costs of purchasing bark chippings the Council would continue to fill the play area with the free woodchip and closely monitor the situation. The outgoing Clerk had previously checked ROSPA guidelines and woodchip was acceptable

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

The Appeal Hearing 16/3152221 – Maple Field Farm's planning application is to be held on 5<sup>th</sup> November. Council re-affirmed their position and The Chair and M Farmer would attend the Appeal Hearing

The Chair advised that she had contacted New Forest Disability regarding the ramp access to Blandford Hall. A site visit would be difficult as the lady from NFD was a wheelchair user but NFD was going to send more information. J Richards advised that the Blandford Hall Committee was putting in an application for a grant for the ramp

S Hooper asked if we able to retrieve any preparatory work on the Standing Orders set up by the outgoing Clerk. The Chair confirmed she would ask him and advised that he was happy to do a handover with the new Clerk when they had been appointed

**Cllr E Heron arrived at 8.04pm** - signage and overgrown trees on the A354 junctions to Martin and East Martin, 'children at play' signage and parking on grass verges were discussed. E Heron advised Council to take photos of problem areas on A354 and map them for his attention. M Farmer is still concerned about the dangers on the A354 and The Chair and M Farmer will revisit this issue in the new year. E Heron advised that 'children at play' signs were not allowed due to liability issues. Regarding the verge parking E Heron suggested emailing concerns with photographs

H Lawes wanted it noted that the latch was broken on the gate on Downview Road. The Chair will contact NFDC

M King was concerned that the 30mph sign near Angel footpath was still missing. The Chair advised that she had alerted the Highways Officer

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90. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was noted as the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 7.00pm

**Meeting closed at 8.24pm**

Signed ..... (Chairman)