

MINUTES of the meeting of MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL held on MONDAY 5th DECEMBER 2016 in the BLANDFORD HALL, MARTIN at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors S Sampson (Chairman), J Richards (Vice Chair), B Hapke, M Farmer, S Hooper, M King

Officers: L Morris, Parish Clerk

The Meeting commenced at 7.03pm

91. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from:

Cllr H Lawes due to previous commitments

District & County Councillor E Heron due to previous commitments

92. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr S Hooper declared an interest in M Hooper **(Ref Min 100)**

Cllr J Richards declared an interest in Futurefarms **(Ref Min 104)**

93. **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

94. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 24th OCTOBER 2016**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th October 2016 were confirmed as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendments:

The Chairman had spoken to, not written to the Planning Officer **(Ref Min (80)24-10-2016)**

95. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD 24th OCTOBER 2016**

The Model Standing Orders from HALC had been emailed to all councillors by the Clerk. M King suggested that a small working group be formed to discuss Standing Orders and make recommendations. It was AGREED that Cllrs Sampson, Richards, King and L Morris would form this group and meet up at a future date to be advised **(Ref Min (89)24-10-2016)**

Cllr Hooper advised that she had sourced solid plastic 'children at play' signs costing £20 each and would send the link **(Ref Min (89)24-10-2016)**

Cllr Farmer advised the new noticeboard had now been made and would be delivered and put up within the next few days **(Ref Min (86)24-10-2016)**

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The Chair has contacted Spectrum Housing regarding the broken latch on the gate **(Ref Min (89)24-10-2016)**

Cllr Farmer asked that the matter of the A354 signage and traffic issues be taken on by another Councillor in light of his resignation and it was AGREED that Cllr King would do this **(Ref Min (89)24-10-2016)**

The Chair noted that the 30mph sign near Angel footpath had still not been replaced and she would chase it up **(Ref Min (89)24-10-2016)**

Cllr Farmer confirmed he had cleared some of bridle path 153/11/2 but it needed properly attacking and was too big a job for the Lengthsman. Cllr Richards advised that the County Council are writing to the landowners reminding them of their responsibilities regarding this and suggested awaiting the result but will chase it up in the meantime **(Ref Min (85)24-10-2016)**

96. **APPOINTMENT OF NEW CLERK**

The Chair welcomed Liz Morris. The Chair advised that the Clerk's expenses for stationery would be met by the Council. It was noted that the current computer that goes with the role was no longer suitable due to its age and the Chair would look into obtaining a new one using the Transparency Fund. She would also look into using this fund for Broadband in the village hall. The Clerk will currently work 4 hours per week and can be contacted via the dedicated clerk email address. A financial handover will hopefully be done shortly with James Sheehy, the outgoing Clerk

97. **RESIGNATION OF MARK FARMER AS PARISH COUNCILLOR**

Cllr Farmer had expressed his wish to resign as Parish Councillor in an email to the Clerk and confirmed this verbally at the meeting. Councillors extended their thanks to Cllr Farmer for his service

It was AGREED that a notice would be placed on the parish notice board that a vacancy was now available and invite parishioners to put forwards their name for consideration for co-option or election to the Council, with a view to reviewing the nominations at the next meeting

98. **REPORTS**

No reports were given

99. **PLANNING MATTERS**

APPLICATIONS

16/11546 – Martin Down National Nature Reserve Overhead Lines
Replace overhead cable and 15 poles (P11-P26)
Applicant: Mr Moore, Southern Electricity Power Distribution plc
No objections

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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

The Chairman reported that all Parish Councillors had attended a recent informal meeting with the Architect, Mr Hill and Paul Robinson from the Club management. A new plan involving a smaller dwelling has been drawn up with guidance from the planners but the Club still have to work out its financial viability

APPEALS

16/3152221 – Maplefield Farm

Held on 15th November 2016

The Chairman attended on behalf of the Council and reported that the result of the Appeal Hearing will be just before or just after Christmas

TREE WORKS

CONS/16/1160 – Garretts Farmhouse, Martin Road, Martin, Fordingbridge, SP6 3LN

Fell 1 x Beech Tree

No objections

CONS/16/1212 – Sweetapple, Sillens Lane, Martin, Fordingbridge, SP6 3LB

Fell – 1 Cherry, 1 Eucalyptus, 1 Willow, 1 Elder. Prune – 1 Crab Apple, 2 Ash

No objections

DECISIONS

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

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

Approved

100. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

No receipts to note

A list of payments totalling £2,203.19 was received by Councillors and it was RESOLVED that total payments of £2,203.19 be made and cheques signed accordingly

Payment of £256.80 was AGREED and RESOLVED to be made to Smith of Derby for annual service visit for the church clock and cheque signed accordingly (Half of the amount to be paid back to us by the church)

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101. **LENGTHSMAN SCHEME**

Chairman noted that the Lengthsman had visited on 5-12-2016 and the next visit would be 6-3-2017

102. **RESILIENCE PLAN GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION**

Chairman advised she is still waiting for a reply regarding funding

103. **MARTIN RECREATION GROUND**

S Hooper advised that the free bark chippings had been put down with the majority around the slide and it was AGREED to see how it settles

The Chair noted that there were circles of tyre marks in between the vehicular entrance and the playground and whether these were made by the tree surgeons or people messing about and we would monitor the situation

104. **FUTUREFARMS MARTIN VILLAGE SHOP**

It was AGREED and RESOLVED that the Parish Council would send a letter of support for the grant application to extend the shop by 50%

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

The Chair advised that the budget for 2017/18 would be done in January 2017

The Chair advised that all Parish Councillor's individual responsibilities would be re-confirmed at the next meeting

The Chair thanked Cllr. Farmer for all his hard work on the Council, especially regarding the A354 and wished him the best of luck for the future

106. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was noted as the 9th January 2017 at 7.00pm

Meeting closed at 8.28pm

Signed (Chairman)