

**MINUTES** of the meeting of MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL held on MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 in the BLANDFORD HALL, MARTIN at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors S Sampson (Chair), J Richards (Vice Chair), S Hooper, H Lawes, M King

Officers: L Morris, Parish Clerk

The Meeting commenced at 7.00pm

124. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from: Cllr B Hapke

Not Present: District & County Councillor E Heron

125. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr M King declared an interest in Tree Work Application CONS/17/0093 (**Ref Min 130**)

126. **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'

Four members of the public were present

Two members of the public spoke about Martin Club Planning Application – One circulated a letter to all Councillors from the Chairman of Martin Club Committee and spoke in favour of a smaller Club due to decreased membership

Another questioned the need for a larger function room and kitchens as the existing facilities were rarely used

127. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2017**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 were confirmed as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendments:

Clerk's stationery costs were £4.50, not £4.05 (**Ref Min (115)09-01-2017**)

128. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2017**

The new noticeboard key has been located (**Ref Min (111)09-01-2017**)

The Chair has re-reported the broken latch on the big gate leading from the Recreation Ground to the Spectrum Housing cul-de-sac and a request to repair has now been issued (**Ref Min (111)09-01-2017**) The other gate into the Rec from Downview Road needs to be repaired by NFDC – Chair will report this

Cllr King has still not received a reply from District & County Cllr Heron regarding A354 signage and traffic issues (**Ref Min (111)09-01-2017**)

The Chair had received an email from the Highways Officer confirming the 30mph sign would be replaced near Angel footpath (**Ref Min (111)09-01-2017**) and 2 new 30mph signs erected in Sillens Lane on existing posts

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It had been confirmed by Damerham Parish Council that the parking issues outside Ohio Cottage were temporary and the issue had been resolved (**Ref Min (122)09-01-2017**)

Photographs of the verge erosion on the main road have been taken and sent to NFDC (**Ref Min (122)09-01-2017**)

The Chair advised that a Transparency Fund Grant had already been applied for and received by the previous Clerk in July 2016 for the amount of £260.35 which would enable the Council to purchase a new computer (**Ref Min (120)09-01-2017**)

129. **REPORTS**

No reports were given

130. **PLANNING MATTERS**

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

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

Full planning permission

Amended plans for House; clubhouse; parking; landscaping; bin stores; demolition of existing

Applicant: Martin Club Ltd

**The Chair reiterated that the NFDC Planning Committee were still awaiting confirmation from their Valuers regarding confirmation of the value of the land and rebuilding costs. The Chair reassured Councillors and members of the public that the Parish Council would not hold up proceedings and that a decision would be taken when all the facts and information had been received, before the NFDC Planning Committee decision. The Chair proposed to defer the recommendation. This was seconded by Vice Chair. 2 Councillors agreed, Cllr S Hooper abstained**

**An Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting will therefore be provisionally held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 5.30pm in the Blandford Hall to discuss this matter and make a recommendation, providing all information has been received**

**17/10002** - Talks Farmhouse, East Martin Road, East Martin, Martin, SP6 3LJ

Listed Building Alteration

Alterations to window openings; alter position of doorway into main house from dining room; internal partition walls for bedroom 2 & 3 alterations to Listed Building Consent 15/10313 (Application for Listed Building Consent)

Applicant: Mr Watts

**Parish Council recommendation; to go with Planning and Conservation Officers**

**PLANNING DECISIONS:**

**16/3152221** – Maplefield Farm

Held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016

**Appeal dismissed – An Enforcement Order will be put on the dwelling**

**TREE WORKS APPLICATIONS:**

**CONS/17/0093** – Fern Cottage, Martin Road, Martin, Fordingbridge, SP6 3LA

Fell – 1 Walnut Tree, 1 Cypress Tree, Prune – 1 Prunus Tree

**Parish Council recommendation; No Objections**

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**TREE WORKS DECISIONS:**

**CONS/16/1305** – Reads Farmhouse, Martin Road, Martin, Fordingbridge, SP6 3LN

Prune – 2 Acer Trees, Fell – 1 Cherry Tree

**No Objections raised - work undertaken**

**131. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The following receipts were noted by Councillors:

£ 286.00 – All Saints Martin PCC

The following payment schedule was approved by Councillors and cheques signed accordingly:

£ 17.00 - Blandford Hall Hire for 20/02/17

£ 206.64 - Clerk's salary

£ 15.00 - Clerk's stationery costs

£ 200.00 - All Saints Martin PCC

£ 21.40 - S Hooper for 'Children at Play' sign at entrance to Downview Road

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£ 460.04 Total

The following payment had been made and was approved by Councillors:

£27.00 – Blandford Hall Hire for 14/11/16 & 09/01/17

**132. LENGTHSMAN SCHEME**

The continuation of the scheme was confirmed and it was agreed that work for the next visit on 6<sup>th</sup> March should include clearing grips (including by North Allenford Farm) and sign washing

**133. STANDING ORDERS**

It was agreed that the Working Party will meet again to conclude discussions on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 3.00pm

**134. MARTIN RECREATION GROUND**

A new Inspection Sheet designed by Cllr Hooper was circulated and it was noted that 'Tractor Tyres' needed to be added. The Chair thanked Cllr Hooper for the new sheet

**135. ROADS & POTHOLES**

Cllr King raised the issue of the upcoming History Festival to be held in Broadchalke from 26<sup>th</sup> June – 2<sup>nd</sup> July with regards to heavy usage of the Martin/A354/Broadchalke junction. Cllr King had spoken with Rachel Holland from the Festival who has contacted two different Traffic Management Firms, so traffic management systems can be used during the Festival. They both recommended closure of the junction at the weekend, being the safest option. They are considering directing Festival traffic IN via Coombe Bissett and OUT via Sixpenny Handley. Rachel had asked for Dorset/Hampshire/Wiltshire County Councils to get together to discuss the issue and had so far only had contact from Dorset and Wiltshire. Cllr King had passed on details of accidents at the junction to Rachel as requested and will continue to liaise with her. Councillors agreed that the situation would be inconvenient but necessary and recommended that East Martin junction also be closed

It was agreed that a list of potholes of concern will be sent to Bob Brown from Highways

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136. **GRANT REQUEST**

A Grant Aid request had been received from Victim Support. It was agreed that the Clerk would send them the request form and a maximum amount of £50 be offered

137. **HAMPSHIRE POLICE & CRIME PANEL EMAIL REQUEST FOR WRITTEN EVIDENCE**

It was agreed that the Chair would advise and send relevant information

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

Cllr Lawes asked that the purchase of new playground equipment be included on the next agenda

139. **DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS**

The dates of the next meetings were noted as:

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May (Annual Parish Council)

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May (Annual Parish Meeting)

**The Chair closed the meeting at 8.10pm**

Signed ..... (Chairman)