MARTIN AND MARTIN DALES PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Date and Time: Tuesday 9th January 202 7.30pm

Location: Martin Village Hall

Present
David Busby (DB) V. Chair
Clare Pearson (CP) Chair
Will Jenkins (WJ)
Ben Lilley (BL)
Will Stephenson(WS)
Andy Wilkes (AW)
Parish Clerk

Present
2 Parishioners
Cllr. R. Kendrick (RK)

Public Session

The public are reminded that it is not possible to speak during the meeting unless addressed by the Chair.`

Issues raised: None

Minute Ref	Actions from this meeting	Action by
Matters Arising	Christmas tree to be taken down and disposed of.	AW and parishioner
	ID Card – Clerk to retain her ID card. PCs to decide individually if they want one.	
	Clerk to enquire to LALC and NKDC of the creation of a Local Neighbourhood Plan.	
	The District Councillor is Adrian Whittle	
1	AW to form and send to NKDC	AW
	Inform NKDC of Co-opted Councillors	Clerk
5	Request Voluntary Hours for Cemetery	Clerk
7	WJ to contact Highways on behalf of Parishioner	WJ
8.1.2	Councillor to inspect park and defib the following week	СР
8.1.4	WJ to send land details to WS	WJ
8.1.5	Contact to be made with previous worker for park maintenance	СР
8.2.1	Schedule of ground work to be agreed and quotes obtained	CP Clerk

8.2.2	Parishioner to remove fallen tree on the Park	Parishioner
8.3	Trees to be purchased subject to income	WJ
8.4.1	Newsletter to be completed and sent to editor	BL
8.4.2	Callender details to be added to Newsletter	BL/WJ
8.5	Emergency Plan: contact to be made with the County Council and fire Service, Review to continue.	WS
8.7	Quotes to be obtained for memorials	СР
8.8	Extra Light request via fixmystreet	Clerk
9.1.2	Payments to the end of March to be paid	Clerk
9.1.3	Terms of reference to be drafted for Finance Subcommittee for May 2024	Clerk
9.4	Finance Regulations to be reviewed by May 2024	Finance Sub Committee
9.5	Parishioner to be advised to contact Police with regard to shooting on the land.	Clerk
9.6	Precept forms to be submitted to NKDC before 17 th January 2024	Clerk
9.7	Cheque book, cemetery log and log books to be handed to Chair in the absence of the Clerk	Clerk

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1	Welcome and Apologies and Co-option	_
	1.1 Welcome	
	The Chair Welcomed everyone to the meeting with best wishes for 2024	
	1.2 Co-option	
	Andy Wilkes was co-opted to the Council	
	Proposed: WJ Seconded: CP	
	All agreed	AW
	AW to sign acceptance of office form and declarations asap and was welcomed by the Chair.	Avv
	Clerk to inform Election Team	Clerk
	Councillor to complete Declaration of Interest forms and send to the election team within one month of the co-option.	AW
2	Apologies	
	MA did not attend apologies were received.	

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	CG did not attend.	-
3	Declarations of Interests	
	CP declared an interest in the quote for the tree removal.	
4	Previous Minutes 14 th November 2023	
	Accepted as correct	
	Proposed by: WJ Seconded: DB	
	All Agreed	
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	County and District Councillor Remarks	
	5.1 Voluntary Hours	Clerk
	Agreed: Clerk to send request for support in the cemetery.	
	5.2 On-call Fire Fighter	
	Adverts will be out soon for the above.	
	Cllr. Kendrick full, latest report is routinely put on the Website.	
	https://martinparishcouncil.co.uk	
6	Planning	
0	All planning is sent to the full Council and full details are available at: North Kesteven Planning on Line portal. https://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk>planningonline	Clerk
7	Highways_	
,	7.1 Moor Lane Tree	Clerk
	Agreed: Clerk to send reminder email to Cllr. Kendrick	
	7.2 Highway Verges	
	A parishioner has approached a Councillor about the condition of the	
	verge near their home.	
	Agreed: WJ to enquire with Highways.	WJ
	All Highways concerns can be reported by parishioners and Councillors directly on:	
	https://www.fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk	
8	Parish Items	

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	8.1. Playpark	
	8.1.1 Railings on the Tunnel	
	Agreed; No further action to be taken and parishioner to be informed By the Clerk.	
	8.1.2 Monthly Inspection	
	Agreed: CP to inspect the park and defib over the next couple of weeks and Clerk to contact CG directly for update.	СР
	8.1.3 Park Gates	
	Agreed: To wait for update MI at the next meeting	
	8.1.4 Playpark Ownership	
	WS raised the question of ownership of the land.	
	Agreed: WJ to give WS Land Registry details.	WJ
	8.1.5 Playpark Maintenance Quote	
	Agreed: Councillors to make contact with known maintenance worker to establish cost of annual maintenance to keep the park to a satisfactory safe standard guided by the annual ROSPA report.	СР
	8.2 Groundwork	
	8.2.1 Schedule of work to drafted.	
	Agreed: Full Schedule of work to be undertaken and quotes obtained for overall grounds maintenance.	CP Clerk
	8.2.2 Tree removal from the Park.	
	£45 to be paid to a parishioner (PC) for clearing the fallen tree in the playpark.	PC
	Fallen tree on the woodland to be voluntarily chopped and taken away. All work to be undertaken at their own risk.	
	Logs to be made available to those who needs them.	
	All logs will need to be dried out before use.	
	8.3 Woodland	
	WJ confirmed that the submission had been made and when cash has been paid into the bank further trees will be purchased. The working group, headed by WJ, have begun the process of planting trees.	

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	Agreed: First claim has been submitted and when income received, more trees will be purchased and planted.	WJ/CP
	Councillors and volunteers (45) in working group to work together to plant the trees.	
	8.4 Newsletter/Calendar	
	8.4.1 Newsletter	
	Agreed: BL to add details of the calendar to the draft prepared by WJ and agreed through Council. It will then be sent to the editor.	WJ/BL
	8.4.2 Calendar	
	This has been successful and all sold.	
	Agreed: 2025 Calendar to be produced. Parishioners' photos to be judged at the Summer Fayre 2024. Printing and cost to be agreed.	
	Any Parishioner can enter (including Councillors) as voters will not know who took the photo.	
	8.5. Emergency Plan	
	WS have looked at this document on behalf of the PC.	
	Agreed: WS to completely review and update a draft of the Emergency Plan after contacting the County Council and the Fire Service.	WS
	8.6 Anaerobic Digester	
	Agreed: No further action to be taken on this for the time being, due to information being received that, for the time, being the proposals have been withdrawn and it will now be removed from the agenda.	
	8.7 Memorials	
	CP agreed to take photos for the quotes as these are being requested when approached by the Clerk.	
	Agreed: CP to continue to work on quotes and grants for renovation and cleaning of both memorials.	СР
	8.8 Street Light (Timtin)	
	Agreed: Clerk to report on fixmystreet.	
	8.9 Cemetery	
	A burial is due to take place this week.	
	Daffodils have been planted around the gates.	

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	Clerk's Update	
	9.1.1 Bank Balances and Statements	
	Current Account: £5804.59	
	Reserve Account: £5464.39	
	Statements seen by Chair and distributed to the council at Finance sub group.	
	All Agreed	
	9.1.2 Payment to be paid up to the end of March	Clerk
	Clerk's Salary £369.38 per month plus expenses HMRC: £629.58 to end of March 2024	
	All agreed	
	9.1.3 Finance Sub Committee	
	Agreed: Terms of reference to be drafted by the Clerk after leave and to include meeting 3 times per year.	All
	9.2 Correspondence	
	9.2.1 D Day Celebrations	
	Agreed: On the agenda for the next meeting to discuss lighting the beacon and bell ringers.	
	9.2.2 NKDC/LCC Documents handed out and consultation dates information is on the notice boards.	
	9.2.3 Shine Magazine	
	Copies handed out.	
	9.4 Finance Regulations/Standing Orders	
	Agreed: To be reviewed by the Finance sub-group and formally agreed in May 2024.	All
	9.5 Parishioner Correspondence	
	Shooting on Land	

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	Agreed: Clerk to write to inform Parishioner to contact the Community Policing Team.	All
	9.6 Precept 2024-2025	
	Lengthy discussions have taken place considering the ever- increasing costs of the Play Park, work on the memorials and increased grounds maintenance throughout the Parish. It was decided that the cost-of-living indexes should be seriously considered before agreeing the precept request. This was taken into account in the final decision.	
	There is a commitment to look for grants to help with costs towards memorials.	
	Agreed: A 4.9% increase to be requested from NKDC.	
	Proposed: WJ Seconded: BL	
	All agreed	Clerk
	9.7 Clerk's Leave Arrangements	
	Agreed: Clerk to be on leave from the 16 th January until 18 th March 2024.	
	Chair to have cheque book for any necessary payments (two signatories required)	
	Chair also has post box key and cemetery documents.	
10	Agenda Items for the Next Meeting	
	D Day Thursday 6 th June 2024	
11	Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 19 th March 2024 7.30pm Martin Village Hall	

Signed: Date: