

# MARTIN AND MARTIN DALES PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Date and Time: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023 7.30pm**

**Location: Martin Village Hall**

<b>Present</b>
David Busby (DB)
Clare Pearson (CP) Chair
Will Jenkins (WJ)
Zara Attwell (ZA)
Carl Ulliyatt (UA)
Sasha Kitely (KA)
Clerk to the Council

<b>Present</b>
Lindsay Fulton (LF)
Chris Greene (CG)
Ben Lilley (BL)

### **Public in Attendance**

#### **Issues raised by Parishioners - 25 Present**

1. Anaerobic Digester  
Solar Plant

Cllr. Kendrick gave a short update on the limited information so far.

He is speaking to colleagues across the County as the following concerns are shared by all areas affected.

Feelings were very high and parishioners raised many serious concerns which included:

Increased traffic, size of vehicles on rural roads, road conditions, road access, road safety near school, odour, noise, possible impact on water quality and loss of fertile rural land.

There was a general consensus that the Parish, District, County Councillors and Parishioners will make a robust response to the proposals.

It was suggested that an interest group be formed to move matters forward.

Parishioners were asked to leave their contact details as they leave Village Hall.

Cllr. Kendrick offered and gave out business card to anyone who wished to contact him directly. He encouraged everyone to comment to pass on to planners. He understood the scoping exercise has not yet been made public.

There was also a concern raised that it may lead to further chicken farms. All this leading to further additional loss of rural farming grazing and vegetable producing land.

It is not yet clear what the RAF views are on this and the possible impact on them.

Public meetings have already been advertised for the Solar Farm.

Minute Ref	Actions from This Meeting	Action By	Completed
Public Session	Anaerobic Digester: County Councillor to liaise with all elected members	RK	
	A public meeting to be called as soon as more information is available	Chair	
	Action Group information to be distributed to as many Parishioners as possible	MF	
	An interest group to be formed to move things forward	PC Parishioners Elected Members	
4	Parish Councillor to undertake the regular inspections of the Playpark and report back to the Council.	SK	
	A draft risk Assessment to be prepared for the park	Clerk	
6	Public Meeting to be called in the future for Anaerobic Digester and Solar Farm	CP	
7	Forms to be completed for the fitting and location of the village sign and sent to highways.	Clerk	
8.2	Agreement to be reached on grounds maintenance jobs and timing	CP	
8.3	A site meeting to take place at the proposed woodland site on the 6 <sup>th</sup> February.  Councillor to report back to full Council	All invited  WJ	
8.4	Parish Councillor to represent PC on newly formed action group for the Coronation	TBC	
8.5	Speed signs to be erected	WJ CU	
8.8	Risk Assessment for Play Park to be drafted	Clerk	
	PC to inspect park and defib weekly/monthly	SK	
9	Cheque to be sent to Martin Village Hall for report	Clerk	
	Online banking to be re-established for online banking for Clerk and Chair	Clerk	
	Precept request to be sent to NKDC	Clerk	
	Trees to be relocated from Parishioners allotment or agreement reached to keep them there.	WJ	



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4	<p><b><u>Previous Minutes 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and Matters Arising</u></b></p> <p><b>All Correct</b></p> <p><b>Proposed: WJ    Seconded: CP</b></p> <p><b>All Agreed</b> Matters Arising: 4.1 Defib Access Number The access number is C1 and should be displayed in the defib box.</p> <p>CP thanked ZA for all her efforts to date in regularly checking the defib.</p> <p>Check list to be confirmed by the Clerk and will include the code and checking of the light. The renewal date for the battery is on the defib. This will be given to the Councillor responsible for checking the Defib. The battery was replaced in November 2022 and the replacement date is on the battery itself.</p> <p><b>Agreed: SK to undertake the regular inspections and report back to the Council.</b> <b>A draft risk assessment to be prepared for the park</b> <b>Checklist record to be reviewed and sent to SK</b></p>	<p>SK</p> <p>SK</p> <p>Clerk</p>
5	<p><b>County and District Councillors Remarks</b> Cllr. Kendrick update to be put on the website.</p> <p>Recycling and Solar Farm already discussed in the public session Cllr. Kendrick reminded all present of the Community Volunteer Scheme which can offer labour support for work needed in the village. The labour is free and materials must be paid for. The Village Hall is aware of this scheme.</p> <p>Highways are planning to do further work on minor roads in the next financial year as major roadworks have been given priority previously.</p>	
6	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>6.1 Retrospective Planning for the beacon has been completed and planning permission received.</p> <p>6.2 Solar Farm and Anaerobic Digester - Initial Proposals</p> <p>Already discussed – Consultations are due to start and Community Action is planned in consultation with all levels of the County supported by Cllr. Kendrick.</p> <p>Other planning forwarded to the full council and available on Planning Online.</p>	<p>Chair Clerk</p>



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	<p>Martin Village Hall 1935.00  Village Sign 799.16  <b>Proposed: CP Seconded: ZT All Agreed</b>  Documentation Scanning etc  <b>On the agenda for the next meeting</b>  Application from Martin Village Hall  A general discussion took place discussing future funding of applications.  <b>Agreed: Parish Council to fully fund the inspection report to the value of £1935.</b>  <b>Goal Posts</b>  <b>Agreed: Goal Posts to be funded next year if possible</b>  <b>Proposed: WJ Seconded: BL</b>  <b>All agreed</b>  <b>Precept Request for 2023-2024</b>  A general discussion took place considering the finance figures reflecting the finance discussion and emails from parish councillors. The Council agreed to request a precept of £18000 to cover fixed costs and to include the £3000 for donation pot.</p>	
	<p>The discussion included the possibility of having a finance committee to enable finance discussions to be minuted.</p>	Clerk
	<p><b>Agreed: Clerk to submit the precept documentation by the agreed date.</b></p>	Clerk
	<p><b>Also, a process to be agreed in the new financial year to agree how any groups can apply for any funding available.</b></p>	Clerk
	<p><b>Proposed: WJ Seconded: CP</b>  <b>All agreed</b></p>	WJ
	<p><i>***at this point an exchange took place between a Parishioner and the Chair This is now subject to a complaint – being dealt with by NKDC Monitoring Officer.</i></p>	
	<p><b>Correspondence</b>  An email has been received requesting the trees to be removed from the Parishioners allotment as he is about to give it up. It was suggested that if the Council pays for the extra year's rent for one year (around £40) he could keep the trees for longer.  <b>Agreed: WJ to discuss with the Parishioner and sort out the trees.</b></p>	Clerk
	<p><b>Banking : online Banking to be applied for.</b></p>	WJ
	<p><b>Mother and Toddler group.</b>  <b>Agreed: To be agended for the next meeting.</b></p>	Clerk/CP
	<p><b>Cemetery Update</b>  An application has been received requesting a reservation for two plots for interments. Clerk to complete the documentation</p>	Clerk
	<p><b>Notification of Parish Elections</b>  On the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023 Parish Elections will take place and all Councillors will step down and the election process will commence.</p>	NKDC
		Clerk

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	<p><b>Clerk is booked on a training session in February</b></p> <p><b>Councillor Resignation</b>            ZA has resigned from the end of the month. Councillor to agree in the next week to say thank you for everything she has done.</p>	
10	<p><b>Next Meeting Agenda Items Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023</b></p> <p><b>Recycling Plant Proposals</b></p> <p><b>Solar Farm</b></p> <p><b>Co-option (tbc)</b></p> <p><b>May Meeting date (9.05.23 TBC)</b></p> <p><b>Mother and Toddler Group Application</b></p>	