

MARTIN AND MARTIN DALES PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FOR MARTIN AND MARTIN DALES

Date and Time: 10th November 2021 7.30pm

Location: Village Hall

Cllrs Present

Les Porter (LP)
David Busby (DB)
Zara Attwell (ZA)
Will Jenkins (WJ)
Aaron Masters (AM)

Cllrs Not Present

Robert Millband (RM)

In Attendance:

Heather Woolgar (Clerk)
Carl Ulyatt (Parishioner)
Brian Dorkin (Parishioner)
Andrew Sewell (Headteacher of Mrs Mary Kings School)
Dawn Purell (Parishioner)
Liz Jenkins (Parishioner)
Pauline Hutton (Parishioner)

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Wednesday 12th January 2021, 7.30pm

Minute Ref	Actions From This Meeting	Action By	Completed
1.5	Purchase Gift Voucher for RM to thank him for his service with the Council	HW	
2.2	Investigate whether the Council has the power to invoice farmers for the cost of cutting the hedges, if the Council were to cut them.	HW	
2.3	Arrange for the transfer of Community Speedwatch equipment from NL to CU	CU/NL/LP	
3.2	Liaise with NKDC regarding the dog poo bin	HW	Y

3.3	Add discussion of the Playpark Painting Party to the next agenda	HW	
3.4	Reply to NKDC regarding the Carr Dyke Mosaic and benches	HW	
3.5	Reply to NKDC regarding the Walking and Cycling routes	HW	
6.3	Contact The Headteacher of Mrs Mary Kings School regarding the Community Garden Project	HW	
6.4	Place the LALC AGM on the agenda for next year	HW	
6.5	Purchase a Christmas Tree for outside the village hall	HW	Y
6.6	Send flyer out to Councillors for final check before going to print	HW	
6.7	Register the Council with Online Banking	HW	
6.8	Meet to discuss Sub-Committees	LP/AM	
6.9	Send photo of the planters to Cllr RMcK for comment	HW	
6.9	Get more quotes for painting of the playpark	AM	
6.9	Thank LL Smarter Gardens for their quote	HW	
6.10	Contact BHF to ascertain whether they are responsible for maintaining the AEDs.	HW	
8.1	Add Mission Statement to the flyer	HW	
8.2	Contact GC regarding the PC website	HW	Y
8.3	Send Christmas Cards to those who have volunteered their time to the Parish Council	HW	

Minute Ref	Minute Commentary	Action By	Completed
	<u>Welcome and Apologies</u>		
1.1	Due to work commitments, the Chairman was absent, and the meeting was chaired by the Vice Chairman, Les Porter (LP).		
1.2	LP introduced himself and the other councillors to the observers of the meeting.		
1.3	The observers introduced themselves to the meeting.		
1.4	LP commented that two parishioners had resigned since the last meeting, Nicole Linn and Julie Atkinson.		
1.5	He also commented that the Chairman is to announce his resignation after the meeting due to ill health. It was proposed by ZA that a Gift Voucher should be purchased for him to thank him for his 5	HW	

	year service on the council. This was seconded by LP.		
	<u>Public Meeting</u>		
2.1	DP commented that the conifer tree outside 64 Moor Lane is still causing a nuisance and blocking the streetlight. It was agreed that LCC would be contacted again to see if the situation can be resolved.		
2.2	PH commented that the residents in Moor Lane and West Grove feel cut off from the village due to them not being within the 30mph speed limit. In addition she felt that there was a high level of speeding vehicles in this part of the village. ZA replied that this part of the village is within a 40mph zone due to there being houses on just one side of the road. It was discussed that the SID (Speed Indicator Device) was to be moved from the east side of the village to a more central location to reflect vehicle speeds in other parts of the village. PH also noted that the verge and hedge adjacent to the road was becoming overgrown and requires cutting back. CU replied that the Council have received quotes to cut back some hedges and verges in the village. It was agreed that the Council would investigate whether they have the power to cut hedges of farmers fields and invoice the cost back to the farmers.	HW	
2.3	BD asked for clarification regarding the Community Speed Watch and why there has been a delay. LP read out a statement from Nicole Linn, the leader of Community Speed Watch which described the reasons why there had been a delay in the CSW getting underway. CU volunteered to take over leading the initiative. LP agreed to arrange transferring the equipment from NL to CU.	LP/NL/CU	
	<u>Outstanding Actions from Previous Meetings</u>		
3.1	It was agreed that the previous minutes were a true reflection of the meeting.		
3.2	The purchase of the dog poo bin was discussed and NKDC are to get back to us with a suitable bin and cost.	HW	
3.3	The painting of the play park was discussed and we have received a quote from one company to paint the playpark equipment. It was agreed that two more quotes were required. DP also volunteered to	HW	

	attend the Playpark Painting Party if one was to go ahead to reduce costs. It was agreed that this would be added to the next agenda.		
3.4	AM proposed and LP seconded that Grounds Maintenance needs to be increased in the village and contracted out to an external contractor.		
3.5	Signage of the Stepping Out Car Park was discussed and LP has investigated the issue with NKDC. It was removed because there was not a written agreement in place with the landowner.		
3.6	NKDC has also been in contact to ascertain whether the village would like to take on ownership of the Carr Dyke Mosaic and benches that are currently in NKDC ownership. LP proposed that the Clerk should contact NKDC replying that the Council would like to.	HW	
3.7	In addition, NKDC are also interested in holding walking and cycling events in the village. Again, it was proposed that the Clerk should contact NKDC replying that we would like those to take place.	HW	
3.8	Increased social media presence of the Parish Council was discussed to improve communication in the village. ZA volunteered to take on the PC facebook page.		
	<u>County and District Councillor Remarks</u>		
4.1	Cllr Ogden has given her apologies due to health issues. However, Cllr Ogden has sent a report to be read out. She has reported that recycling rates have increased in the district and there are less green tags going out on bins. The NKDC finances are in good order and the planning application for The Piggeries is progressing.		
	<u>Planning/Highways/TPO</u>		
5.1	It was agreed that the Council don't have any objections to any of the planning applications.		
	<u>Parish Items</u> <u>Chair vacancy</u>		
6.1	One Councillor has shown an interest in the vacancy for Chair of the Council. This was from Aaron Masters. WJ nominated AM to be Chair and DB		

	<p>seconded. AM was congratulated on taking up the Chair vacancy.</p> <p><u>Councillor Vacancy</u></p>		
6.2	<p>The council have received one persons interest in the Councillor Vacancy and this was from Carl Ulyatt. WJ proposed CU to fill the councillor vacancy and AM seconded it. CU was congratulated on joining the Council.</p> <p><u>Community Garden</u></p>		
6.3	<p>LP briefed the Council on the Community Garden Project. The project was discussed and it was agreed that HW should contact The Head of Mrs Mary Kings School to see if it is a project that they are interested in.</p> <p><u>Feedback from LALC AGM</u></p>	HW	
6.4	<p>ZA reported that she attended the LALC AGM and she found it very useful. She suggested that one or more person from the Council attends next year. HW is to put it down on the agenda for next year.</p> <p><u>Christmas Tree</u></p>	HW	
6.5	<p>It was discussed whether the Council could purchase a Christmas Tree for the Village Hall. ZA has received some quotes from local companies and the best quote was £80+VAT for a 3.5 to 4m tree. It was agreed that HW should order a tree.</p> <p><u>Flyer</u></p>	HW	
6.6	<p>It was reported that HW has produced a Parish Council flyer which will cost £70+VAT to print. It was agreed that the Council should spend this money to get the flyer printed. HW is to send the flyer out to the councillors for a final check before being sent to print.</p> <p><u>Banking</u></p>	HW	
6.7	<p>It was agreed that HW will look in to registering the Council with Online Banking, to allow them to pay people by Bank Transfer as well as cheque.</p>	HW	

<p>6.8</p> <p>6.9</p> <p>6.10</p> <p>6.11</p> <p>6.12</p>	<p><u>Sub-Committees</u></p> <p>The use of sub-committees within the Council was discussed and how to make best use of them to move the Council forward. LP suggested that AM and LP meet to discuss sub-committees and report back.</p> <p><u>Options Report</u></p> <p>The Options for Expenditure Report was discussed. LP reported that Eclipse Fencing has agreed to produce 4 planters to place at the entrances of the villages. HW is to send a photo of the proposed planters to LCC to confirm whether they could be installed. LP reported that LL Smarter Gardens has provided a quote to add preserver to the playpark. It was agreed that two more quotes would needed. AM is to get two more quotes. HW would thank LL Smarter Gardens for their quote.</p> <p>HW would contact British Heart Foundation to ascertain whether they are responsible for the upkeep of the AEDs.</p> <p>It was agreed that WJ, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, is to call a Finance Sub-Committee, to discuss the content of the Options Report in order to budget for next year</p> <p><u>Mission Statement</u></p> <p>LP read out a proposed Mission Statement which has been produced for the Council. All councillors agreed to its content and also agreed that it should be added to the flyer.</p>	<p>AM/LP</p> <p>HW</p> <p>AM HW</p> <p>HW</p> <p>HW</p> <p>HW</p>	
<p>7.1</p>	<p><u>Clerks Update</u></p> <p>The Clerk reported that the council received income from all of their Farmed Tenancy allotments at the end of October. They have also paid for the sandblasting and painting of the bench outside the school, and paid the Litter Pickers and Clerks wages and for ZAs attendance at the AGM.</p>		
<p>8.1</p>	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>It was agreed that Gareth Charles would be contacted to see if he is still happy with maintaining the Parish Council website. If no, we can contact</p>	<p>HW</p>	

	the services of Pete Langford who provides this service for other Parish Councils.	HW	
8.2	It was discussed that Christmas Cards should be given to those within the Parish who volunteer their time.		
8.3	HW is to organise Christmas drinks at the Royal Oak.		

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