

# MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28 January 2008 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

1. Apologies for Absence – apologies were received from Cllr MJ Stephens MBE, Cllr J Evans, County Cllr P Bradwell. Those present District Cllr F Ambridge, Cllr C Vickers, Cllr W Busby, Cllr B Downing, Cllr F Phillip, Cllr S Phillip and Parish Clerk Mrs K Stephens.

2. Declarations of Interest - the Vice-Chair reminded the Council of the procedure and importance of this, none were advised at this time.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting - the minutes of the meeting were accepted as published and duly signed by the Vice-Chair, Cllr C Vickers, proposed by Cllr B Busby and seconded by Cllr S Phillip.

4. Reports from Outside Bodies –

District Cllr F Ambridge - outlined details of the shared ownership scheme. These are to be found in the poster displayed on the Parish notice board. The playing field negotiations are in hand to find another site. The site which was being considered to the north of the existing field is no longer an option. Also, at the Parish Cluster Meeting in Billingham, using finance provided by North Kesteven District Council, it was decided to purchase one of the reflective speed signs, which illuminates to advise excessive speed. This will be sited, controlled and moved by the Police and it will be circulated around the villages in the cluster. Two hand radar devices are also to be purchased by other Clusters.

PC Daniels gave an update on the number of burglaries in the area, Police investigations continue. The Parish Council has already been notified and posters placed throughout the village to inform residents. PC Daniels also repeated the value and benefits of the speed monitoring devices under consideration by the Cluster Group. He also mentioned a speed monitoring check, which was to take place outside the Village Hall on Tuesday 29 Jan 2008.

5. Public Question Time – to receive questions from members of the public notified to the Chair before the start of the meeting.

- a. Traffic – A resident of the village has formally written to the Parish Council with regards to HGV traffic flows and implications for their property. These concerns have been exacerbated by news of possible increases in traffic as a consequence of proposed quarry development. The correspondents also complained about excessive speed and sought assistance from the Council to resolve these concerns.
- b. Email received from Woodhall Spa Parish Council in regard to the quarry expansion, and a letter from Mr Richard Dowestt of Tattershall Thorpe. These items were discussed and it was agreed by all, that the Clerk should write and express their concerns. Cllr WK Busby indicated he will attend the planned public meeting in Woodhall.

6. Clerk's Report

- a. NKDC informed of work in progress on the garage at the Cottage, 1 Church Road, Martin Dales and the colour and quality of the brick work in the construction of the barn conversion at Drove Farm, South Drove, Martin Dales – contact for an update.

7. Correspondence

For Information

- a. Lincolnshire Capital Grant Aid 2008/2009 – noted agreed by Council no need at present time.

- b. Letter from Clive Redshaw, Corporate Director, notification of his resignation and his successor will be Karen Bradford – noted.
- c. Sleaford CAB – Letter of appreciation for the donation – noted.
- d. Advanced notification of road closure route A153. Parish Billingham – noted. Cllr B Busby made a request that the Clerk write with a view to obtaining access only for the Witham River Bank for the duration of the road closure, all Councillors agreed. Cllr WK Busby indicated an intention to phone Mr Roy.
- e. Standards Board Training DVD – it is available for loan if any Councillor wishes to view it – noted, no one wished to view at this time.
- f. Local Authority Shared Ownership Scheme. Leaflet has been displayed on notice board. District Cllr F Ambridge informed the Council of the value of the scheme which has been devised to help people to buy their home. All Councillors concurred that it is a good scheme.
- g. Publication of the Draft East Midland Plan Panel Report – noted
- h. Youth Shelters Rekk Limited – noted.
- i. Latest products for Local Councils – Glasdon – noted.
- j. Local Councils Update December 2007 – it was agreed to postpone discussion on until next meeting.
- k. Cluster News December 2007.and Feedback on ‘How North Kesteven works with Parishes’ survey - Noted.
- l. Notification of next Cluster Meeting at Billingham 23 Jan 2008 at 7 pm, copy sent to Cllr F Phillip as he is the Council’s representative, he was unable to attend.
- m. Redlynch Leisure play equipment – noted.
- n. The Clerk Jan 2008 - noted.
- o. Newsnk published generally and had been seen.
- p. Clerk & Councils Direct 2008 yearbook and Jan leaflet - noted
- q. Standards Committee – Parish Council Representation on the Parish Panel, Cllr J Evans nominated representative – noted.
- r. Handbook for Parish Councils noted thought to be a good reference and helpful in locating the right person to contact within District Council.
- s. Communities – Orders and Regulations, relating to the Conduct of Local Authority Members in England – consultation – noted
- t. Natural England Seminar – discussed no one available on that date.
- u. Lincolnshire Police – Mobile Police Office will be in Martin on Friday 22 February 2008. To be displayed on notice board – noted.
- v. NKDC Community Service Awards 2007/2008 – no nominees put forward.

#### For Action

- a. NKDC – Speed sign fact sheet and corporate letter, comments on new priorities.
- b. Facilities for the Disabled - village access questionnaire discussed, Cllr C Vickers volunteered to complete the information required.
- c. The Third North Kesteven Annual Monitoring Report, 40 pages long may be downloaded, cost £4.00 for printing it off or a hard copy can be obtained from the Forward Planning Team – no action at this time, agreed by all.

#### 8. Planning

- a. Planning Permission granted - The Manor House, Timberland Road, Martin – noted.
- b. Planning Permission granted - erection of two storey side extension at 20, Moor Lane, Martin-noted.
- c. Planning Application and Permission granted for change of use of barns for residential to 14 bedroom country hotel with restaurant, Martin Court, Martin. The planning application was received after the permission had been granted.-
- d. no comment raised as permission had already is granted.
- e. Planning Application Martin Court, Freestanding Directional Signs – delay to response agreed, discussed, the Council do not have any comments. Cllr F Phillip indicated that as the Hotel is on the bend, signs may slow traffic down.
- f. Page 4 of 6 Committee Access Reports – application to extend dwelling including swimming pool, cover and granny annexe – Linwood Grange Main Road Martin Moor. Application not received for consultation and it has been approved – not within the Parish.

9. Financial Matters

- a. Precept documentation completed and sent to NKDC – noted.

Mail received from previous Clerk dating back to July 2007 listed as follows:

- b. An out of date cheque from Co-Operative Funeral Directors, in payment of burial fees £135.00. A replacement cheque has been obtained.
- c. A bill for £110.00 for a grave reservation. All details are in the relevant books and the Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial which is usually sent after receipt of payment has been issued. The bill is for £135.00 being grave space and levelling, which are the full amount and not just a reservation fee. There is no record of having received the money. Clerk requested to communicate with the concerned party.
- d. An outstanding account for Roger Fletcher Farms for £193.87 for payment of hedge and road side grass cutting for July 2006. Requesting payment at this meeting, having written an apology to Mrs Fletcher, and asked if they would be prepared to continue the service they provided. Request for payment authorised proposed by Cllr B Busby, and seconded by Cllr C Vickers.

Cheques for payment

671 Roger Fletcher Farms	£193.87
672 Mrs K Stephen Wages	£416.86
Expenses	£ 14.85
673 SLCC Annual Subscription	£ 70.00

duly authorised by Cllrs and signed by Cllr C Vickers and Cllr Wk Busby.

Bank Reconciliation

Balance Brought Forward	£7458.38
Plus Receipts	£5573.30
Total Receipts	<b>£13031.68</b>
Less Payments	£4927.79
Total	<b>£8103.89</b>

Represented by

Current a/c	£1572.71
Reserve a/c	£7036.76
Total	<b>£8609.47</b>

Plus receipt not on statement	£ 190.00
Total	<b>£8799.47</b>

Less cheques for payment	
671 Roger Fletcher Farms	£193.87
672 Mrs K Stephen Wages	£416.86
Expenses	£ 14.85
673 SLCC Annual Subscription	£ 70.00
Total	<b>£ 695.58</b>
	<b>£8103.89</b>

12. Other Business

- a. Speeding Traffic – raised by Cllr S Phillip, who has been asked by numerous members of the village to raise this matter again. In view of the increasing levels of traffic, through increased HGV vehicles as a result of quarry expansion and road closures at different times. After having been discussed Cllr WK Busby suggested that the Clerk contacted Lincoln County

Council with a view to arranging an on site meeting if possible to raise the need for a School Patrol Crossing on the High Street in the direction of the Church. Proposed by Cllr WK Busby and seconded by Cllr S Phillip and agreed by others present.

- b. Benches – It was brought to attention by Cllr WK Busby that the benches in Martin Dales and the one directly in front of the Village Hall are in need of repair. Cllr C Vickers asked the Clerk to contact Mr Johnson for a quote; this was seconded by Cllr WK Busby and all the remaining Councillors in favour.

11. Proposed Dates of Meetings to be held in 2008

Meeting arrange for 26 May 2008 has been brought to my attention that this is a Public Holiday; therefore suggest the meeting be rearranged to 19 May 2008. To be confirmed.

12. Next Parish Council Meeting 17 March 2008