

# MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

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

1. Apologies for Absence – apologies were received from Cllr W Busby and District Cllr F Ambridge. Those present Cllr MJ Stephens MBE, Cllr C Vickers, Cllr J Evans, Cllr B Downing, Cllr S Phillip and Parish Clerk Mrs K Stephens.
  2. Declarations of Interest – the 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 Chair, Cllr MJ Stephens MBE, proposed by Cllr C Vickers and seconded by Cllr S Phillip.
  4. Reports from Outside Bodies – None at this time.
  5. Cllr F Phillip letter of resignation was put before the Council, and accepted. Cllr F Phillip no longer resides in Martin Parish. The Clerk was requested to communicate the Council's appreciation for his efforts.
  6. Public Question Time – to receive questions from members of the public notified to the Chair before the start of the meeting.
    - a. Peafowl – the briefing notes were read to the assembled residents and councillors by the Chair. An extensive discussion ensued:
      1. All were agreed that the birds would not be destroyed.
      2. The various alternatives were explored:
        - To leave things as they are
        - To remove all the birds and re-house
        - To remove the majority of the birds, leaving two peacocks with the other fowl being re-housed
- The Meeting then voted on the various options with the majority vote being in favour of the latter proposal. The Council endorsed this and resolved that negotiations should be undertaken with the various individuals who have offered to re-house the birds.
- b. A new bench has been donated to the Parish by the Cricket Club and has replaced the one in front of the village hall. This bench is in memory of Mr Charles Whittaker and Mr Trevor Davies and an appropriate plaque will be mounted shortly. The Clerk was directed to send a letter of appreciation to the Cricket Club and to undertake appropriate administrative action.
7. Clerk's Report
  - a. Hedging, it is noted that some improvements have taken place in recent weeks but, a significant part of the hedging still requires attention. The Clerk was requested to contact County Cllr P Bradwell for further action to be taken.
  - b. Ms D Byard - Appreciation letter and meal at Martin Moor Hotel has been sent, but to date had not been utilized. Cllr J Evans commented that the cost of this should be met by the Councillors and all agreed.
  - c. Mr Johnson reference benches, the Chair indicated conclusion for next meeting.
  - d. Burial ground matter – has still to be resolved.

## 8. Correspondence

### For Information

- a. Client Services Booklet 2 – noted.
- b. Vandalism and Petty Crime - noted
- c. Lincolnshire Police Authority Newsletter- noted
- d. Allotment Request Mr Dave Anguin 14 Mill Lane – waiting list formed – noted
- e. Cluster News June – noted.
- f. Speed Indicator Device – Service Level Agreement – Council had no comments
- g. NKDC – Travel link information [www.a2blincs.org.uk](http://www.a2blincs.org.uk), noted
- h. Local Councils Update June/July, the Chair outlined various legal issues and interested Councillors took note. .
- i. Glasdon Products - noted.
- j. Parish and Town Council Guide – to Elections and Electoral Registration - noted.
- k. Youth Outreach Development Manager Ms Tory Burt – noted.
- l. Woods Round Nettleham – vision for the future. Chair had learned of the Parish Council at Nettleham Woodland Development and had sort advice on how this had been achieved. See later item.
- m. SLCC – National Conference 2008, this was discussed and all agreed that no one would attend due cost.
- n. Lincolnshire Criminal Justice System – two posters with information regarding the system – noted.
- o. Offer of Notice Board, information has been sent to Mr Harrison who was present at the meeting and indicated he is looking into the matter.
- p. The Hub – activities through summer - noted
- q. NKDC – Conservation Area – A Guide for residents – noted, copy also displayed on Notice Board.
- r. Surplus 1.2500 scale O.S. Maps – Ordnance Survey Maps to be collected from NKDC when they are available.
- s. Cluster Notes Meeting 2 Jul 2008 - noted
- t. EMDA News - noted

### For Action

- a. Burial Ground – land purchase. To be deferred until next meeting, Cllr J Evans reminded the Council that part of the allotment lands have been earmarked for this purpose, it is currently assessed that unless burial rates sharply increase, the present ground will suffice for about two years.
- b. LCC- Trees for Parishes Scheme. This scheme provides for research/advice on woodland development and it was agreed that the appropriate officer should be contacted with a view to woodland on the old playing field area.
- c. Proposed Payphone Removals – High Street, Council consider this to be a valuable amenity even if only used infrequently and would not wish to see its removal – appropriate comment to be relayed by Clerk.
- d. Local Needs Guidance Note and Residential Extensions Supplementary Planning Document – forms for comment – none were made at this time.
- e. Parish Vacancies – Chair to determine appropriate action.
- f. Martin – Extinguishment of Restricted Byway No 7 – LCC will shortly be instructing their legal department to make the Order which will be followed by a formal consultation period. We will be sent a copy of the Order and given the opportunity to put forward any comments, which has now been received.
- g. LCC – Wild flowers on Roadside Verges of Lincolnshire, communicated to the public and the Council, no action at this time.
- h. M Tuttell & Son – permission is requested for a memorial for Mr C Whittaker. The Council considered the detail and were content that the style size and text are appropriate and agreed the request. Proposed by Cllr J Evan and seconded by Cllr B Downing with all in favour. Clerk to advise accordingly.

9. Planning

- a. NKDC have advised that they have issued Consent for the erection of the wind speed monitoring mast at Martin Fen.
- b. NKDC have advised that they have issued Consent in respect of alterations to La Rustica.

10. Financial Matters

- a. Precept Martin Church carried forward from last meeting. Accounts have now been received and were considered by the Council. It was resolved that a payment of £200.00 should be made, proposed by Cllr J Evans and seconded by Cllr C Vickers and agreed by all.
- b. Donation Victim Support – the Chair declared an interest at this point advising he is the CEO of this Charity and took no further part in the discussion. Chair was assumed by Cllr C Vickers and it was agreed that a donation of £25.00 would be made, proposed by Cllr J Evans and seconded by Cllr C Vickers and agreed by all. Cllr MJ Stephens then resumed the duties of Chair.
- c. Precept Martin Cricket Club. Accounts have now been received and were considered by the Council. It was resolved that a payment of £200.00 should be made, proposed by Cllr J Evans and seconded by Cllr C Vickers and agreed by all.
- d. Precept Martin Village Hall. Accounts have now been received and were considered by the Council. It was resolved that a payment of £250.00 should be made, proposed by Cllr J Evans and seconded by Cllr C Vickers and agreed by all.
- e. Mr G Smith Grass Cutting – account has been received and Council agreed payment proposed by Cllr MJ Stephens MBE and seconded by Cllr S Phillip and all in agreement.
- f. Donation Billingham Swimming Pool – Chair advised that during the recent Cluster Meeting individual Parish councils were asked to consider supporting this facility. After a short discussion the Council agreed that this amenity is of benefit and worthy of support, subject to the usual considerations in respect of precept payments. Clerk is to contact the pool Trustees to advise that a donation of £200 would be forthcoming once a formal request is received together with certified account. Proposed by Cllr J Evans and seconded by Cllr C Vickers with all in favour.

(Note- a member of the public asked how it was determined what activities should be supported and was advised that the Council decision reflected the benefit that the organisation brings to the Parish.)

Cheque for payment

	£	
K Stephens Wages	416.86	
Expenses	22.41	£439.27 Cheque no 000682

Proposed by Cllr J Evans and seconded by Cllr B Downing, with all in favour.

Bank Reconciliation

	£
Balance Brought Forward	7400.96
Plus Receipts	3234.48
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>10635.44</b>
Less Payments	1401.96
<b>Total</b>	<b>9233.48</b>

Represented by

Current a/c	2087.18
Reserve a/c	7146.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>9233.48</b>

11. Next meeting is to be held on Monday 29 September 2008.

