

Martin Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 23 May 2005 at Martin Village Hall at 8.00 p.m.

Meeting began at 8.15, due to over run of Annual Parish Meeting

1. Apologies for absence: County Councillor P Bradwell, Cllr F Phillips

Present: District Councillor F Ambridge, Councillor H Ambridge, W Busby, M Corbett, J Evans, Z Scoley, M Stephens and C Vickers; parish clerk, M Lockyer. Members of the public present: PC Daniels; Karen Stephens.

Report received from PC Daniels:

- He had just been informed of 2 crimes locally: a car theft and a break in. He had not heard of any other crimes.
- Cllr Busby reported to him that no police visited Martin Dales on election day. PC Daniels said that the CSPOs were meant to check all polling stations twice during the day.
- PC Daniels had been instructed by Lincolnshire Police to work with Cllr Scoley on putting forward a good case for the youth shelter funding (Crime and disorder grant). The Council agreed that PC Daniels should work with Cllr Scoley on this.
- Cllr Vickers was unsure to whom eel poaching should be reported. PC Daniels said it could be reported to the police who would pass it on to the relevant agency.
- The police want to set up a working party, with a volunteer from each of 6 villages, to work ½ hour a month to discuss the issues which concern the village. The police would focus on the top 3 or 4 issues until they had been dealt with, and then move on to the next issues. PC Daniels wondered if the Parish Council could put forward the name of someone who might be interested in joining this working party. They agreed to do so within the next two weeks.

Cllr Evans thanked him for attending the meeting.

2. Election of Chairman: Cllr Evans nominated Cllr Scoley, seconded Cllr Vickers; all in favour. Cllr Scoley duly elected and signed Chairman's declaration of acceptance of office

3. Election of Vice-Chairman: Cllr Evans nominated Cllr Stephens, seconded Cllr H Ambridge; all in favour.

4. Appointment of Committees

Planning committee: it was agreed that the committee should consist of the Chairman, Vice Chairman and any other councillor who was available. Cllr Busby or Cllr Vickers to be approached for Martin Dales applications.

Playing Field Committee: Cllr Stephens, Chairman, and Cllrs F Ambridge, Evans, Phillips

Finance Committee: Cllr Corbett to continue assisting clerk with finances

5. Payment of annual subscriptions: LALC: £147.51; Clerks and Councils Direct: £7.50 Proposed Cllr F Ambridge, seconded Cllr Evans. All in favour

6. Inspection of deeds and trust instruments in the custody of the council – none available

7. There were no declarations of interest at this point in the meeting.

8. The minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2005 were received and approved

9. Reports from Outside Bodies

a) District Councillor F Ambridge: on the Playing Field, there is optimism that the Dept of the Environment will give clearance. No contamination has been found, and the water flows away from the village. NKDC is looking at how to remedy the situation. The Parish Council will need to

decide what it wants to do with the playing field. It might be very expensive. Cllr Stephens has researched possible uses, with costings, and has the paperwork available. It was agreed that the Playing Fields Committee should undertake research into usage, consulting Mrs Mary King's School, Martin Youth Bikers and people in the village. The committee are also to work on a formal agreement with the school and the cricket club about ownership of the playing field. The gate leading into the playing field from North Moor Lane was discussed.

10. No questions had been received from members of the public

11. Matters arising from the previous minutes

- a. Crime/disorder grant: Cllr Scoley and Cllr Phillips: There was no money available at present, but there would be in the future. Cllr Scoley to work with PC Daniels on putting a bid together for this (see above)
- b. Mrs Mary King's School: Road safety: replies had been received from Alan Aistrup and Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership, assuring the Council that the School was on the list to be considered for a school safety zone. The issue was funding. The clerk had had a phone call from Julie Reeve, a teacher at the School, reporting on a visit from Alan Aistrup to discuss the possibility of a strip of tarmac outside the playground railings for children to stand on. He had proposed road markings outside the school. He had noted the potholes, and would arrange to have them filled in. He had also suggested a kerb on the school side of the road. The Council was concerned about the kerb, and felt that better street lighting would be needed if a kerb was in place. The clerk to write, suggesting that the Chair and Vice Chair meet Alan Aistrup to discuss this.

12. Correspondence –

- a. Correspondence for information
 - a. DEFRA: Quality Parishes and Parish Planning
 - b. Arts NK: Market Towns Week
 - c. Visit Lincolnshire: Wolds Walking Festival: local walk Fri 3 June, Bardney
 - d. Govt Office for East Midlands: Regional Spatial Strategy
 - e. Trafalgar Weekend 21 – 23 October: The bell ringers to be asked to ring at 7 pm: Clive and Karen Brookes
 - f. Calor Village of the Year
 - g. Arts NK: Words Worker: poster to be displayed
 - h. NKDC: Draft minutes Sth Area Advisory Forum Meeting
 - i. Community Council of Lincs: Rural Links
 - j. NK Local Strategic Partnership
 - k. LCC Highways: Surface Dressing Works
 - l. LALC: County Circular and training information: ML had provisionally applied to attend session on Council Policies and Procedures (cost £5). Cllr Evans proposed that this be approved. Seconded Cllr H Ambridge. All in favour. Cllr Stephens wished to attend budgeting seminar (cost £20). Proposed Cllr Evans, seconded Cllr Vickers. All in favour.
 - m. Clerks & Councils Direct
 - n. Lincolnshire Police: Mobile Police Office 10 June
 - o. NKDC: Monthly Survey Forms for grass cutting and street cleaning: Cllrs noted dates, and would inform clerk when work carried out.
 - p. NKDC: Parish Partnerships

- Correspondence for action
 - a. NKDC: Consultation Document on Housing Need Study: Discussed. The council would welcome provision of social housing in this community. Cllr Stephens to respond in detail to the document.
 - b. NKDC: Section 106 Contributions: Cllr Stephens to respond
 - c. NKDC: Training Workshop Local Code of Conduct: it was agreed that the workshop could be held before the next Parish Council meeting, 25 July, and that other parish councils could be invited (Metheringham, Timberland and Walcott).
 - d. Boundary Committee: Views on draft recommendations; Cllr Scoley to respond.
 - e. Sleaford Maltings Questionnaire: not felt to be of relevance to Martin.

13. Planning Applications – Permission has been granted on:

- Erection of garage/store, Unit 2 Westmoor Farm Barns, Martin Moor
- Erection of dwelling and garage at 37 Moor Lane, Martin

Planning applications received:

- First floor extension above garage, 2 High St, Martin: no objections
- Erection of dwelling and garage, Stepping Stones, High St, Martin: concern over access and visibility
- 2 storey extension, Rose Cottage, Witham Bank, Martin Dales (returned to NKDC as in Timberland Parish)

It was agreed that the Planning Committee would consider these at the end of the meeting.

14. Financial Matters - approval of accounts

Balance at 13 April 2005: Current a/c £2747.51 Reserve a/c £7753.86

£

Income:

Precept payment 2800.00

Paid out:

£

M Lockyer clerk's 1/6 of £2501.20 Feb/Mar 416.86

M Lockyer's back dated pay 1 Apr 04 – 31 Jan 05 136.32

M Lockyer's expenses Feb/Mar 22.30

LALC subscription 147.51

722.99

To be paid:

£

M Lockyer clerk's 1/6 of £2501.20 April/May 416.86

M Lockyer's expenses April/May 20.90

Cutting of Burial ground 40.00

NKDC Emptying dog waste bins 100.00

Accounts approved: proposed Cllr Stephens, seconded Cllr F Ambridge. All in favour

- Martin Playing Field Committee/Cricket Club: precept request. Cllrs F Ambridge and Vickers declared a prejudicial interest. Accounts had now been received. Cllr W Busby proposed a payment of £200. Seconded Cllr Evans. All in favour.
- Insurance renewal: the insurance policy was due for renewal. The clerk had information about the Small Parish Insurance Scheme, offered by the Community Council. Cllr Scoley declared an interest in the Community Council. The premium would be about £170, but the playing field would not be covered. The premium to renew with Allianz Cornhill is £360.41, including cover for the playing field. Cllr Stephens proposed staying with Allianz Cornhill. Seconded Cllr Corbett. All in favour.
- Charities Aid Foundation Bank: It was decided to change both the current account and reserve account from NatWest to CAF, as considerably better interest rates were offered. Proposed Cllr Stephens, seconded Cllr F Ambridge. All in favour.
- Witham First District Internal Drainage Board rates: to be paid in October, after allotment rents paid in. Cllr Stephens proposed, Cllr Evans seconded. All in favour.

15. Items for Discussion and Information

- a. Noticeboard: state of repair. It was agreed to ask John Audis to quote for this
- b. Roneo machines: Cllr Evans to ask at Horncastle Antiques about the value of the machines and the possibility of selling them
- c. Martin/Timberland Website: no information on the Parish Council is being put on the website. The clerk to approach NKDC and LCC to see if the Parish Council details can be put on their community pages.
- d. Newsletter: Emma Niblett is leaving the area. Cllr Scoley to discuss the Timberland content with Betty Byard and David Holmes. The Timberland content should be sent to the clerk on disc or by email. She would collate the Martin information, do the layout for it, and print a master copy of the combined Martin/Timberland newsletter ready for photocopying. It was agreed that Cllr Evans would approach Peter Scoley about photocopying the newsletter. Newsletter delivery to Martin Dales: Cllr Stephens proposed £10 payment, seconded Cllr Corbett. All agreed.

16. The meeting closed at 10.10 pm