

MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24 September 2007 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

1. Apologies for Absence – apologies were received from Cllr J Evans, County Cllr P Bradwell and District Cllr F Ambridge. Those present Cllr MJ Stephens MBE, 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 – None.
3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting - Cllr J Evans had prior to the meeting drawn to attention an error in the second paragraph of item 4 where “ Martin Road” should have read Timberland Road. This amendment was duly made by the Chair. It was also noted by Cllr C Vickers that at item 10 the donation to the church was a contribution towards grounds maintenance and that the donation to the cricket club was in recognition of the additional costs to grass maintenance. With these amendments made the minutes of the meeting of the 30 July were accepted as being correct, proposed by Cllr C Vickers, seconded by Cllr B Downing and signed off by the Chair.
4. Reports from Outside Bodies – PC D Daniels updated the Council as to the recent activities by the Neighbour Police Team. The team undertook a survey of traffic speeds through the village, on 30 August in order to determine and record details of the problem. This being in response to a requirement by the Local Community Panel to initiate action in response to speeding problems in the area, it is intended that further measures will be undertaken in the future and a datum is essential in order to measure efficacy of these measures. During this survey that ran from 0720 to 0900 a total of 378 vehicles travelled past the village hall. Of these 34 were travelling in excess of 30mph, with a relatively small proportion above the limit so as to warrant a fixed penalty notice leading to a fine and 3 points on the driver’s licence. However, as this exercise was primarily a data collection activity, the drivers were stopped and warned by way of education. Future plans include formal “speed traps” and also a measure which has proved valuable in other areas – local school children participate with the police in monitoring speeds and offenders are offered the choice of a rebuke and a warning by the children or alternatively accepting a formal fixed penalty. There followed a short discussion during which Councillors observed that the problem of speeding was not restricted to the centre of the village. PC Daniels in responding acknowledged that the other problem areas were well known and received attention from the mobile traps but that a recognised fixed point was essential for the purposes of this current activity.
5. Public Question Time – Cllr S Phillip advised that she had been contacted by a member of the public who expressed concerns about the implications for road safety of the newly installed bus stop at Martin Moor. The Parish Clerk reported that she had been contacted by Mr K Bulled from Metheringham, who raised similar concerns. Neither of these individuals were present at the meeting. Nonetheless, the Chair accepted that these were significant concerns that were shared by the Council and had been addressed during earlier negotiations regarding the installation of these new stops and that the County Council Road Safety Partnership had at that time indicated that the proposed sites were not considered a problem. In recognition of these concerns he had already contacted the Partnership again to reinforce the view that there is a problem and to invite them to undertake a formal survey now they have been erected. The Council commended this action and required that the matter be further addressed once a response has been made by the Partnership.
6. Clerk’s Report
 - a. Playing Field – NKDC have advised that the matter is still under consideration, that alternative and cheaper solutions were being considered (including the potential purchase of an alternative site) and that a further response will be made shortly.
 - b. Speed monitoring survey – PC Daniels had advised that no details were held of the activity by West Grove, but see item 5 above.
 - c. Notice Board – Mr Howseman has been approached with regard to refurbishment but to date has not responded.
 - d. Hedging at Martin Moor – this has now been trimmed.

- e. Hedging on Moor Lane – the School Trustees have been written to with regard to this and the overgrown area between the road and the cricket pitch, they have yet to respond.
- f. Grass cutting Moor Lane – Mr Baumber has been requested to undertake this task but has not yet completed the task. The situation will be monitored.
- g. Clock repair – these are to be undertaken during the course of the week 24 to 29 September.

7. Correspondence

For Information

- a. Audit received from Moore Stephens - noted.
- b. Parish Allowances - noted
- c. Future Developments - noted
- d. North Kesteven Viewpoint Panel - noted
- e. Open Spaces Survey - noted
- f. Future Highways Works - noted
- g. Joint Amenities for Youngsters – the Chair advised that he had been approached by a member of the Timberland PC with a view to promoting activities for young people in the area and that subsequently he had met with this individual Mr A Tulley and Cllr F Phillip to further explore the matter.
- h. Cluster Meetings – The Council discussed this in the context of supporting youth activities in the area and accepted that notwithstanding the earlier decision not to actively participate in the forum, there is now merit in doing so. Accordingly it was agreed that Cllr F Phillip should attend the forthcoming and subsequent meetings.
- i. Local Councils Update Aug/Sept 2007 - noted
- j. Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places – Cllr C Vickers advised that the Polling Station in the church hall at the Dales could no longer be used as it has had to be closed on Health and Safety grounds. The Parish Clerk was requested to advise NKDC with the suggestion that a possible alternative location is the Public House across the Road.
- k. North Kesteven Local Plan - noted
- l. Glasdon latest products for Local Councils - noted
- m. GB Alarms - noted
- n. Clerks & Councils Direct Sept 2007 - noted
- o. Ward members attending Parish council Meetings - noted
- p. Russell Leisure Ltd – playground – the Chair suggested that the hard surface playing area shown in this literature could be an alternative to the problems of the Village Playing Field and it was agreed he would undertake further enquiries.
- q. Driver Feedback signs and selling prices – it is understood that the Parish Partnership Project is actively pursuing these as part of the speed reduction programme.
- r. Community Links/Playing Field Association – Relationships - noted
- s. Charities Bulletin - the Council requested that a copy of this be passed to the Village Hall Committee as items may well be relevant to their situation.

Correspondence for Action

- a. Parish Litter Picking - the Council whilst recognising the availability of some funding from the District Council did not consider that given previous attempts to set up this activity and budgetary implications this would not be pursued at this time.
- b. Parish Dog Warden - the Council whilst recognising the availability of some funding from the District Council did not consider that given previous attempts to set up this activity and budgetary implications this would not be pursued at this time. The Council were pleased to note that of late problems of dog fouling were much reduced.
- c. Parish Council Dinner – it was agreed that this should be reactivated and that the Chair should invite his predecessor and her husband as guests of the Council to mark the significant contribution to the Parish over the years.
- d. Nat West Mandate – completed and forwarded by hand.
- e. Local Council, Voluntary and Community Sector Survey – Chair agreed to action this survey.
- f. Parish Plan - noted, Cllr F Phillip reminded this is a likely topic at the forthcoming Partnership meeting.

- g. Parish Cluster Meeting 24 October 2007/Parish Visioning Exercise – see earlier item above.
- h. Baseline Survey and Eco updates newsletter – Cllr S Phillip agreed to action this audit.
- i. Councillor Training Evening 18 Sept 2007/25 Sept 2007 – no Councillor had been available to attend.
- j. LALC Newsletter/Annual Report 2006/2007 – noted.

8. Planning

- a. 130 High Street , Martin two storey side extension – for information
- b. Permission granted for the above extension - noted

9. Financial Matters

Bank Reconciliation

Balance Brought Forward	7458.38
Plus Receipts	3013.28
Total Receipts	10471.61
Less Payments	3250.83
Total	7220.78

Represented by

Current a/c	2642.07
Reserve a/c	6931.91
Total	9573.98

Less unrepresented cheques:

656 Mr Smith	80.00	
657 Mrs K Stephens	919.67	
658 Cricket Club	200.00	
659 Holy Trinity Church	200.00	
660 Village Hall	250.00	
661 Moore Stephens	141.00	
Total	£1790.67	<u>1790.67</u>
		£ 7783.31

Less cheques for payment:

662 NDC	88.65	
663 CommuniCorp	9.50	
664 Clerk's Wages	£416.86	
Expenses	£ 47.52	464.38
Total	£562.53	562.53
Balance		£7220.78

Proposed by Cllr MJ Stephens MBE, seconded by Cllr B Downing that the above figures are accepted as presented and that the outstanding accounts to be paid as soon as possible. All were in favour.

10. Date of Next Meeting – Monday 26 November 2007