

# MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 19 May 2008, in the Village Hall following on from the Annual Parish Meeting.

Present: Cllr MJ Stephens MBE, Cllr C Vickers, Cllr WK Busby, Cllr B Downing, County Cllr P Bradwell and the Parish Clerk Mrs K Stephens.

Apologies were received from Cllr J Evans, who had a family emergency and District Cllr F Ambridge, who had a Prior District engagement. Cllr F Phillip and Cllr S Phillip did not attend

Declaration of Interest none at this time.

1. Election of Chair. In the absence of new nomination, it was resolved that as he indicated his willingness, Cllr MJ Stephens MBE should continue as Chair. Proposed by Cllr C Vickers and seconded by Cllr WK Busby and agreed by Cllr B Downing
2. Election of Vice-Chair. In the absence of new nomination, it was resolved that as he indicated his willingness, Cllr C Vickers should continue as Vice-Chair and agreed by all present.
3. Vacancies. The Chair advised that following on from the elections, there are still vacancies on the Council. However, there are no candidates and the Chair requested that suitable persons be identified and action initiated to recruit them.
4. Appoint Officers to External Bodies. It was confirmed that the Council has no requirement to appoint to External Bodies.
5. To Appoint Members to Sub-Committees. It was resolved that Cllr B Downing should be appointed to the Playing Field Committee and that he should undertake the duties of Chair.
6. To Consider and Confirm Payment of Annual Subscriptions. It was resolved that the following annual subscriptions should be paid at their due date:
  - a. Insurance
  - b. Drainage Rates, when allotment rents have been collected.
  - c. Audit Fees
  - d. Clerks & Council Direct
  - e. LALC Update
  - f. LALC Annual Training Scheme
  - g. LALC Annual Subscription
7. To inspect any Deeds or Trust implements in the custody of the Council – obtained from solicitors and last inspected at November 2007 Meeting. Copies made and held by Clerk, originals returned to solicitors. (Receipt held).
8. To Inspect, Confirm/Amend Council Standing Orders and such other Orders and Regulations:
  - a. Standing Orders
  - b. Rules
  - c. Modern Farm Allotment Agreements
  - d. Financial Regulations.

All documents inspected and confirmed to be in order, no alterations necessary and agreed by all Cllrs.

9. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – to receive and approve for accuracy purposes the minutes of the meeting held on the 17 March 2008. These were accepted as published and duly signed by the Chair, proposed by Cllr C Vickers and seconded by Cllr WK Busby.

## 10. Reports from Outside Bodies

Covered at Annual Parish Meeting held prior to this meeting.

11. Public Question Time – to receive questions from members of the public notified to the Chair before the start of the meeting (none received to date).

Mrs Jenner of High Street has asked if a dog waste bin could be installed on the footpath running north-east from the High Street to Carr Dyke. The Council whilst accepting that such would be of benefit regretted that due to the cost of this and that it has not been budgeted for, this would not presently be possible.

## 12. Clerk's Report

- a. Garage at The Cottage and Barn conversion at Drove Farm, comments relayed to NKDC – noted.
- b. Fly Tipping Reported and has been actioned by Ranger Service.
- c. Pothole Reported – has been actioned by NKDC.
- d. LCJB Project Local Crime Community Sentence – unavailable on the date in question.
- e. Refurbishment of Benches – contacted Mr Johnson, who has agreed to undertake the work and is presently researching costs. The Council discussed the kind offer by the Cricket Club to replace the bench outside the Village Hall and agreed to accept this. It was noted that the remnants of the old bench should be retained against possible future need. The Chair to communicate this decision to the Cricket Club.
- f. Burial Ground documentation - as no response has been received from the Funeral Directors, the Council resolved that the Chair should attempt to bring this matter to a close by direct negotiation with the relatives.

## 13. Correspondence

### For Information

- a. Open Air Swimming Pool Timings – Placed on Notice Board. Noted
- b. LCC - Notification of Road Closure. Noted and to place on Notice Board.
- c. Lincolnshire Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund - noted.
- d. Communities – How the Government handle Planning Case Work – noted.
- e. News Release – Lincolnshire will receive £1 Million from the Government to improve play areas. Noted.
- f. SLCC Regional Conference 12 June 2008 – it was agreed by all Cllrs present that no one would attend.
- g. LALC News March 2008. Noted
- h. Rural Links – noted.
- i. Wicksteed Playscapes. Noted.
- j. EMDA News Spring Edition – noted.
- k. Lincolnshire Home Improvement Agency – handy person service available in North Kesteven. Noted, leaflet to be displayed on Notice Board.
- l. Funding Fair Leasingham Village Hall 12 June 2008. Noted.
- m. The Clerk May 2008. Noted.
- n. Local Councils Update May 2008. Standards Committee changes and Heritage Publication communicated by Chair to Council.
- o. Clerks & Councils Direct May 2008. Noted.
- p. Sleaford and District CAB Annual Report.
- q. The Hub May 2008 – On notice board.
- r. Children's Play Area – Guidelines, noted against future need.
- s. Service Level Agreement – Speed Reactive Devices – noted, the proposed format is agreed.
- t. Lincolnshire Capital Grant, noted and it was suggested to give a copy to Mr Audis for the Village Hall.

For Action

- a. Audit Report – discussed and agreed, proposed by Cllr Vickers and seconded by Cllr B Downing
- b. Martin Restricted Byway No 7 discussed and accepted, no further action required.
- c. Village Plan – to be put on hold proposed by Cllr W Busby and seconded by Cllr B Downing and agreed by all.
- d. NKDC - Street Lighting. Noted, none required at the present time. All agreed.
- e. Donation Holy Trinity Church – postponed to next meeting, accounts required.

8. Planning

- a. Planning Application – Single storey extension The Cottage, Martin Moor, Metheringham, Lincoln. Discussed at informal meeting, resulting in no comment – noted.
- b. Planning permission – After School Club – noted.
- c. Planning Consent Hotel Martin Court, Martin Moor - Request for advertisement signs ABC and E granted but D, illuminated sign consent refused. Council discussed this in the light of the abundance of similar signs in the area and indicated they would support any appeal.

14. Financial Matters

- a. Bank Reconciliation

**Bank Reconciliation 19 May 2008 for Information**

<b>Balance Brought Forward 31 March 2008</b>				7400.96
Plus Receipts				3234.48
<b>Sub Total</b>				<b>10635.44</b>
Less Payments				
Grass Cutting Apr				
	678	Mr G Smith	£40.00	
		Allianz		
	679	Insurance	£408.90	
Clerk's salary Apr/May and Expenses Wages £487.82 Exp £39.00				
		Mrs K		
	680	Stephens	£526.82	
			£975.72	975.72
				<b>9659.72</b>
<b>Represented by</b>				
Current Account				3489.14
Reserve Account				7146.3
Total				<b>10635.44</b>
Less unrepresented cheques as above				975.72
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Agreed – proposed by Cllr W Busby, seconded by Cllr C Vickers.

- b. Clerks Salary 2007/8 – Briefing note with respect to this item deferred from last meeting enclosed and for consideration. The Chair declared an interest and left the hall with the Clerk to allow the Council to discuss this matter. A copy of the briefing note is attached to the minutes. After discussion the Chair and Clerk returned. The Council agreed to endorse the back payment and were in no way influenced in regard to their decision. Proposed by Cllr C Vickers, seconded by Cllr W Busby and agreed by Cllr B Downing. The Clerk thanked the Council on their decision.

11. Any Other Business – none at this time.

12. Remaining Dates of Meetings to be held in 2008

28 July  
29 September  
24 November