

# MARTIN WITH MARTIN DALES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24 November 2008 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

## 1. Apologies for absence.

County Cllr P Bradwell was unable to attend. Present District Cllr F Ambridge, Cllr MJ Stephens MBE, Cllr C Vickers, Cllr J Evans, Cllr WK Busby, Cllr S Phillip, Cllr B Downing and Mrs K Stephens, Parish Clerk.

## 2. Declaration of interest (if any).

In accordance with the Local Code of Conduct any personal or prejudicial interest must be declared and if personal interest the nature of that interest must be given. Note that declaration of interest must be made as soon as it becomes apparent to a member. A member can declare the interest when the item is first discussed. None declared at this time.

## 3. Minutes

To receive and approve for accuracy purposes the minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2008. There being no corrections advised, proposed by Cllr C Vickers and seconded by Cllr WK Busby that the minutes be accepted as published, all were in favour.

## 4 Reports from Outside Bodies.

- a. Janet Williams Principal Environmental Health Officer should have addressed the meeting on the matter of the playing field, cancelled prior to meeting.
- b. D Cllr F Ambridge – Apologised for the non attendance of the Council Officer with responsibility for the playing field. Unfortunately, he had learned too late in the day to effect any change to the decision that she should not attend. He advised that in the light of funding constraints the District Council are in a quandary and unable to afford the necessary works. However, it is understood the Assistant Chief Executive will attend the next Parish Council Meeting. A short discussion then took place and it was resolved that the Chair should communicate to the District Council displeasure at the non-attendance and the continued concerns with regards to this facility.

## 5. Election of Councillors

Parish Clerk confirmed that the responsible officer at NKDC had indicated that due processes having been followed and no request for an election to be held having been received, the Council are at liberty to co-opt against the three existing vacancies. Accordingly the Chair proposed that Mr & Mrs Whittle having put themselves forward for the Council be co-opted. This proposal was seconded by Cllr S Phillip and duly carried by unanimous vote. The Chair advised that an application had also been received from Mr L Sanby to join the Council and he had been invited to attend this meeting. Cllr S Phillip advised that notwithstanding him not being able to attend she is confident that he remains desirous of joining the Council and that she will reinforce the invitation to attend next meeting.

Mr and Mrs Whittle were then invited to join the meeting and their appointment as Councillors advised; Parish Clerk to undertake necessary administrative processes.

## 6. Public Question Time

To receive questions from members of the public notified to the Chairman before the start of the meeting.

- a. Dog fouling – Cllr S Phillip advised that she had been consulted by a Parishioner with concerns regarding a particular individual who regularly allows his dog to foul the footpath and makes no attempt to remove the mess. A short discussion that took place as to how this

could be addressed and the legal implications. It was resolved that initially the family would have their attention drawn to the problem. Cllr S Phillip agreed to make this approach. It was noted that should this prove unsuccessful the NKDC warden service would be alerted to the problems and asked to undertake appropriate action.

## 7 Clerks Report

- a. Casual vacancy for litter picker advertised but no response. Noted.
- b. Burial Plot – response now received to be discussed. The Council accept on the balance of probabilities the necessary fees were paid. Proposed by Cllr J Evans and seconded by Cllr MJ Stephens that the sum of £135.00 being the reservation of grave space and levelling be written off. Following a short discussion this motion was carried with six in favour and two abstentions. Accordingly, it was confirmed that reservation be accepted and the Parish Clerk is to write to the family and advise this decision.
- c. NKDC notified of street lights which were not operating and these have been repaired. It was noted that fresh potholes are appearing to the west of the junction Moor Lane and Timberland Road, Parish Clerk to advise NKDC.

## 8 Correspondence –

### For Information

- a. The Hub – What’s on in October and November 2008? Noted and placed on notice board.
- b. NKDC – Estate Audit – sent to all Cllrs. Noted.
- c. Local Councils Update issue 107/108 and 109. Chair drew to attention notice of proposed changes to electoral registers and £130 million Grassroots Scheme for small local voluntary and community groups and the Publication Scheme for information under the FOI Act. Chair and Parish to address this latter aspect as necessary.
- d. Green Playground Solutions – new brochure. Noted.
- e. NKDC – Julie Wetton Press and Publications Officer - delivery of NewsNK. Noted.
- f. LCC – Planning Application Checklist Consultation. Noted and no comments.
- g. Clerks & Councils Direct – November 2008. Noted.
- h. SLCC – The Clerk – noted.
- i. SLCC – Information on forms, records & registers for Local Councils. Noted.
- j. Lincolnshire Police – visit of Mobile Police Station 5 December 2008. Displayed on notice board.
- k. Sarah Attrill – Cluster meeting notes. Noted.
- l. Village Shop – Closure, the Council were pleased to note that an alternative facility is being set up at The Royal Oak public house.
- m. NKDC – Planning Services Briefing Note 4 – changes to household permitted development rights from 1 October 2008. Copy circulated to each councillor.
- n. NKDC- Planning Services Briefing Note 5 awards of costs at planning appeals. Noted
- o. Cllr Lewis Strange – Chairman, Lincolnshire Waste Strategy Group Press release. Noted.

### For Action

- a. Communities – consultation paper. No comments
- b. NKDC – Application for Register of Electors, signatures required. Document circulated and duly signed, Clerk to forward to NKDC.
- c. East Midlands Regional Assembly: Partial Review – the documents are available through their web-site or the disk supplied can be circulated and responses are to be received by 12 December 2008.
- d. LCC – Minerals and Waste Core Strategy – Issues and Options – This consultation takes place between 24 October 2008 for a period of six weeks until 5 December 2008, and is available to viewing on their web-site.
- e. LCC Funeral Services – Memorial application for Mrs Doris Read. This was reviewed and the application agreed. At the same time an application in respect of Mr Brian Oakes received after the agenda of the meeting was published was also reviewed and agreed. Parish Clerk to action as necessary.

- f. National Probation Service – presentation to Martin Parish Council, would this be of interest?  
It was agreed that such a presentation would be appropriate for the Annual Parish Meeting next year and the Clerk is to respond accordingly.
- g. LCC – consultation on planning applications in your parish, views on e-planning. No comments were recorded.

#### 9. Planning Applications

Planning Sub-Committee met on 12 November:

- a. Planning Application – insertion of new door to front elevation of Royal Oak Public House. This is to be the entrance to village shop which has been established. No Comment
- b. Erection of chitting shed, Kyme Farm, Witham Bank, Martin Dales, and copy of plans for information. No Comment.
- c. Planning Permission – 102 High Street, erection of two storey side and rear extension & detached double garage with studio above. Noted.

#### 10. Financial Matters

Budget Forecast for precept 2009, the forecast showing implications for varying levels of increase was circulated. It was resolved that this decision be deferred to the January meeting.

Transfer of £500.00 to Current a/c from Reserve a/c 6 October 2008

Permission to pay Village Hall Hire invoice upon receipt

	£
Balance brought forward	7400.96
Plus Receipts	5669.81
Total	13070.77
Less Expenses	4548.62
<b>Total</b>	<b>8522.15</b>

Represented by

Reserve a/c	7192.02
Less transfer 6/10/2008	500.00
Total	6692.02
Plus Current a/c	2555.95
Total	9247.97
Less unrepresented cheques	

000690 Billingham Swimming Pool	£200.00	
000696 Mrs K Stephens salary Oct/Nov		
(Salary £487.82 expenses £38.00)	£525.82	725.82
<b>Total</b>		<b>£8522.15</b>

#### 10. Other Business

- a. Cllr WK Busby advised road safety concerns about the newly sited bus stop to west of Kirkstead bridge which is now used as a central pickup point for the school bus service. He requested once again the speed limit in this area be reduced in the light of this additional hazard. Parish Clerk was asked to refer this to County Cllr P Bradwell to take up with Highways.
- b. Burial Ground – the Council considered again the need to obtain fresh grounds for burials as existing site is rapidly filling. It was suggested that the current playing field might be a suitable alternative given that it can no longer for its intended purpose. The merits of this suggestion were explored at some length and it was agreed further enquiries such be made as to the feasibility of this suggestion. District Cllr F Ambridge suggested that we should write and obtain NKDC views and that formal legal advice would be necessary in the light of the content of the deeds. All agreed and Parish Clerk to action.

11. Suggested dates of 2009 meetings:

- 26 January
- 30 March
- 26 May (Public Meeting)
- 27 July
- 28 September
- 30 November

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm.