

MARTIN WITH MARTIN DALES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 26 May 2009 in the Village Hall immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting.

1. Election of the Chair

No nominations had been received in advance of the meeting and the Chair Cllr M J Stephens MBE indicated willingness to continue in post subject to the agreement of the Council. This was unanimously agreed.

2. Election of Vice Chair

No nominations had been received in advance of the meeting and the Vice Chair Cllr C Vickers indicated willingness to continue in post subject to the agreement of the Council. This was unanimously agreed.

3. To appoint Officers to external bodies

None were required

4. To appoint members to sub-committees

It was unanimously agreed that the Sports Field Sub Committee would continue to comprise The Chair, Cllrs J Evans, B Downing and in addition Cllr L Sandby should be co-opted to this sub-committee.

5. To inspect Deeds and Trust Implements in the Custody of the Council.

These had been inspected as recently as November 2008 and no changes have occurred accordingly, no further action was taken at this time. Copies continue to be held by the Parish Clerk with the originals in the safe custody of the Council's solicitors.

6. To Inspect and confirm/amend Council Standing Orders and such other Orders and Regulations as may be appropriate; copies of these had been circulated to Council members in advance of the meeting:

- a. Standing Orders – these are to remain as published
- b. Rules and Regulations for the Burial Ground. These are to remain as published with the exception of the Table of Charges which is to be amended to reflect an increase of 5% and are to be effective from the date of this meeting proposed by Cllr J Evans, seconded by Cllr B Downing with all in favour.
- c. Modern Farm Allotments – these are to remain as published
- d. Financial Regulations – these are to remain as published

7. Minutes of the previous meeting. To receive and approve for accuracy the minutes of the meeting held on 30th March 2009. Cllr H Whittle drew attention that at Item 3 the resolution of the Council was to the effect that the School should be asked to undertake a poster competition in respect of dog fouling not speeding as recorded. The Chair apologised for this error but advised that having made contact with the School a speeding campaign was now underway. It was therefore agreed that once this was completed, a further campaign on dog fouling should be sought.

8. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr S Phillip. Present were County Councillor P Bradwell, District Councillor F Ambridge, Cllr M J Stephens MBE, Cllr WK Busby, Cllr C Vickers, Cllr B Downing, Cllr J Evans, Cllr L Whittle, Cllr H Whittle, Cllr SL Sandby and Mrs K Stephens Parish Clerk.

9. Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded the meeting that in accordance with the Code of Conduct, any personal or prejudicial interest must be declared and if personal, the nature of this interest must be given. Such declaration must be made as soon as it becomes apparent to the member; this may be made when a given item is discussed – none were made at this time.

10. Reports from outside bodies

Reports from County Cllr P Bradley and District Cllr F Ambridge had been made at the preceding public meeting and therefore no further reports were made at this time.

11. Public Questions

- a. Mrs Greenwood had written with regard to road safety issues and the Chair had responded advising that the Council continued to represent and seek speed reduction measures. In addition the public meeting earlier had been advised that the County Council are in the process of undertaking a universal review of speed restriction and that the concerns of the Parish would be taken into account in this activity.
- b. An anonymous communication had been received by the Parish Clerk raising concerns about the lack of play facilities for young people.
- c. Cllr S Phillip had drawn to attention that the banking at Carr Dyke has been encroached upon. This matter has been referred to the Environment Agency whose response has been to note this but take no action.

12. Playing Field

The matter of passing into the control of the District Council the land held by the Parish Council as suggested during the public meeting was discussed at some length. It was resolved that this is an appropriate action subject to any restraints of the Deed and that the Chair should refer this to the Solicitors for advice/action as required.

The offer made by the District Council officers at the earlier Public Meeting to attend future meetings of the Parish Council in order to advise on progress on the new field was welcomed by all.

13. Clerk's Report

- a. Fly tipping reported and actioned by NKDC noted
- b. Email to PC D Daniels with regard to Speed monitoring at Martin Dales and the 30mph zone in Martin, also confirmation of the Annual Public meeting noted
- c. Reply received from Mr Slaney with regard poster to aid traffic calming, they are unanimously in agreement. They intend to run the competition as we suggest during this term. With reference to the playground on the Trustees' land, this matter will be raised at their next meeting. This was welcomed by the Council and action as necessary will ensue.
- d. Enquiries have been made to the Diocese to confirm their ownership of the land we wish to purchase to increase the size of the burial ground. Awaiting response.

- e. Blankney Public Bridleway N0 10 – email sent to Mr Abram who is apparently dealing with this issue. This path has since been closed and Mr Abram’s comments are requested on the foregoing but have yet to be received.

14. Correspondence

For Information

- a. Equality and Human Rights Commission – Public Sector Duties.
- b. NKDC – Housing Revenue Account Business Plan Consultation.
- c. Lincolnshire Police – Visit of Mobile Police Station 22 May, notice placed on notice board.
- d. Notification of Standards Committee Meeting 11 May 2009.
- e. NKDC – Invitation Parish Partnership Evaluation Workshop Wednesday 10 June 2009 4.30pm -6.30pm. RSVP 20 May, email: sharon_bark @n-kestevn.gov.uk
- f. NKDC -calendar of Meetings 2009 – 2010.

For Action

- a. Extreme NK – facilities available for Parish Hire noted but not presently required
- b. LCC – Public Transport Information Distribution Survey. Short survey for completion – completed by Chair and submitted
- c. NKDC – Parish Council Footway Lighting Programme 09/10 noted

15. Planning

NKDC - For information, plans for Pound Road showing alterations - noted with no comments made

16. Financial Matters

(The Chair declared a personal interest in Item 16d requests for payment as he is married to the Parish Clerk)

- a. Audit approval. - accompanying notes sent with agenda Proposed by the Chair and seconded by Cllr Vickers that the accounts be accepted as audited and that the action required by legislation now be undertaken.
- b. Rev M Nicholas – It has come to his attention that there is no dustbin for the Parish Council Cemetery, as a result of which flowers and wreaths from the graves there are put in the church bin instead. At peak times of remembrance there is not the capacity to accommodate this. He would appreciate it if the Parish Council would procure its own bin, as this will secure sufficient capacity to meet demand and lessen the weight of each bin. It was agreed that a further bin will be requested from the District Council.

c. Requests for payment (The Chair Cllr M J Stephens MBE handed the meeting over to the Vice Chair at this point)

Witham First District Internal Drainage Board £260.52.
Allianz Insurance premium £433.93
Mrs K Stephens Salary 487.82 Expenses 32.49 Total 520.31
Mr G Smith Grass Cutting Burial Ground £140.00

Proposed by Cllr W Busby and seconded by Cllr C Vickers with all others in favour that payments be agreed, but that the Drainage Board account should not be settled until allotment rents have been received in the autumn in accordance with custom and practice.

Bank Reconciliation 26 May 2009

Balance B/Fwd	7446.96
Plus Receipts	3392.44
sub total	10839.4
Less payments	370.85
	£10,468.55

Current Account Statement 27 Apr 2009	£3,706.84
Reserve Account statement 27 Mar 2009	£6,761.71
	£10,468.55

Current Account Balance after deduction of payments to be made

Current a/c Balance	3706.84
less payments	660.31
	£3,046.53

17. Other Business - none

18. Remaining Dates of Meetings scheduled for 2009

Monday 27 July
Monday 28 September
Monday 30 November

With reference to the meeting on the 28 September 2009, it was agreed that this meeting will be brought forward to Monday 21st September to allow the Chair and Parish Clerk to participate in their daughter's wedding.