

# MARTIN AND MARTIN DALES PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARTIN AND MARTIN DALES PARISH COUNCIL

**Date and Time: Tuesday 6th January 2026 7.30pm**

**Location: Martin Dales Old Village Hall**

Cllrs Present
Will Jenkins (WJ) (Chair)
Will Stephens (WS)
Stuart Quinn (SQ)
Bobby Neaum (BN)
Clare Cowen (CC)

Cllrs Not Present
David Busby (DB)

In Attendance
Rob Kendrick (RK)
Liz Jenkins

Minute Ref	Actions from This Meeting	Action By	Completed
4.2	WJ to contact Monitoring Officer.	WJ	
8.4.1	WJ to contact NKDC about moles and rabbits	WJ	
8.4.2	CC to contact parishioners about unsafe monuments	CC	
8.5	WJ to inform David Holvey he has 2 year grounds maintenance contract.	WJ	
8.7	WJ to contact Highway.	WJ	
8.8	WJ to contact Highway.	WJ	
8.10	Precept form to be sent to NKDC.	CC	
8.11	WJ to contact Highways.	WJ	
9.2	WJ to contact Webmaster	WJ	

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1	<b><u>Welcome and Public Session</u></b> No items raised by Parishioners.	
2	<b><u>Co-option</u></b>  <b><u>None</u></b>	
3	<b><u>Apologies</u></b>  Clerk.	

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4 4.1 4.2	<p><b><u>Declaration of Interest</u></b></p> <p>WJ declared that wife is on the Church Committee.</p> <p>CC raised a point of declaration that WJ uses David Holvey for work outside the Council and as such should have declared an interest. CC pointed out that WJ could favour the bid by David Holvey therefore not being impartial.</p> <p>The council was not sure and WJ to contact Monitoring Officer for clarification.</p> <p>Action WJ to contact monitoring Officer. on non pecuniary interest.</p>	WJ
5 5.1 5.2	<p><b><u>Previous Minutes 4th November 2025</u></b></p> <p>Previous minutes were considered accurate.</p> <p>All Agreed.</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were signed and approved by the Chairman.</p>	
6	<p><b><u>County Councillors and District Councillor remarks</u></b></p> <p>RK General statements about road repairs.</p>	
7 7.1	<p><b><u>Planning</u></b></p> <p>88 High Street Martin, village shop. No objections.</p>	
8.1	<p><b><u>Outstanding actions from Previous minutes</u></b></p> <p>Website update.</p>	
8.2	<p><b><u>Highways</u></b></p> <p>Dog Poo signs handed out for fixing on bins and poles.</p>	
8.3 8.3.1 8.3.2	<p><b><u>Play Park</u></b></p> <p>Inspections: Ongoing. Climbing frame repaired.</p> <p>Further quotes for equipment and need to see what parishioners actually want.</p>	

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8.4	<p><b><u>Cemetery</u></b></p> <p>8.4.1 Cemeteries now open. Problem with rabbits and moles. WJ to see if council will help with cost. LJ stated church happy to pay 50% of costs.</p> <p><b>Action</b> WJ to ask NKDC for contribution.</p> <p>8.4.2 5 Monuments affected and laid down in accordance with report</p> <p><b>Action</b> CC to contact owners to see about getting monuments re erected at Parishioners cost.</p>	WJ  CC
8.5	<p><b><u>Ground Maintenance</u></b></p> <p>2 quotes were considered for the season 2026 and 2027. One from David Holvey, the second from Glendales.</p> <p>David Holvey was considered to be the preferred supplier.</p> <p>Proposed BN, Seconded SQ</p> <p>Vote For WS, BN and SQ, abstained WJ (as potential Conflict), CC</p> <p><b>Action</b> WJ inform David Holvey has a 2 year contract.</p>	WJ
8.6	<p><b><u>Woodland</u></b></p> <p>Woodland additional grant applied for dry summer 2025.</p>	
8.7	<p><b><u>Kirkstead Bridge Trees</u></b></p> <p>SQ raised the point about the trees at Kirstead bridge and asked if the residents could receive help with cost.</p> <p><b>Action</b> WJ to contact Highways.</p>	WJ
8.8	<p><b><u>Martin Dales Benches</u></b></p> <p>SQ raised the point about benches and asked if they could be situated opposite the road from the Kings Arms on the verge.</p> <p><b>Action</b> WJ to contact Highways.</p>	WJ

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8.9	<p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b></p> <p>Terence requested to metal detect on woodland. No objection as long as paths not disturbed.</p> <p>A number of thank you messages from the Parishioners concerning the re opening of the Cemetery.</p>	
8.10	<p><b><u>Precept Request</u></b></p> <p>Recommended by finance committee to raise precept by 2%.</p> <p>Proposed WS, Seconded BN</p> <p>All Agreed</p> <p><b>Action</b> CC to send completed form to NKDC.</p>	CC
8.11	<p><b><u>Village Gates</u></b></p> <p>Costs seemed high and Highways need to be contacted for position. To be discussed at next meeting.</p> <p><b>Action</b> WJ to contact highways.</p>	WJ
9	<p><b><u>Clerks Update</u></b></p> <p>9.1 Woodland £30,461 Current 8,227 Reserve £10,024</p> <p>9.2 New telephone number needs updating on website.</p> <p>9.3 Admin arrangements all have access to email admin and WJ has the phone.</p>	WJ
10	<p><b><u>Agenda items next meeting</u></b></p> <p>10.1 Litter picking contract.</p> <p>10.2 Charity donations 2026.</p> <p>10.3 Grit Box Martin Dales</p> <p><b><u>Meeting Finished 9.05 PM</u></b></p>	