



**Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Monday 2nd November 2020 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT: Councillors M. Nott (Chairman), S. Cumella (Vice Chairman), P. Weddell-Hall, M. Rushgrove, M. Gardner, S. Watt, R. Bray and G. Wroe.

Also present: District Cllr B. Jones-Williams. One member of the public was present.

89.20 Apologies: Councillor J. Dale and County Councillor P. Grove.

90.20 Declarations of Interests: Cllr M. Rushgrove regarding pathway surfacing concerns in Hollins Lane.

Democratic Period/Public Time: A member of the public raised concern regarding recent footballer parking on the junction of Hopyard / Ryecroft Way which was considered dangerous by residents. Further to discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should contact G. Griffiths and ask that cars be parked on the overflow car park for the village hall and/or the area through the top gate of the recreation field in order to resolve matters.

It was also noted that Highways Transport Management Team will be considering the PC request for double yellow lines outside the village hall and the entrance to the skate park at their next meeting, which the PC had raised in response to recent concerns raised.

91.20 Minutes of a virtual meeting held 5th October 2020: The minutes were agreed as a true record. Proposed Cllr Weddell-Hall, seconded Cllr Cumella. All agreed.

92.20 County & District Councillor Reports: Reports will be uploaded to the website. District Cllr Jones-Williams gave an update on Covid-19 in the district area. There is currently a Boundaries Commission review for district wards – a Parish Council consultation is expected to be received in due course. Cllr Rushgrove met with DCllr Jones-Williams recently to assess vehicle parking outside the schools. Some information has been passed to the Police, MHDC and Highways and responses are awaited.

93.20 Updates:

93.20.01 Parish Website – the Clerk gave an update about the website and new Councillor emails. The website is now live and Councillor emails are being accessed. There is still some work to do in calendar and weblinks (planning) but it is progressing well.

93.20.02 Recreation Field – Councillor Wroe and the Clerk confirmed that there have been no further communications from the Football Chairman J. Grange since the Working Group meeting on 6th October about the proposed user agreement. It is understood that J. Grange was to attend this Council meeting, but he has not joined. Emails had been received from G. Griffiths, but the PC is disappointed that there has been no other correspondence received. It is noted that lockdown means that there will be no football played until 2nd December, and reluctantly, the Council agreed that a deadline of 1st December will be implemented for a response from J. Grange to be made. It is understood that there are significant concerns

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about the increase in hire fees, but the Council believes that they are lower than comparable rates across the county. The Parish Council is also very keen to retain sports in Martley, but there is a need to cover operating costs fairly. The Clerk was asked to write to J. Grange expressing concern and disappointment that no further correspondence has been received and setting a deadline of 1st December for a response to be made to the proposed user agreement.

Councillor Gardner also confirmed that the field will now be monitored to see who is using it from now on. Councillors Watt & Wroe also to assist.

94.20.03 Burial Ground – the Clerk confirmed that there have been x5 memorial trees ordered recently, which will be planted in the next few weeks.

94.20.04 Smart Water Signage – it was agreed that the Clerk should order x10 A3 Martley PC personalised signs at a cost of approx. £10.00 each. Clerk to liaise with Councillors re locations.

95.20 Strategic Planning Matters: Cllr Cumella confirmed the revised timetable for the SWDP review. It is now 2021 – 2023 and more consultations will follow. The new Planning White Paper has been considered by the three Districts of South Worcs and comments have been circulated. The Rural Lettings Policy proposals have been circulated and there is no need for comment currently.

96.20 Planning Matters:

96.20.01 Applications to be considered:

20/01535/HP – Foechan, Hillside, Martley WR6 6QN – detached double garage and new vehicular entrance and gates. Comment: The current entrance is considered dangerous so the new entrance will be safer, but the old one should be blocked off. The visibility splay also needs to be increased. No objection to the proposed garage.

20/01617/LB – Pudford Farm, Pudford Lane, Martley WR6 6QL – glazing to roof of outbuilding, replacement door to first floor plus internal alterations. No objection.

20/01637/LB – Lower Bank Cottage, Martley WR6 6PA – replacement of all existing rafters in the existing detached garage building. No objection.

96.20.02 Notifications received –

20/01326/HP – approval for glazed rear extension to form orangery to dwelling at The Barn Prickley Green, Martley WR6 6QQ

19/00963/HP – application withdrawn for proposed two storey extension and remodelling of existing cottage at Gurnox Cottage, Berrow Green, Martley WR6 6PL.

97.20 Capital Projects: Cllr Watt gave an update. At the meeting held in July it was agreed that there should be a two phased approach, with phase one including pavilion improvements, and shed / container options to be explored. Possibly a single storey extension to come across the shed / container area. Pre-application planning advice should be sought from MHDC with public consultation to follow. A quote for initial drawings is £300.00 which will be repaid to a local charity. There will also be a pre-appln fee for MHDC of £133.00 + vat. Pre-appln planning advice is confidential but will enable the Council to move forward with consultation. Further to discussion, it was agreed that both sets of fees should be paid by the Parish Council but that the Cricket Club will reimburse these fees

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when grant funding is secured. It was noted that lockdown may now delay further progress for a while.

98.20 Financial & Governance Matters:

98.20.01 Payments were approved as per the schedule circulated by the Clerk together with an additional £100.00 donation to the Royal British Legion. Proposed Cllr Dale (via email), seconded Cllr Gardner. All agreed.

It was noted that Remembrance wreaths should be laid prior to Sunday 8th or on 11th, to avoid gatherings of people. Cllr Bray will lay the wreath and will liaise with Rev. Sherwin.

99.20 Highways Matters:

99.20.01 Lengthsman tasks requested – the Martley sign on the way from Berrow Green needs greenery cutting back from it. The drain opposite The Crown may need to be cleared by Highways. The Lengthsman scheme is to continue throughout lockdown subject to the same risk assessment as the previous lockdown.

99.20.02 Surface repairs have been requested for the footway outside 10-12 Hollins Lane but Highways say there are no safety concerns. Residents have been advised to submit reports on the WCC website as more complaints about the matter are needed.

99.20.03 Road closures as circulated. The top of Ankerdine Hill is also to be closed on 16th Nov for 5 days.

100.20 Parish Matters:

100.20.01 Parking at Ryecroft – see matters raised in public session.

100.20.02 Village Hall car park – further to correspondence from the Committee, the Clerk was asked to look into white lining options and costs. Concerns about recent car parking problems were also noted.

100.20.03 School Crossing Escort – Cllr Nott may have someone interested and will follow this up with Cllrs Rushgrove and Watt.

100.20.04 Skate Park – the Council is waiting for Highways Traffic Management Team response about yellow lines.

100.20.05 Weighbridge noticeboard – Cllr Gardner met with A. Hinton and a quote is awaited.

101.20 Correspondence Received: An email had been received by the Clerk re Witley Rd development concerns. The matter is with MHDC Planning Enforcement.

102.20 Councillor Reports & Items for Future Agendas: Cllr Nott raised concern about ivy growing on the wall opposite the Garage which is obstructing driver's views. Cllr Nott also raised concerns from residents about the large fir tree outside the local Surgery, which is getting very large – the Clerk was asked to contact Gt Witley Surgery to see what can be done. Cllr Nott also offered to help with hedge cutting locally free of charge if people needed any work done.

103.20 Date of next meeting: a virtual meeting will be held on Mon 7th December 2020 at 19:30

Meeting closed at 20.55

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Michelle Alexander
Clerk

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