

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the Parish Council

held on Monday 4th January 2021 at 7.30pm

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

Also present: District Cllr B. Jones-Williams and 1 member of the public.

120.21 Apologies: County Councillor P. Grove, Cllr J. Dale, Cllr R. Bray.

121.21 Declarations of Interests: None.

Democratic Period/Public Time: No comments made.

122.21 Minutes of a virtual meeting held 7th December 2020: The minutes were agreed as a true record. Proposed Cllr Cumella, seconded Cllr Weddell-Hall. All agreed.

123.21 County & District Councillor Reports: Reports were circulated and will be uploaded to the website.

124.21 Updates:

124.21.01 Recreation Field – Councillor Wroe and the Clerk explained the current situation regarding the proposed Football usage agreement, the FA season and matters regarding the cross over period with the cricket team. Comments received from Joe Grange & Joe Gaffey regarding the FA season were noted and it was agreed that the Clerk re-draft the proposed agreement to account for those dates and speak to all parties concerned about getting the final draft of the agreement signed asap. It was further agreed not to change the amount charged for the year, but to retain the amount of £1025.00 p.a. as per the draft. The Council noted the need for sensitivity as the recreation field belongs to the parish residents. Some discussion also took place regarding field design / layout and options for future available space, but it was agreed that this should be deferred to a later date.

124.21.02 Burial Ground – The Clerk has received a letter of concern regarding recent grave digging work undertaken and has contacted the parties concerned. It was noted that there is currently a large amount of hanging water on the site, but this is not in the burials area.

124.21.03 New Signage – new signage for Smart Water and for overflow parking on the burial ground has been made and is ready for collection. Cllrs Weddell-Hall and Cumella offered to assist R. Wilks to erect the signs in due course. Clerk to arrange.

124.21.04 Website Photographic Competition: A large number of images have been received this month and it was agreed that Councillors email the Clerk with their preferences asap.

125.21 Strategic Planning Matters: Cllr Cumella updated the meeting regarding updates to the Government policy and housing needs. It was noted that SWDP figs are included. The Clerk had circulated an email regarding an sustainability appraisal, which will be followed by a consultation and a virtual briefing on 1st March (Cllr Cumella to attend). MHDC is offering a housing needs survey for parishes, but it was noted that Martley does not need this currently.

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126.21 Planning Matters:

126.21.01 Applications received / considered –

- 20/01937/HP – Kinloss House, Laugherne Park, Martley WR6 6RQ – proposed oak frame carport and single storey side extension. NO OBJECTION submitted.

126.21.02 Notifications received –

- 20/01535/HP – Foechan, Hillside, Martley WR6 6QN – application withdrawn for detached double garage and new vehicular entrance and gates.
- 20/01617/LB – Pudford Farm, Pudford Lane, Martley WR6 6QL – listed building consent for glazing to roof of outbuilding, replacement door to first floor plus internal alterations.
- 20/01637/LB – Lower Bank Cottage, Martley WR6 6PA – listed building consent for replacement of all rafters in the existing detached garage building.
- 20/01697/HP - 14 Hollins Lane, Martley, WR6 6PH – approval for Kitchen and Bedroom rear extension.

127.21 Capital Projects: Cllr Watt reported that regarding the remodelling of the pavilion, the outline drawings still need to be completed and that pre-planning application advice will then be required from MHDC. A public consultation will then follow. Covid has delayed the process unfortunately.

128.21 Financial & Governance Matters:

128.21.01 Payments were agreed as per the schedule circulated by the Clerk, with late additions also agreed of Kingsley Media £80.00 for drone images, R. Wilks £244.80 Lengthsman, M. Alexander £60.00 home/office fee + £65.04 BT & mileage.

128.21.02 Budget & precept 2021-22 – the draft budget and proposed precept were as circulated to the previous meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Weddell-Hall, seconded Cllr Wroe to approve the draft budget and set the precept as £35k for the next financial year, with a zero percent increase. All agreed. Clerk to notify MHDC re the precept.

128.21.03 Worcs County Councillor Divisional Fund - the meeting noted that the Clerk is to submit an application for £700 to this fund to be allocated towards white lines on the car park at the village hall.

129.21 Highways Matters: The Council agreed for the Lengthsman to continue with general parish maintenance throughout the winter. The Lengthsman was asked to scrape off the grass on the pavement in front of Charcam Gables / Old Police House in order to widen the pavement.

130.21 Parish Matters:

130.21.01 Community Speed Watch – the Clerk is contacting the Scheme Co-ordinator for further information about current criteria.

130.21.02 Village Hall White Lines – see minute 128.21.03.

130.21.03 School Crossing Escort – no further update.

130.21.04 Skate Park – no further update.

131.21 Correspondence Received: None.

132.21 Councillor Reports & Items for Future Agendas:

132.21.01 Cllr Watt and Cllr Rushgrove raised continuing concern regarding on road parking, which remains an issue for the village during busy periods of use on the recreation field. The Clerk was asked to remind user groups to use on field and burial ground overflow car parking, and it was noted that there was

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also a clause within the proposed Football Agreement to address this matter. It is hoped that new signage will also assist this.

132.21.02 The Clerk was asked to report a blocked drain to Highways, located above the bus stop at 'three ways' which is overflowing and causing sheet ice during freezing weather.

132.21.03 The Clerk was asked to notify MHDC Planning of concerns regarding occupation of the Old Chapel at Fair View in Willow Road, which Council believes should have been demolished as part of planning conditions.

133.21 Date of next meeting: a virtual meeting will be held on Mon 1st February at 19:30

Meeting closed 20:15

M. Alexander
Clerk

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