



Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held on Monday 7th June 2021 at 7.30pm

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

Also present: County Councillor S. Richardson-Brown, District Councillor B. Jones-Williams and x10 members of the public.

196.21 Apologies: Councillor R. Bray

Democratic Period/Public Time: Matters raised were –

- Current situation regarding the planning application at Sandyfields and whether a public meeting would be held. The Chairman explained the response which had been submitted.
- Pavilion extension working party – Footballers wish to be represented. Cllr Watt confirmed that a working party would be formed and that the Footballers would be invited to join.
- Footballers asked about pitch usage during August for friendly matches and were advised to email the Clerk. A request was made for cricket dates at end Sept and a copy of the cricket agreement, which was passed to the Clerk.
- The Crown development – a discussion took place regarding numbers of housing, carparking provision, car park location, redesign options for the recreation space, car park usage by villagers during the day (planning condition requested). Concerns re housing access and the impact on the highway sight line. A positive comment was made regarding the suggested retail development and it was hoped that it would work in tandem with the existing shop, creating a good offer for the village.
- R. Conway responded to comments made about The Crown development and explained that comments had been noted from previous public meetings and planning advice received. A mix of housing has been included to include appropriate parking provision and a service charge will be in place for maintenance. The green space fronting the road is designed to provide a buffer zone and an attractive space. Access and egress are appropriate for the site design. Comments have been noted from 'Friends of the Crown' and the aim is to get the pub re-opened again. Business viability concerns have been addressed.
- The Council was asked to consider ways to improve the overall appearance of the village. The work currently ongoing re the Village Maintenance Plan was noted.

197.21 Declarations of Interests: None.

198.21 Minutes of the Annual Meeting held 3rd May 2021: The minutes were proposed by Cllr Rushgrove as a true record, seconded Cllr Wroe. All agreed.

199.21 County & District Councillor Reports: Reports were circulated and will be uploaded to the website. District Cllr B. Jones-Williams informed the meeting about the 'Good Neighbourhood Network' which is hoped will strengthen existing parish networks or organisations. A Zoom meeting for those interested will be held on 1st July. County Cllr S. Richardson-Brown reported on the restructure of the County Council. Speeding remains an ongoing concern and will remain a priority issue although further understanding of specific local issues is needed. It was noted that the PC has already met with Highways

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and an action plan is awaited with agreed proposals. It was also noted that Community Speed Watch is being resumed within the parish.

200.21 Updates:

200.21.01 Recreation Field – Cllr Wroe reported on recent matters including concern raised about the stability of the cricket screens. The meeting noted that these have now been safely secured by the Cricket Club and insurance updated. Line marking of the senior football pitch remains a concern. The paint is now known, and the supplier has been contacted to find out what it contains. There may be an option to turn the pitch around so there is no cross over with the cricket area, but some mostly unused play equipment may need to be removed – site to be measured and costs explored. It was noted that FA regulations would need to be complied with in terms of pitch size.

200.21.02 Burial Ground – picket style fencing options were discussed for the consecrated ground area and the Clerk was asked to explore costs to fence along the path line. Access for mowing would be maintained and it would help to deter dogs running loose on the area.

201.21 Strategic Planning Matters: The Chairman reported on the SWDPR Traveller and Travelling Show People sites preferred options document. There are no sites within the parish.

202.21 Planning Matters:

202.21.01 Applications received / considered –

21/00102/FUL – The Crown, Martley WR6 6PA - Mixed development comprising, 5 dwelling houses and 2 affordable homes, cafe, commercial unit and associated parking and garages. The Council recommended that the application be refused because of problems with the following areas:

- Lack of information about conformity with the SWDP and the Neighbourhood Plan, while the proposal to develop half of the Crown Orchard (a designated green space) conflicts with the Neighbourhood Plan.
- The proposals for the Crown do not include outside space and have insufficient parking to make the public house a viable commercial proposition.
- Clarification is needed about whether the access to the upstairs flat meets building regulations.
- The proposed two 'apartments' at the rear of the Crown should be accessed from the South and not the path between the Crown and the garage.
- There is no access to toilets for the two proposed commercial units in the Crown building out of Crown opening hours, and no provision for kitchen or washing facilities in the units.
- The garages in four of the five proposed new houses include dormer rooms with toilets, suggesting they could subsequently be developed as holiday lets or new dwellings.
- The Drainage Report proposes raising the land at the South end of the site by one metre and constructing a large SuDS pool. This conflicts with the proposed green space in the Masterplan. This is opposed by the Drainage Partnership, which notes that it would displace floodwater elsewhere, and that SuDS pools should not be close to public roads.

A copy of the response will also be uploaded to the PC website.

20/01963/OUT – Land at Os 7499 5981, Berrow Green Rd, Martley – Outline application received with all matters reserved for the erection of up to 60 dwellings including 50% affordable homes, up to 10 no. self-build plots and a public car park together with ancillary works. **(Additional info/ amendments received)** No further comments to be submitted.

21/00891/LB - Pudford Farm Pudford Lane, Martley - Provision of new metal gate and side gate and natural stone supports to include post box. Agreed 'no comment'.

21/00914/HP - The Coach House Martley - Proposed Side Extension. Response to be agreed via email to the Clerk and noted at the next meeting.

202.21.02 Notifications received –

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21/00304/HP - Foechan, Hillside, Martley, WR6 6QN – approval of erection of detached garage and creation of new driveway noted.

203.21 Capital Projects: Cllr Watt will progress forming the new working group.

204.21 Financial & Governance Matters:

204.21.01 Payments were agreed as per the schedule circulated by the Clerk. Proposed Cllr Wroe, seconded Cllr Gardner. All agreed.

204.21.02 Councillor recruitment / resignations: The Clerk has now received MHDC permission to co-opt x2 Parish Councillors and will prepare public notices etc.

204.21.03 Bus shelter repairs – the quote received by R. Wilks was agreed and Cllrs Weddell-Hall and Gardner will meet RW on site to progress works. Date to be arranged asap.

205.21 Highways Matters:

205.21.01 Village Maintenance Plan – matters are being progressed and Highways matters have been logged. Local comments and recent walkabout actions have been noted. The Clerk will circulate an updated version of the plan and will send separate Lengthsman actions to R. Wilks. A site meeting to be arranged with R. Wilks to include the bus shelter repairs.

205.21.02 Road closure notices noted as circulated.

206.21 Parish Matters:

206.21.01 Maintenance of village planters – local volunteers have been contacted by Cllr Rushgrove and the village maintenance plan needs to be amended to reflect this – Clerk to action.

206.21.02 Website photographic competition – no images received.

206.21.03 Community Speed Watch – volunteers are being contacted by Cllrs gardner and Rushgrove and details will be passed to the Clerk. Scheme to be readvertised locally via social media, website and notice board.

207.21 Correspondence Received: The matter regarding Platform Housing has been resolved.

208.21 Councillor Reports & Items for Future Agendas:

208.21.01 Cllr Watt reported a planning enforcement issue at the Rogers Coaches depot where an old shed remains which should have been removed under planning conditions. Clerk to report.

208.21.02 Cllr Gardner raised concern about parking issues at The Hopyards. Could a new sign be erected? It was noted that the Residents Assoc is already arranging new signage and it was also noted that the overflow parking for the village hall was a condition of the original planning permission and that this could therefore be enforced.

209.21 Date of next meeting: Monday 5th July 2021 at Martley Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm.

Meeting closed 20:50

M. Alexander
Clerk

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