

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7.30pm**

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

Also present: County Councillor S. Richardson-Brown, District Councillor B. Jones-Williams, C. Lewis (prospective Parish Councillor) and x4 members of the public.

**228.21 Apologies:** Cllrs A. Gardner, M. Hardwell, R. Bray.

**Democratic Period/Public Time:** Matters raised were –

- Concerns raised regarding road closures and the impact on local residents. County Cllr agreed to find out legal requirements re signage.
- Concerns raised regarding the proposed developments locally, as developer letters regarding a virtual consultation have been received by residents regarding Hill Meadow. Is this just a ‘tick box’ exercise by the developers?
- Football goals have been dismantled but cctv doesn’t show how this happened as Cllr Watt has already checked it.
- There is uncertainty as to whether the football team/s will be using the recreation field this season or whether they have opted to play somewhere else. The Clerk has already asked for their confirmation, but no response has been received to confirm things yet. The footballers have raised concern about the charges made to them against those made to cricketers, but the calculations have already been explained.
- The cable bar has been damaged to the rear of the sports pavilion and requires repair asap.

**229.21 Councillor Co-option:** The Clerk had received an application for co-option by Charlotte Lewis who also attended the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Cumella, seconded by Cllr Weddell-Hall that she be co-opted with immediate effect. All agreed. Councillor Lewis signed her declaration of office and joined the meeting.

**230.21 Declarations of Interests:** None.

**231.21 Minutes of the meetings held 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021:** The 5<sup>th</sup> July minutes were proposed by Cllr Rushgrove as a true record, seconded Cllr Weddell-Hall. All agreed.

**232.21 County & District Councillor Reports:** Reports to be uploaded to the website.

232.21.01 Cllr Richardson Brown explained the statutory requirements regarding road closures. August has been a quiet month at WCC. The Clerk is to confirm the speed enforcement meeting date asap.

232.21.02 Cllr Jones-Williams highlighted the need to form a working group to look at road safety matters within the parish and liaise directly with external organisations and the PC. The Boundaries Commission proposed changes to parish boundaries was also discussed and this is currently being appraised by MHDC. Martley may be affected by the changes and the PC is encouraged to respond to the process. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Jones-Williams re consultation dates.

**233.21 Financial & Governance Matters:**

233.21.01 Payments were approved as per the schedule.

233.21.02 CALC Reps were agreed as Cllrs Weddell-Hall and Cumella.

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233.21.03 Parish bins – it was agreed that the Clerk should arrange for the recreation field bins to be increased in size via MHDC at an additional cost per quarter of £59.00. Next agenda item – ‘red’ dog bins.  
233.21.04 Signage at The Hopyard – the overspill car park is being used inconsiderately and it was agreed to look at additional signage – next agenda item.

**234.21 Recreation Field:**

234.21.01 Footballers contract – the Clerk is to send out the draft contracts to the senior and junior teams separately as agreed and no play is to take place until these are signed by J. Grange or J. Gaffey plus G. Griffiths (on both contracts).

234.21.02 Capital Projects Working Group – there is a meeting planned for mid-October and the Clerk has sent invitations.

234.21.03 Parish defibrillator – the Cricketers and Village Hall Committee have agreed to contribute £300 each towards a defib on the village hall. The PC will also fund £300 and County Cllr Richardson brown agreed to fund the balance. Clerk to arrange.

234.21.04 Recreation field hedge – Clerk to ask M. Nott if he is able to cut it this year.

**235.21 Burial Ground:** Quotes for new fencing around the consecrated ground are awaited from R. Cole. Cllr Bray is to cut the wildflower meadow in due course.

**236.21 Village Maintenance Plan:** Cllr Cumella updated the meeting as to tasks undertaken to date.

236.21.01 There is a suggestion that a voluntary group assist with local tasks i.e., play area, litter picking, planters etc – name to be Martley Task Force. We need to clarify how the group will operate and liaise with the PC, but they would be an independent group in their own right. Publicity will be needed, and Cllr Watt will look at best ways to do this. The email from C. Marks was noted by the group.

236.21.02 A community litter pick is to be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October and Cllr Gardner is to arrange this.

236.21.03 Village planter maintenance – R. Wilks is to be asked to quote for the work (not to include the one on front of Heaton House). Clerk to arrange.

236.21.04 School signage (flashing) is obscured by vegetation – to be reported to Highways. Could overhanging vegetation by the school become a job for the Martley Task Force?

**237.21 Strategic Planning Matters:** SWDPR has been delayed – new dates to follow. Cllr Cumella to monitor.

**238.21 Planning Matters:**

238.21.01 Applications received / considered –

- 21/01386/LB - The Smithy, Martley WR6 6QA – repairs to timber frame at rear of property and replacement of brick infill panels with lime rendered lightweight panels. No comment – all agreed.
- 21/01420/LB Associated Ref:21/01419/HP - 2 Old School Houses, Martley, Worcester, WR6 6QA - 1. Repair/replacement of specified stonework to the south (rear) and east elevations (see 'Reference Sheet No 1') 2. Repair/replacement of specified stonework on east elevation: School Room Window, Front Door (shoulders) and bedroom window (see 'Reference Sheet 2') 3. Wholesale repointing of properties stone walls on south (rear) and east elevations (see 'Reference Sheet No 3') 4. Repair and rebuild (where necessary) the stone boundary walls (see 'Reference Sheet No 4') 5. Installation of anti-bird/rain cowls to the chimneys (see 'Reference Sheet No 5') 6. Installation of a weaved willow fence topper/extension to the rear garden boundary wall - increasing the height to 6ft 6in. *No objection submitted.*
- 21/01419/HP Associated Ref:21/01420/LB - 2 Old School Houses, Martley, Worcester, WR6 6QA - Repair and rebuild (where necessary) the stone boundary walls (see 'Reference Sheet No 4'). Installation of a weaved willow fence topper to the rear garden boundary wall - increasing the height to 6ft 6in (see 'Reference Sheet No 6') and installation of anti-bird/rain cowls to the chimneys (see 'Reference Sheet No 5'). *No objection submitted.*

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- 21/01154/HP - 2 Highfields Cottage, Kings Green, Wichenford, Worcester, WR6 6YG - Proposed Erection of a Single-Storey Orangery Following Demolition of Existing Porch and Bay Window. *No objection submitted.*
- 21/00995/HP – proposal for 4 bay garaging and car port at Hillend Cottage, Pudford Lane, Martley, Worcester, WR6 6QL. *No objection submitted.*

238.21.02 Notifications received –

- 21/00995/HP – planning approval for 4 bay garaging and car port at Hillend Cottage, Pudford Lane, Martley, Worcester, WR6 6QL
- 21/00918/FUL – planning approval for installation of a 60m x 20m outdoor manege (for private use) at Tabwell Cottage, Berrow Green Road, Martley, Worcester, WR6 6PQ
- 21/00102/FUL – planning refusal for mixed development comprising, 5 dwelling houses and 2 affordable homes, cafe, commercial unit and associated parking and garages at The Crown, Martley, Worcester, WR6 6PA. The Clerk was asked to check with MHDC Planning Enforcement whether the green spaces could be kept tidy.
- 20/01963/OUT – planning refusal for outline application with all matters reserved (except for access) for the erection of up to 60 dwellings, including 50% affordable homes, up to 10no. self-build plots and a public car park together with ancillary works on land at (OS 7499 5981), Berrow Green Road, Martley.
- 21/00891/LB – planning approval for provision of new metal gate and side gate and natural stone supports to include postbox at Pudford Farm, Pudford Lane, Martley, Worcester, WR6 6QL.
- 21/00914/HP – planning approval for a side extension at The Coach House, Martley, Worcester, WR6 6QB.
- 21/01112/HP – planning approval for new dormer at the rear and new gable end to the house to replace the existing south elevation, including changes to fenestration at Yew Tree House, Hillside, Martley, Worcester, WR6 6QN

**239.21 Highways Matters:**

239.21.01 Lengthsman – Clerk to ask to tidy signage around the schools as currently overgrown.

239.21.02 Multi agency meeting re speed enforcement – Clerk is arranging asap. Cllr Cumella to report to the PC on Leigh Sinton evidence collated as an example of how it has been done.

239.21.03 VAS – Clerk to speak with R. Wilks to see if this can be reinstated asap.

239.21.04 Community Speed Watch – ongoing. A new CSW Officer has recently been recruited so it is hoped the scheme can now be progressed.

239.21.05 Church Lane – WCC have replied that a new footway cannot be created as there is currently no land to site it on. DCllr Jones-Williams to look into land ownership in Church Lane.

239.21.06 Residents petition – the petition regarding road safety / speeding concerns was handed to the Clerk by Cllr Lewis and will be retained for future use, following forthcoming meetings.

**240.21 Correspondence Received:**

240.21.01 Safer Neighbourhood Team newsletter has been received by Cllr Cumella. The Clerk was asked find out if this could be sent to the generic email in future for circulation.

240.21.02 Flooding issues – an email has been received by Cllr Cumella concerning local development and the potential resulting impact on flooding. Cllr Cumella to check with CALC re land owner responsibilities re flooding impact.

**241.21 Councillor Reports & Items for Future Agendas:** None.

**242.21 Date of next meeting:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at Martley Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm.

Meeting closed 20:45

M. Alexander

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