

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 1st November 2021 at 7.30pm

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

Also present: County Councillor S. Richardson-Brown, District Councillor B. Jones-Williams and x5 members of the public.

257.21 Apologies: Cllr C. Lewis

Democratic Period/Public Time: Matters raised were –

- Flooding in Nash Close. It was agreed that District Cllr B. Jones-Williams and the Clerk should look into a collapsed drain in a Housing Assoc garden and ascertain whose responsibility it is to resolve the matter.

258.21 Declarations of Interests: None.

259.21 Minutes of the meetings held 4th October 2021: It was agreed that the entry in democratic public time should read Mortlake Drive, not Avenue. It was further agreed that the minutes should state that Cllr P. Weddell-Hall chaired the meeting in Cllr Cumella's absence – proposed Cllr Watt, seconded Cllr Gardner at the October meeting. The minutes were then proposed by Cllr Watt as a true record, seconded Cllr Hardwell. All agreed. No further matters arising.

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

260.21.01 County Cllr Scott Richardson Brown reported on a site meeting held with WCC Highways in Martley. The issue regarding a school crossing was discussed and is being looked at currently. The request for a dropped kerb in Vernon Close has been logged. Jury Lane road surface was assessed but is not considered bad enough for repair currently, although residents remain concerned. The pavement to Mortlake Drive from the village hall has also been assessed for repair. Recent road closures have caused concern amongst residents, including the period of notice given, signage and diversion routes – all these issues will be investigated.

260.21.02 District Cllr Jones-Williams reported on MHDC issues including £250k allocated to the Destination Zero Fund. The meeting also noted that the Clerk has now received a copy of the Title Deeds for the church carpark, which is owned by the Millennium Green Trust.

261.21 Financial & Governance Matters:

261.21.01 Payments were approved as per the schedule. Proposed Cllr Wroe, seconded Cllr Weddell-Hall. All agreed.

261.21.02 VAS batteries – the Clerk is having difficulty obtaining these, but it was agreed that if suitable batteries are found then they can be purchased at a reasonable cost.

261.21.03 Hopyard signage – Cllr Watt had obtained a quote for new signage – x2 signs costing £106.00 each. Wording to be agreed between Cllrs Watt and Gardner before forwarding to the Clerk to place the order.

261.21.04 Coffee mornings – Cllr Gardner asked if the PC could fund a new coffee machine as the old one is no longer working properly. It was agreed that a new machine could be purchased via the Clerk at a cost of up to £300.00. Clerk and Cllr Gardner to liaise re the purchase.

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262.21 Recreation Field:

262.21.01 Working Group updates – the meeting has been rescheduled for 18th November.

262.21.02 Defibrillator – the Clerk is progressing the purchase. Thanks to Cllr Scott Richardson Brown for funding of £350.00 from the WCC Divisional Fund.

263.21 Burial Ground: Current concerns regarding littering and cars doing ‘donuts’ on the car park. The monolith stone has also been damaged – Clerk to check extent of damage and assess if repairs are needed. Cllr Watt also raised the possibility of a rewilding scheme, and it was agreed that a presentation be made to the next meeting in democratic public time.

264.21 Village Maintenance Plan:

264.21.01 Cllr Hardwell updated the meeting on the current action plan tasks.

The Clerk was asked to look into rural funding for play area schemes. PC funding has been allocated in the sum of £20k, which was rolled over from last year as no work was able to be carried out. The budget for 2022-23 is due to be set in Nov/Dec this year so this money will be reviewed again at that point. A quote for play area works has been received from R. Wilks.

264.21.02 Wildflower meadow planting – Cllr Watt has spoken to R. Wilks regarding wildflower planting schemes and costs involved. Possible locations have been identified and Cllr Watt was approved to apply for grant funding if there is any available. A formal quote from R. Wilks is now required and Cllr Watt will progress this.

264.21.03 Lengthsman work schedule – as circulated to Councillors.

264.21.04 Winter grit – the Clerk is to report x2 broken grit bins along Pudford Lane on the Martley/Shelsley boundary to WCC. It was noted that Cllr Bray and M. Nott still have supplies of grit for use by the Council – Clerk to notify R. Wilks.

264.21.05 Orders for planters and bus shelter repairs have been passed to R. Wilks as previously agreed.

264.21.06 Play area tidy up and grass cutting quotes by R. Wilks was approved – Clerk to place the orders.

265.21 Strategic Planning Matters: No further SWDP updates. MHDC Planning Peer Review was noted.

266.21 Planning Matters:

266.21.01 Applications received / considered –

- 21/01903/HP – Orchard View, B4197 Hillside, Martley WR6 6QN – proposed single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling. No objections raised.
- 21/01786/FUL – Birch Hill House, Kingswood, Martley WR6 6PG – change of use of land for siting two holiday chalets and associated parking/landscaping and access. Objection agreed re the site being on open countryside and not on or near an existing built on site. Kingswood Lane is also very narrow to an increased number of vehicle movements. MHDC should also note the neighbourhood Development Plan policy MKD6 which applies in this instance.
- 21/01783/HP - Foechan, Hillside, Martley, WR6 6QN - Erection of detached double garage. No objections raised.
- 21/01918/FUL – Land at Os 7520 5934, Hollins Lane, Martley – development of 85 new dwellings, new access, open space, sustainable drainage and associated infrastructure. It was agreed that the Clerk should request additional time to respond to this application so as a public meeting can be arranged. Matter to be placed on the next agenda. District Cllr Jones-Williams advised on current MHDC policy. It was agreed that Cllr Cumella should present to the public meeting, but that the PC will not pre-determine their response.

266.21.02 Notifications received –

- 21/01541/LB – Listed Building Consent granted for replacement timber windows to match existing at Flat 3, The Old Chantry, Martley WR6 6QA

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267.21 Highways Matters:

267.21.01 Lengthsman – issues discussed under Village Maintenance Plan.

267.21.02 Highways Working Group – Cllrs Cumella and Weddell-Hall to circulate a draft document for comment. District Cllr Jones-Williams also to be included.

267.21.03 Community Speed Watch – some public volunteers have applied to help but more are needed so it was agreed to readvertise in the Villager and on Facebook – Clerk to arrange.

267.21.04 Church Lane footway – Cllr Rushgrove reported that contact has been made with a landowner who may be willing to help. Cllrs Cumella and Bray to look at what is needed and then the Clerk to write formally. Grant funding also to be investigated.

267.21.05 Road closures as circulated.

268.21 Correspondence Received: None.

269.21 Councillor Reports & Items for Future Agendas: The Clerk is to arrange a poppy wreath for Remembrance Sunday – Cllr Cumella to attend for the PC.

270.21 Date of next meeting: Monday 6th December 2021 at Martley Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm.

Meeting closed 21.00

M. Alexander

Clerk

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Date