

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 6th December 2021 at 7.00pm

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

Also present: County Councillor S. Richardson Brown, District Councillor B. Jones-Williams and x 22 members of the public.

271.21 Apologies: Cllrs S. Watt and A. Gardner.

272.21 Presentation by RCA Regeneration - Lioncourt Homes Ltd re development MH 21/01918/FUL on land at Hollins Lane. (30 minutes) The meeting heard a presentation by representatives of RCA Regeneration in respect of a proposed development of x 85 dwellings on land at Hollins Lane, Martley (Os 7520 5934). A Q&A session followed. The presentation will be uploaded to the Parish Council website.

Democratic Period/Public Time: Matters raised were –

- Stable block application 21/01899/FUL – objection raised based on previous applications and decision for the same site.
- Pavilion – one electric shower fan isn't working – GG to ask an electrician to attend for the Council.

273.21 Declarations of Interests: None.

274.21 Minutes of the meetings held 1st November 2021: Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed Cllr Wroe, seconded Cllr Weddell-Hall. All agreed.

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

275.21.01 District Cllr Jones-Williams reminded everyone that the Tenbury Christmas market will be held this Thursday and that there is free parking on Saturdays until Christmas.

275.21.02 County Cllr Richardson Brown had attended recent traffic management meetings with the PC and has noted agreed actions. Lots of clear up from the recent storm damage with some more bad weather due. Gritting vehicles are on stand-by. There is a new WCC system for Officer queries but not working properly yet so some delays experienced.

276.21 Financial & Governance Matters:

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

276.21.02 Parish Council small grants scheme was discussed, and it was agreed to include a budget line next year in respect of the eco church project noting that funds cannot be granted for church land or property maintenance. Cllr Hardwell asked for it to be considered in the precept and will send the Clerk details of funds needed.

277.21 Recreation Field:

277.21.01 Working Group updates – Cllr Cumella updated regarding pavilion design options recently considered by the group. An option has been provisionally agreed to build a new building by the cricket score box and to refurbish the existing building. Next step is for the Architect to prepare detailed drawings for a pre-application advice application to MHDC. Public consultation will also follow.

277.21.02 The new defibrillator has been received but the outdoor safe box is still awaited – Clerk progressing.

278.21 Burial Ground: No further update.

279.21 Village Maintenance Plan: Cllr Hardwell had circulated the updated action plan prior to the meeting. A quote is awaited from R. Wilks for play area repairs and maintenance works in conjunction with the RoSPA report 2021. Dog waste bin signage is on order via the Clerk. Severn Trent Water treatment plant fencing is an ongoing matter, but progress is now being made. STW have also confirmed the church carpark ownership and a copy of the easement deeds will be requested. It was agreed that we need to take advice now on the responsibility of STW for their access route maintenance. Two other landowners are also involved, and it may involve major works. We may need to push STW and see where that leads us? A joint meeting may also be required. It was agreed that Cllr Hardwell should progress in conjunction with the Clerk. The viewpoint sign on Ankerdine Hill has been removed and Cllr Hardwell is trying to establish a quote for replacement.

280.21 Strategic Planning Matters: Cllr Cumella updated the meeting regarding the 5-year land supply plan required by MHDC for designated development land. Most development is within Wychavon due to the road network, but this is an issue for our area re sustainable development in the future.

281.21 Planning Matters:

281.21.01 Applications received / considered –

- 21/01918/FUL Land at Hollins Lane (Os 7520 5934) Martley - Development of 85 new dwellings, new access, open space, sustainable drainage and associated infrastructure. It was agreed to oppose this application and that Cllr Cumella should draft a response after the public meeting on 11th Dec and circulate to Cllrs for approval.
- 21/01899/FUL Land at Os 7646 5825 Willow Road, Martley – conversion of a disused stable block in to a one bedroom detached bungalow. Objection – development in open countryside which sets a precedent for future applications and conversions.
- 21/01944/HP Hockhams Farm, Hockhams Lane, Martley WR6 6QR – erection of new greenhouse between the existing house and an existing outbuilding. No objection.

281.21.02 Notifications received – 21/01903/HP permission for single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling at Orchard View, Martley. WR6 6QN.

282.21 Highways Matters:

282.21.01 Lengthsman matters now part of the overall Village Maintenance Plan.

282.21.02 Cllr Weddell-Hall reported on the Highways Working Group meeting held recently with external traffic management agencies and school representatives. Actions to be investigated now and quick fixes to be progressed asap. Parking remains a major issue locally and land ownership options are being explored. School buses options also being explored. Other village issues to be addressed including signage improvements. Strategy documents being drafted and will be circulated to Cllrs via the Clerk.

282.21.03 Community Speed Watch is progressing, and volunteer forms will be sent out shortly via the Clerk.

282.21.04 Church Lane footway is being progressed by Cllrs Bray and Cumella and a summary document is to be circulated. Road surface repairs are needed, and vegetation needs to be cleared from the railings towards Hope House – Clerk to ask R. Wilks. Land ownership options are being explored – draft plan circulated. H&S issues also to be checked including who would be responsible / liable for the footpath? Clerk asked to check with MHDC / WCC Legal. Funding options also to be explored.

282.21.05 Cllr Rushgrove asked for grit boxes to be refilled please along St Peter's Drive and corner of Nash Close.

282.21.06 Road closure notices as circulated. Recent issues re the closure of Horn Lane noted.

283.21 Worcestershire Queen's Green Canopy: Cllr Cumella had received an email from the Chairperson of Wichenford & Kenswick PC asking for support for the above scheme. It was agreed that the Clerk should respond to let them know that although Martley PC fully supports the scheme, the Council has planted approx. 800 trees as specimens and hedging on the new burial ground.

284.21 Correspondence Received: The meeting noted a complaint received by a resident which had been circulated by the Clerk. All asked to forward comments to the Clerk asap. MHDC Monitoring Officer has also been informed. Matter to be placed on the next agenda.

285.21 Councillor Reports & Items for Future Agendas: Cllr Wroe reported that beacons will be lit on 3rd June for the Queens Jubilee – PC beacon with Cllr Bray. Cllr Rushgrove asked the Clerk to continue to progress the new post box by Heaton House. Cllr Bray has salt for people to use if required in icy weather. M. Nott also has a supply for use. Cllr Cumella is to hold a public meeting on 11th Dec regarding the proposed Lioncourt Homes development on land adj. to Hollins Lane. Cllrs Gardner and Rushgrove attended the Old Grammar School meeting recently as PC representatives.

Date of next meeting: Monday 10th January 2022 at Martley Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm.

Meeting closed 20:30

M. Alexander

Clerk