



Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 10th January 2022 at 7.30pm

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

Also present: District Councillor B. Jones-Williams and x 11 members of the public.

286.22 Apologies: Cllr R. Bray. County Councillor S. Richardson Brown.

Democratic Period/Public Time: Matters raised were –

- Planning application 21/02245/OUT Land at Berrow Green Road – Neil Pearce from Avon Planning Services attended the meeting to explain the changes to the application since initial refusal was made by MHDC. It was also noted that the Lioncourt Homes application remains pending decision. Public concerns were raised re housing density in the proposed Berrow Green location, also road safety / speeding vehicle issues. The need to adhere to the NDP was also raised together with concern regarding the visual impact of the new site from the road. There are local infrastructure challenges to be overcome, especially if both developments go ahead. Queries were raised regarding local housing need and the definition of affordable housing. It was noted that the new GP Surgery has now been dropped from the proposal.
- A resident asked for a response to a recent complaint made to the Parish Council and the Clerk clarified the position of the Council together with advice received from MHDC.
- It was noted that dog control is to be monitored at the Burial Ground and that new signage has been put in place to ask owners to keep dogs on leads and to pick up and dispose of any faeces in the bin provided.
- Village waste bins were discussed, and it was noted that the Village Maintenance Plan Group was monitoring usage / need.

287.22 Declarations of Interests: None.

288.22 Minutes of the meetings held 6th December 2021: Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed Cllr Wroe, seconded Cllr Rushgrove. All agreed.

289.22 County & District Councillor Reports: Reports to be uploaded to the website. District Cllr Jones-Williams reported concerns regarding the lack of a 5-year land supply plan at MHDC and the fact that the SWDPR timetable has fallen behind. It was also noted that Severn Trent Water currently have funding available, and the Clerk will place information on the website.

290.22 Financial & Governance Matters:

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

290.22.01 Precept & budget 2022-23 – the Clerk had circulated a draft budget and precept prior to the meeting. Further to discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Weddell-Hall to retain the precept at £35,000.00, seconded Cllr Gardner. All agreed. It was further agreed that the Finance Committee meet asap to finalise budget figures, and that the Clerk should then circulate them and upload to the website.

290.22.03 Complaint received – the matter was dealt with during democratic time.

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291.22 Recreation Field:

291.22.01 Capital Project Working Group update – It was noted that the first draft of floor plans has been prepared for the new pavilion. The next stage is to receive pre-planning application advice from MHDC prior to public consultation.

291.22.02 The new defibrillator has been received but the outdoor safe box is still awaited due to a supply delay – Clerk progressing.

291.22.03 Play equipment repairs and maintenance – a quote for repairs has been received. A project plan and funding plan are now to be drafted by Cllrs Hardwell and Watt. It was noted that there remains £22,000.00 in the budget, which is set aside for asset improvements, but external grant funding may also be available and should be investigated. It was proposed by Cllr Watt, seconded by Cllr Rushgrove, to commit to improvement works on the play areas. All agreed.

291.22.04 Union Flag – it was agreed to replace the Union flag as it is damaged. Cllr Weddell-Hall to purchase with the Clerk. Cllr Watt agreed that the Cricket Club would erect the new flag. It was also suggested that a '3 Pears' flag could be purchased in the future.

292.22 Burial Ground: Nothing to report.

293.22 Village Maintenance Plan: Cllr Hardwell had circulated an updated action plan. STW fencing repairs are to be done this month hopefully. The church car park maintenance remains an ongoing matter. Wildflower areas are to be planted as agreed. The new signage for the Ankerdine viewpoint is ready to be erected. A request has been received for directional signage to the village hall and recreation field. It was noted that WCC Highways permission would be needed, and the Clerk and Cllr Hardwell will look at what is required. There is a damaged sign at Willow Rd / Hope House Lane junction – Clerk to report to WCC. It was agreed that the Clerk should add a link to the WCC reporting page to the website together with Operation SNAP. Cllr Cumella asked the Clerk to liaise with R. Wilks to remove the overhanging vegetation on the corner of Hope House Lane and Church Lane as it obscures driver vision.

294.22 Strategic Planning Matters: Cllr Cumella updated the meeting re the SWDPR – no further news lately and concern has been raised over the length of time it is taking.

295.22 Planning Matters:

295.22.01 Applications received / considered –

- 21/02186/HP Mr & Mrs Poole, Apple Trees, Newtown, Martley WR6 6PR – erection of an open sided carport structure. Agreed no objection.
- 21/02257/AGR Bray & Sons, Noak farm, Martley WR6 6PD – prior notification for construction of two agricultural buildings. No comment.
- 21/02150/FUL Mr Conway, The Crown, Martley WR6 6PA – retention and redevelopment of the Crown PH, part change of use to provide two flexible use commercial units and two holiday lets plus assoc. green space and parking provision. Construction of four residential dwellings including one two-bed property, two three-bed properties and one four-bed property plus assoc. parking, garden and landscaping. Agreed to support the application in principle, subject to two issues being clarified: the suitability of the proposals for drainage; and whether there are sufficient car parking places for the public house. Further to discussion it was agreed that all Councillors should send any further comments to Cllr Cumella to be collated. A final draft response to be circulated for approval.
- 21/02245/OUT Jessup Brothers Limited and Citizen Housing Group, Land at Os 7499 5981, Berrow Green Rd, Martley – outline application with all matters reserved (except for access) for the erection of up to 52 dwellings, including 42% affordable homes, up to 10 no. self-build plots and a public car park together with ancillary works. Cllr Cumella reminded the meeting about previous concerns raised and the response submitted to MHDC. Agreed to recommend

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rejection of the application because it would be an unsustainable development, would obstruct views of a valued heritage asset, would further worsen traffic problems, would strain local services, and is not required to meet local housing needs. Cllr Wroe suggested that the PC may need professional planning advice to assist with the large number of applications being received / large developments proposed. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask MHDC asap for additional time to respond. It was also agreed that the Clerk should ask Worcs CALC for advice re obtaining professional planning advice. Cllr Cumella will also check with CPRE contacts.

- 21/02297/HP Mrs Priddey, 3 Hawthorn Close, Martley WR6 6NS – addition of a single storey 'cube' glass room located on the rear elevation of the property in the private garden. Agreed no objection.
- 21/02246/GPDQ Sandridge Farm, Barn At (Os 7463 5794) Berrow Green Martley - Notification for Prior Approval for the proposed change of use of an Agricultural Building to 2 dwellinghouses. GPDQ - agricultural to C3 dwellinghouse. *(It was noted that the PC are not a formal Consultee on this application but can submit a response.)* It was noted that the building is not agricultural but equestrian. It was agreed to support resident objections as received from N. Bruen.
- 21/02337/FUL Mr Griffin, Land At (Os 7706 5886) Willow Road Martley - Creation of new field entrance. Agreed no objection.

295.22.02 Notifications received –

- 21/01154/HP 2 Highfields Cottage, Kings Green, Martley WR6 6YG – permission granted for the erection of a single storey orangery following demolition of existing porch and bay window.
- 21/01783/HP Feochan, Hillside, Martley WR6 6QN – permission granted for the erection of a detached double garage.
- 21/01944/HP Hockhams Farm Hockhams Lane Martley WR6 6QR – permission granted for the erection of new greenhouse between the existing house and an existing outbuilding.

296.22 Highways Matters:

296.22.01 The draft Highways Working Group strategy, as prepared by Cllr Weddell-Hall, was agreed. To be reviewed approx. every 6 months.

296.22.02 Parish Lengthsman – the sign at the junction of St Peters Drive needs cleaning.

296.22.03 Community Speed Watch – the Clerk reported that Police vetting forms are being submitted by potential volunteers.

296.22.04 Church Lane Footway – it was agreed that the Clerk should send a holding response to Anthony Champion, giving PC support in principle to proposals, subject to looking into the detail of total costs involved. Construction costs needed for the pathway and fencing. The Clerk was asked to clarify insurance implications regarding a new footway managed by the PC. It was also agreed that a project working group would be needed if the project goes ahead.

296.22.05 Road closures – it was agreed that District Cllr Jones-Williams would forward all notifications received to the Clerk in future.

297.22 Correspondence Received: The Council noted the MHDC consultation (to 13th Jan) regarding a Public Space Protection Order on dog control. The report from PCSO Snape was noted and will be uploaded to the website.

298.22 Councillor Reports & Items for Future Agendas: Cllr Rushgrove and District Cllr Jones-Williams are continuing to progress matters regarding flooding in Nash Close on behalf of residents.

Date of next meeting: Monday 7th February 2022 at Martley Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm.

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