

**Minutes of Martley Parish Council meeting held  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at the Memorial Hall at 7:30pm**

**Present:** S Cumella (Chairman); M Rushgrove; P Weddell-Hall; R. Bray, S. Watt & C. Lewis.  
Also present: District Councillor Barbara Jones-Williams and x1 member of the public.

**Democratic time:** The following matters were raised – the meeting was asked if the pavilion planning application plans had been withdrawn, which the Clerk confirmed. Cllr Watt responded to queries raised regarding project and future management costs.

**120.22 Apologies:** Cllr G. Wroe (V/Chairman), Cllr M. Gardner, Cllr M. Hardwell, County Cllr S Richardson Brown.

**121.22 Declarations of interest** – none.

**122.22 Approval of minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023** – Proposed Cllr Lewis seconded Cllr Rushgrove. All agreed.

**123.22 County & District Councillor reports:** Written reports will be uploaded to the website. District matters discussed included the may elections and new ID requirements, Malvern Theatres Levelling Up funding award and changes to the National Planning Policy Framework. Cllr Cumella agreed to circulate a summary document re NPPF changes.

**124.22 Financial Matters:**

124.22.01 Payments & Receipts: The payments were circulated prior to the meeting and were agreed. Proposed Cllr Watt, seconded Cllr Lewis. Clerk to action.

124.22.02 New VAS – Clerk to ask Westcotec to hold an online product meeting asap.

124.22.03 External funding – no discussion held.

124.22.04 Annual Parish Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm – Cllr Gardner has agreed to send the Clerk contact details for the CPR & Defib training. Local groups and organisations to be invited to attend. An article is to be placed in the Villager. Next agenda item re promotion.

**125.22 Martley Burial Ground:**

125.22.01 Rectification of land transfer 2017 – land west of Berrow Green Road, Martley: (ref Thursfields: MA:L04418/0001) The amendment to the legal document was agreed and the Clerk will send this to the Solicitor.

125.22.02 Cllr Bray has looked into future pathway options but it was agreed that costs are too high currently. The Clerk was asked to ask the grass cutting contractor to cut a path to the graves until we can fund a new pathway.

125.22.03 Next agenda – to review T&C's of the burial ground, including reservation of grave plots. Current documents to be circulated in advance together with any other examples.

**126.22 Martley Rec Field:** The minutes from the recent Recreation Working Group meeting had been circulated and approved. A further meeting is planned. Cllr Cumella explained the recent matter regarding the planning application drawings which have since been withdrawn, awaiting resubmission.

**127.22 Village Improvement Plan:** Cllr Lewis will meet asap with R. Wilks to progress the biodiversity garden. Cllr Watt updated the meeting re s106 funding and future options. A document setting out potential

future s106 or CIL projects had been circulated by Cllr Watt and was agreed – Clerk to retain. Cllr Cumella has placed an article in the Villager asking for resident’s suggestions.

**128.22 Strategic Planning Matters:** Cllr Cumella has tried to contact Knightwick & Doddenham PC re the review of the NDP and hopes to meet with their Chairman soon. There are no SWDPR updates. Martley Planning Team has a new member, and a meeting was held recently.

**129.22 Planning Matters** – Notifications and correspondence received – M/22/01456/HP – Poolfields Cottage, Wants Green, Broadwas WR6 5NU – permission granted for erection of double storey extension to the rear of the property.

**130.22 Highways Matters:**

130.22.01 Road Safety – School traffic remains a concern and is being monitored closely.

130.22.02 Community Speed Watch – Cllr Lewis reported difficulty in getting volunteers to respond to calls for the rota. A group meeting may be needed. The Clerk was also asked to place an article in the Villager to recruit more volunteers.

130.22.03 Footpath Safety – Cllr Bray reported that a response is awaited to move forward with land purchase options.

130.22.04 Road closures as notified.

**131.22 Parish Matters:**

131.22.01 Parish website – Cllrs Cumella and Watt are setting up a meeting between themselves, G. Dawson and J. Nicklin to look at options.

131.22.02 Warm Hubs – no update.

131.22.03 Defibrillator / CPR training – deferred to the next meeting.

131.22.04 Coronation Events – Cllr Watt gave a brief update on plans so far. The Clerk has written to the landowner as requested. It was agreed that a budget of £3k be set aside for the events, but this will be reimbursed from any external funding achieved – Cllr Watt to progress applications. Next agenda item.

131.22.05 Community Litter Pick 18<sup>th</sup> March – promotion to be done by the Clerk and Cllr Gardner. Clerk has notified MHDC re collection of bags.

131.22.06 Xmas Tree Lights 2023 – defer to next agenda (Cllr Watt).

**132.22 Correspondence**

132.22.01 Police Charter – it was agreed to highlight vandalism, vehicle speed and rural crime as local policing priorities.

132.22.02 The meeting noted that Neighbourhood Watch starts again in March.

132.22.03 County Green Space Strategy – as circulated. Cllr Cumella summarised the document and will draft a response for approval.

**133.22 Councillor Reports & Items for Future Agendas:** Cllr Watt reported that the small area of land at the top of Hawthorn Close has been cleared and looks much better.

**134.22 Next meeting:** To be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

**The meeting closed at 9:00 pm**

Michelle Alexander  
Clerk