



**Minutes of Martley Parish Council meeting held
Monday 3rd April 2023 at the Memorial Hall at 7:30pm**

Present: S Cumella (Chairman), G. Wroe (V/Chairman), R. Bray, M Rushgrove, P Weddell-Hall, S. Watt, M. Gardner, M. Hardwell & C. Lewis.

Also present: County Cllr S Richardson Brown, District Councillor Barbara Jones-Williams and x1 member of the public.

Democratic time: The following matters were raised –

The Council noted the fact that although the cricket season had started on 1st April (according to the signed agreement), the football season still had two games to play on 20th & 23rd April at home. It was noted that the signed agreement for football normally ends on 31st March, although this season the football team had refused to sign the agreement, so no signed agreement was in place. Previous negotiations in past years had all fallen through despite the best efforts of the PC to share the recreation field fairly between cricket and football. According to those negotiations, and the signed agreements, any football home matches after 1st April should be played away and last year, the cricket team arranged an alternative pitch for them. It was agreed therefore that the remaining matches should not be played on the recreation field this year. Cllr Watt agreed to try to liaise with the football team re alternate arrangements.

The Council noted that red diesel is no longer available for the recreation field mowing tractor and normal diesel will be required. The Clerk will reimburse G. Griffiths for any expense incurred when receipts are presented.

It was noted that MHDC road sweeping had taken place throughout the village following a request from the Clerk.

150.22 Apologies: None.

151.22 Declarations of interest – Cllr Bray declared an interest in 21/02245/OUT planning application.

152.22 Approval of minutes of 6th March 2023 – Proposed Cllr Hardwell, seconded Cllr Watt. All agreed.

153.22 County & District Councillor reports: Written reports will be uploaded to the website.

District Cllr Jones-Williams gave no report to the meeting due to purdah prior to elections.

County Cllr Richardson Brown reported on vehicle activated signage movement shown to be effective.

Hollins Lane footpath appears to be a huge piece of engineering work, but he will go back to Highways to address the gap between the footpath networks.

Cllr Richardson Brown is looking to improve road closure notifications for parishes and is working with WCC and contractors. Diversions for HGVs are often not appropriate for smaller vehicles which could be diverted in a better way.

Cllr Cumella reported a damaged pipe at the junction of the two Pudford Lanes which is causing a drainage issue. Verges are also damaged. Cllr Richardson brown agreed to report to WCC.

154.22 Financial Matters:

154.22.01 Payments & Receipts: The payments were circulated prior to the meeting and were agreed. Proposed Cllr Wroe, seconded Cllr Gardner. All agreed. Clerk to action.

154.22.02 New VAS – The Clerk confirmed that data software could not be obtained for the existing machine. Westcotec data for SID or VAS machines was presented in the same way. Cllrs now need to decide on a preferred option. It was agreed that Cllrs Watt & Weddell-Hall circulate the new VAS proposal for all Councillors to read through. It was suggested though that this might not be a priority spend at a time

when a new footpath needed to be funded. The Clerk is to see if any funding for VAS is available through the P&CC. Matter to be retained on the agenda.

154.22.03 Councillor elections – all nomination forms have been submitted and confirmed by MHDC.

154.22.04 Annual Parish Meeting 15th May at 6.30pm –. Cllr Watt and the Clerk to liaise re publicity. Cllr Cumella is inviting local groups and organisations to attend (5 mins per group to give a report).

154.22.05 External funding – Cllr Watt is awaiting a response from the Lottery.

155.22 Martley Burial Ground:

155.22.01 All new terms & Conditions / Regulations were approved as circulated by the Clerk and will be uploaded to the website.

155.22.02 CCTV is ongoing with Cllr Watt.

155.22.03 Coronation 2023 – an Evergreen Oak will be planted in the top corner of the wildflower area of the burial ground.

156.22 Martley Rec Field: Cllr Watt reported that the planning application for the pavilion remains with MHDC. The Clerk and District Cllr Jones-Williams are chasing the Planning Officer re the amended plans. A Working Group meeting will be held once the plans are out for consultation again.

157.22 Village Improvement Plan: Cllr Hardwell had circulated an updated action plan.

157.22.01 Old planters at St Peter's bus shelter are to be removed.

157.22.02 The quote of £425.00 p.a. received from R. Wilks to refurbish and maintain the bus shelters on an annual basis was approved.

157.22.03 Phone kiosk refurbishment – quotes awaited.

157.22.04 Defibrillator checking – quotes awaited.

157.22.05 New planters – a quote had been received for x4 new planters by Amberol, at village entrances. The Clerk was asked to order x4 green planters.

157.22.06 New waste bin at Hollins Lane / St Peter's Dv junction – Clerk to check if ordered / arrived.

157.22.07 Parish Lengthsman work is going well together with work on the new biodiversity garden.

157.22.08 Coronation plaque to be ordered by the Clerk for the oak tree at the Burial Ground.

157.22.09 RoSPA Play Areas safety report – Cllr Hardwell has been through the report and asked R. Wilks to quote for remedial works required.

157.22.10 Play Area fencing – R. Wilks quote for metal fencing / wooden fencing options has been considered. The Council noted the £22k budget already set aside for the play area which can be used for the metal option. Cllr Hardwell to see if the metal option can be green in colour and progress with the Clerk.

158.22 Strategic Planning Matters:

158.22.01 Neighbourhood Plan - Cllr Cumella and the Clerk are writing to MHDC re amending the designated NP area.

158.22.02 The SWDPR remains ongoing.

158.22.03 Abberley Hills Preservation Society – Cllr Cumella has been in touch regarding the potential extension to the AONB. It appears that MHDC responses have not been consistent with responses to date. The request by District Cllr Jones-Williams to consider the impact on farming was noted.

158.22.04 Martley Planning Team – ongoing.

159.22 Planning Matters:

159.22.01 Planning matters for consideration or considered between meetings –

- M/23/00284/FUL – Pencroft Ltd, R & D Benefit Services - Rear of Laugherne Villa, Martley – change of use of part transport yard for erection of workshop/light industrial/storage units, classes E(g) and B8, associated parking and landscaping. *No objections.*

159.22.02 Planning notifications –

- M/22/01732/HP – planning approval for single storey rear extension with new steps and extension of existing raised patio at 1, Mistletoe Orchard, Martley WR6 6RW
- 21/02245/OUT – Planning appeal APP/J1860/W/22/3306186 Jessup Brothers Limited & Citizen Housing Group – Land at (Os 7499 5981) Berrow Green Road, Martley – outline application with all

matters reserved except for access, for erection of up to 52 dwellings, incl. 42% affordable homes, up to 10 self-build plots and a public car park together with ancillary works.

160.22 Highways Matters:

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

160.22.02 Community Speed Watch – The Clerk reported that two new volunteers are being vetted for the scheme. Cllr Lewis is trying to agree a rota.

160.22.03 Footpath Safety (Church Lane) – Solicitors for all parties have been placed in touch with each other and next steps are awaited.

160.22.04 Road closures as notified – Query whether roads could be opened up at night when contractors aren't working, if it is safe to do so?

161.22 Parish Matters:

161.22.01 Parish website – the meeting was cancelled but the matter remains ongoing.

161.22.02 Coronation 2023 – the event is now to be held at The Nubbins (late pm / evening). All arrangements are going well.

161.22.03 Defibrillator / CPR – ongoing.

161.22.04 Community Litter Pick 2023 – well supported and thanks to all those who took part on the day.

161.22.05 Xmas lights 2023 – Coronation event lights to be used for this event.

162.22 Correspondence: The Fire Service are offering fire alarms for the over 65's and information was circulated to the meeting.

163.22 Councillor Reports & Items for Future Agendas:

163.22.01 Cllr Watt reported concerns from St Peter's Dv residents that a large tow vehicle is being parked and partially blocking the narrow road. Concerns were noted and the Clerk asked to check with the local Policing Team what, if anything, could be done.

163.22.02 A moldy mattress was dumped on the Village Hall car park and had been reported to Police. Cllr Watt dealt with disposal. Options were discussed of how best to deal with this type of incident, especially as the identity of the van owner is known. It was agreed that this type of incident won't be tolerated and that the van driver should be invoiced for disposal costs – Clerk to action. (£200.00 removal of fly tipping fine)

164.22 THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 15TH MAY 2023 after Council Elections.

Annual Parish Meeting At 7pm, followed by The Annual Meeting of The Parish Council At 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9:05 pm

Michelle Alexander
Clerk