



**Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm**

**Present:** Councillors S. Cumella (PC Chairman), G. Wroe (PC V/Chairman), M. Rushgrove, M. Hardwell, C. Lewis, R. Bray, A. Gardner, P. Weddell-Hall.  
Also present: County Cllr S. Richardson Brown, District Councillor B. Jones-Williams and x 6 members of the public.

- 1. Apologies:** Councillor S. Watt.
- 2. Approval of the minutes from 2021:** The minutes from 2021 were proposed by Cllr Bray, seconded Cllr Gardner. All agreed.
- 3. Parish Council's Annual Report presented by the Chairman:** Councillor Cumella gave the annual report for the Parish Council which will also be published on the PC website.
- 4. Guest Speaker:** Robin Coates, Co-ordinator of Car Club Scheme, Malvern. Mr Coates gave a talk to the meeting about the Car Club Scheme operating in Malvern and how it could operate in the parish. The scheme forms part of Transition Malvern who also operate an e-bike loan scheme and an e-bike to work scheme for young people.
- 5. County Councillor/District Councillor reports:** County Cllr Richardson Brown reported on his first year in the role and funding awarded to the parish. Highway matters and Schools are a priority. There is a new Highways Liaison Officer in post and local issues are being resolved slowly. Road closure planning needs some improvement. Some social issues have also been resolved in areas adjacent to Martley. Cllr Richardson Brown is always happy to assist with local County Council issues and to allocate appropriate divisional funding when available. District Councillor Jones-Williams reported on another busy year dealing with planning matters and other resident enquiries. Councillor Jones-Williams also reported on boundary review plans for the district, including the proposed Martley & Team Valley Member Ward. MHDC has also seen the resignation of the Leader of the Council to allow it to take a new direction. Improvement in the Council's performance is needed especially in Planning matters. The SWDPR timetable has slipped over the past two years and the district risks speculative development due to questions surrounding the 5-year land supply. Developer may try to have proposals agreed under the National Planning Policy Framework rather than a local plan. Concerns were also raised regarding the Councils current spending from reserves and the amount of money being spent in Malvern itself versus the surrounding areas. Support for Ukraine continues and MHDC staff are working hard to deliver the Homes for Ukraine scheme within the district. Numbers of hosts and guests across the district were also noted. Councillor Jones-Williams continues to enjoy a close working relationship with Parish Councillors and County Councillor Richardson Brown.
- 6. To receive report from West Mercia Constabulary:** The Clerk read out the Police report from PCSO Ness Snape. Main areas of concern remain rural crime, thefts, speeding and road traffic offences. Police are able to give advice on general security and there are specialist teams

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available for those who need specific advice. Speeding is being partly addressed by Community Speed Watch being set up locally. Road traffic management outside schools is a priority area and the Safer Neighbourhood Team will patrol at key times to try and educate drivers. Thefts of farm equipment remains a concern and increased patrols, property marking, and advice sessions are being offered to try and assist with this problem. Crime in the area is relatively low however which is a good thing, but Police will try to continue to reduce incidents. The team will visit local events, coffee mornings and parish meetings to offer support and advice on how to keep safe and avoid being taken in by scams etc. The team have now relocated to Tenbury Fire Station at Burford, Tenbury Wells.

- 7. To receive reports from Village Organisations:** A report was received by Martley Cricket Club on annual activities. The report included Junior Cricket, Friday Night Sessions, Cricket Summer Camp, accessible and high-quality facilities offered and pitch maintenance. Concern was raised regarding some recent issues with football matches being played during cricket season which resulted in damage to the cricket square and health and safety issues for players. The Cricket Club will do everything it can to provide the best facilities possible and hope that a resolution can be found.
- 8. Public Time:** There were no matters raised for consideration.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.45 pm.**