



**Minutes of Martley Parish Council meeting held  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at the Memorial Hall at 7:30pm**

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

Also present: District Councillor Barbara Jones-Williams and x9 members of the public.

**01.23 Election of Parish Council Chairman:** It was proposed by Cllr Weddell-Hall, seconded Cllr Rushgrove, that Cllr Cumella be elected and remain as PC Chairman. All agreed.

**02.23 Election of Parish Council Vice-Chairman:** It was proposed by Cllr Cumella, seconded by Cllr Hardwell, that Cllr Wroe be elected and remain as PC Vice-Chairman. All agreed.

**03.23 Apologies accepted from:** Councillor A. Gardner and County Cllr S. Richardson Brown.

**04.23 Declarations of interest:** None received.

**Democratic time:** The following matters were raised –

Thanks were given to all who organised and attended the King's Coronation event, which was great for the village.

**05.23 Documentation Review:** The following documents were proposed by Cllr Wroe and seconded by Cllr Weddell-Hall as being current and appropriate.

- Standing Orders
- Financial Regulations
- Councillor Code of Conduct
- Complaints Procedure
- Grants Procedure

**06.23 Election of Working Groups & Representatives:** The following Working Group Members / Representatives were agreed.

- Finance – Cllrs Wroe, Gardner & Cumella
- Clerk Support – no longer required.
- Capital Projects – Cllrs Watt, Wroe & Cumella
- Sport Martley Reps – Cllrs Gardner & Rushgrove
- Old Grammar School Reps – Cllrs Gardner & Rushgrove
- Worcs CALC Reps – Cllrs Cumella & Weddell-Hall
- Planning Team – Cllrs Cumella, Weddell-Hall, Hardwell & Lewis
- Village Improvement Plan – Cllrs Hardwell, Rushgrove, Lewis, Gardner & Watt

**07.23 Approval of minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 –** Proposed Cllr Weddell-Hall, seconded Cllr Watt. All agreed.

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

**09.23 Financial Matters:**

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

09.23.02 External Funding Bids – Cllr Watt reported on £2821.00 National Lottery funding received for the Coronation event which was excellent.

09.23.03 New VAS – Cllr Watt reported that a recommendation for the new VAS would be made in the near future.

**10.23 Martley Rec Field:** Cllr Watt reported that the planning application for the new pavilion remains with MHDC pending decision. The Clerk and District Cllr Jones-Williams are chasing this with MHDC.

**11.23 Martley Burial Ground:** There are no further CCTV updates, but damage has been caused to the gazebo roof again (this may be recent wind damage). Clerk to arrange repairs.

**12.23 Village Improvement Plan:** Cllr Hardwell had circulated an updated action plan. A village walkabout was held on 10<sup>th</sup> May and x12 new items have been added to the action plan. It was noted that the one white gate had been damaged at the entrance to the village from Berrow Green and that the Lengthsman had been asked to remove it. Further to discussion it was agreed that all white gates should be removed as they had not been requested by the PC but installed by WCC Highways. The Lengthsman was asked to dispose of them or store them appropriately. Clerk to action.

### **13.23 Strategic Planning Matters:**

13.23.01 Neighbourhood Development Plan review – ongoing with Cllr Cumella.

13.23.02 SWDPR – ongoing via MHDC.

### **14.23 Planning Matters:**

14.23.01 Planning matters for consideration or considered between meetings –

- M/23/00413/FUL – Land at Os 7638 5800, Willow Rd, Martley – proposed Manege. *There is concern regarding the amount of horse manure stored against the neighbouring fence.*
- M/23/00411/FUL – New house Farm, Hope House Lane, Martley WR6 6QF – proposed replacement toilet block. *No Objection.*
- M/23/00476/AGR – The Tegs, Pudford Lane, Martley WR6 6QL – prior notification for construction of agricultural building. *No Objection.*

14.23.02 Planning notifications – M/22/01661/HP – Greenwood, Hillside, Martley WR6 6QW – approval for erection of a garage (retrospective).

### **15.23 Highways Matters:**

15.23.01 Cllr Hardwell reported that white lines have been revealed along the edges of some roads due to the verges being damaged. Could WCC repaint the lines? Clerk to look into this.

15.23.02 Cllr Lewis reported that Community Speed Watch was ongoing but more volunteers are needed.

15.23.03 Cllr Bray reported that Church Lane footway is ongoing between legal teams. The PC will need to liaise with the Millennium Green Trust regarding the wildlife corridor, and a meeting is to be arranged once the purchase has been finalised.

15.23.04 Road closures – none.

### **16.23 Parish Matters:**

16.23.01 Parish website – it was agreed to take no further action currently.

16.23.02 Defibrillator & CPR training – No further update, but it was agreed that a separate evening should be allocated for the training session. Cllr Gardner to progress.

16.23.03 King's Coronation event – a great event for the village! Thanks to everyone to organised and attended.

16.23.04 Xmas Lights 2023 – it has been agreed that the Coronation event lights can be reused for this event. Ideas also include Xmas tree sponsorship. Cllrs Bray and Watt to progress options.

16.23.05 Defibrillator maintenance – Cllr Hardwell is getting a quote for a maintenance package.

16.23.06 Community First Responder/s – discussion took place as to whether there is a scheme locally? It was agreed that this should be looked into.

**17.23 Correspondence:** None.

**18.23 Councillor Reports & Items for Future Agendas:** None.

**19.23 The next meeting will be held on:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 7:30 pm

**The meeting closed at 8:20pm**

Michelle Alexander  
Clerk