



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

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

Also present: County Councillor Scott Richardson Brown and two members of the public.

The meeting was initially chaired by Cllr Wroe, in the absence of an elected Chairman.

Democratic time: The following matters were raised –

The Council were informed of the unexpected key change to the bottom gate of the playing field – Cllr Watt agreed to find out more details.

There will be a football team playing this season and sponsorship is in place. League match details to be sent to the Clerk.

The pavilion shower fan is still broken – GG to obtain a quote for repair. Also to include small heaters.

There is long grass where the cricket screen fell recently – Cllr Watt to sort this out in the near future.

A member of the public queried the interests declared by Cllr Watt within the 28 day period after the May 2023 PC election. The Clerk confirmed that all these queries should be directed to the Monitoring Officer at MHDC. Following further discussions and in the interest of the meeting continuing, the resident was asked to leave the meeting and to place any complaint in writing to either the Clerk or the Monitoring Officer at MHDC.

Item	Minute Recorded	Action By
41.23	Apologies: District Councillor B. Jones-Williams.	
42.23	Election of PC Chairman / Councillor resignation: The meeting regretfully accepted the resignation of Cllr S. Cumella. It was noted that Mr Cumella was willing to remain on the local Planning Team as a member of the public. It was proposed by Cllr Gardner, seconded by Cllr Rushgrove that Cllr Weddell-Hall be elected Chairman – all agreed. Cllr Weddell-Hall signed his declaration of office and chaired the remaining part of the meeting.	Clerk to notify MHDC and thank S. Cumella for his service to the PC. Also, to confirm regarding the Martley Planning Team. Councillor information sheet and website to be updated.

43.23	Declarations of interest: Cllr Bray – planning application 21/02245/OUT appeal decision.	
44.23	Approval of minutes 5th & 27th June 2023: 5 th June - proposed Cllr Wroe, seconded Cllr Rushgrove. All agreed. 27 th June – proposed Cllr Gardner, seconded Cllr Hardwell. All agreed.	It was agreed that the Clerk prepare future minutes in a new clearer format (Word table). It was also agreed to hold a meeting on 7 th August this year.
45.23	County & District Councillor Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Richardson Brown reported on the following – • ‘On demand’ bus service being trialled in Malvern. • Hollins Lane footpath won’t be joined up with the new housing estate – WCC have confirmed. • Hollins Lane pathway repair - date to be confirmed. 	It was agreed to publicise ‘PC wins’ when achieved for the local community and to encourage residents to attend meetings. Cllr Richardson Brown to see if Hollins Lane footpath can be made a planning condition via WCC. Clerk asked to circulate the draft letter by S. Cumella re Sandyfields asap.
46.23	Financial & Governance Matters: 46.23.01 The payment schedule was approved as circulated – proposed Cllr Gardner, seconded Cllr Rushgrove, all agreed. County Cllr Richardson Brown was thanked for his recent £1k funding contribution. 46.23.02 Following S. Cumella’s resignation, Councillor additional roles were confirmed as – Cllr Weddell-Hall to join the finance working group and capital projects working group. Cllr Hardwell to become Worcs Calc Rep. Cllrs Weddell-Hall, Hardwell and Lewis to reform the Martley Planning Team together with interested residents. 46.23.03 External Funding – Cllr Watt reported that there remains £7179 of Lottery funding still available for us to apply for and it was agreed that the next project would be the new pathway. The pathway needs pricing detail before it can be progressed. 46.23.04 MHDC Tourism Grant – the PC will not be able to apply for funding. 46.23.05 Defibrillator kiosks – works have been started in the village and Berrow Green to be started shortly. 46.23.06 Library Utility Bills – no further information.	Clerk to circulate the VAS quote when received, and also ask whether the vehicle registration can be displayed? Clerk asked to chase the Solicitor for the new pathway for a current update. Clerk to ask P. Finch and T. Lewington for an update re library utility bills.

47.23	<p>Martley Recreation Field: Cllr Watt reported on the pavilion capital project which currently remains with MHDC Planners. A planning decision is expected early August and a working group meeting will then be held.</p>	<p>Clerk to monitor the MHDC planning progress.</p> <p>Cllr Watt to call a working group meeting as required.</p>
48.23	<p>Martley Burial Ground: 48.23.01 The Clerk explained the current access problems on site. It was proposed by Cllr Watt, seconded by Cllr Wroe and agreed by all that a wider pathway is required on the far side of the gazebo to enable better access to graves for funeral vehicles and those with mobility issues. Budget agreed as £1k.</p> <p>48.23.02 A request to site a sandstone memorial stone was agreed.</p>	<p>Cllr Bray to price up a wider pathway as agreed.</p> <p>Clerk to notify the stonemason re the new memorial as agreed.</p>
49.23	<p>Village Improvement Plan: Action plan as circulated by Cllr Hardwell. New benches are in place by R. Wilks. Cllr Gardner reported that a new bird box has fallen down. Litter to be monitored and other minor issues to be addressed. White gates still to be removed as agreed. Worcs Way towards Clifton – a section of the verge on B4204 needs regular trimming back for walkers. Recent comments received re new planters have been noted and the resident has been contacted. Most comments have been positive.</p>	<p>Cllr Hardwell to arrange new bench plaques.</p> <p>Cllr Hardwell to chase up RoSPA report actions plus other outstanding actions with R. Wilks.</p> <p>Clerk to ask R. Wilks re verge trimming on B4204.</p> <p>Cllr Hardwell to ask R. Wilks to set back the planter more into the verge at the Clifton end of the village.</p> <p>Clerk to place Burial Ground planters on the next agenda.</p>
50.23	<p>Strategic Planning: 50.23.01 Neighbourhood Plan – a new application has been submitted to MHDC.</p> <p>50.23.02 SWDPR – no further update.</p> <p>50.23.03 Martley Planning Team – it was agreed to liaise with S. Cumella re the best way forward.</p>	<p>Cllr Weddell-Hall to liaise with S. Cumella re Martley Planning Team next steps.</p>
51.23	<p>Planning Matters: The letter received regarding The Crown PH was noted. A letter was read out from Harriet Baldwin MP re our letter of concern regarding the Sandyfields development.</p>	
52.23	<p>Highways Matters: 52.23.01 Road safety still an issue outside local schools although some vegetation has been cut back along the pathway now.</p>	<p>Clerk to chase policing team re vetting forms.</p>

	<p>52.23.02 Community Speed Watch – vetting forms still outstanding and Cllr Lewis speaking with volunteers.</p> <p>52.23.03 New footpath – Cllr Bray is now to lead on the project for the PC and agreed to do some pricing up.</p> <p>52.23.04 No road closures received.</p>	<p>Cllr Bray to price up footpath project. Clerk to chase up Solicitors for an update.</p>
53.23	<p>Parish Matters: 53.23.01 Defib and CPR training – Clerk progressing.</p> <p>53.23.02 Weighbridge – it is thought that community radio still use the building but needs to be confirmed.</p>	<p>Cllr Hardwell to check re community radio using the building.</p>
54.23	<p>Correspondence: None received.</p>	
55.23	<p>Councillor reports & Items for future Agendas: There is now a Councillor vacancy to be filled and all agreed to be proactive. Cllr Lewis asked if the PC could assist with primary school funding for reception class? The outdoor space needs updating. A parent working group has been set up already. Cllr Bray reported that an accident on the hill has damaged railings. The Clerk confirmed that it has been reported to WCC. Cllr Weddell-Hall queried burial ground signage, but it was agreed to keep as it is. Cllr Watt reported that the village hall hedge will be cut before the WCCC v Martley CC cricket match for vehicle safety reasons.</p>	<p>Clerk to confirm vacancy with MHDC.</p>
	<p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:20pm</p>	