



**Minutes of Martley Parish Council meeting held
Monday 7th August 2023 at the Memorial Hall at 7:30pm**

Present: Councillors P Weddell-Hall (Chairman), M Rushgrove, A. Gardner, S. Watt, C. Lewis, and M. Hardwell.

Also present: County Councillor Scott Richardson Brown, District Councillor B. Jones-Williams and two members of the public.

Democratic time: The following matters were raised –

The new referee room toilet needs a medium size pedal bin and paper towels – Cllr Watt agreed to arrange.

G. Griffiths agreed to sort out a quote for new pavilion heaters as this remains outstanding.

District Cllr Jones-Williams was asked about the new proposed housing development by Lionscourt Homes which has gone to appeal for non-determination by MHDC. Cllr Jones-Williams confirmed that the appeal has been lodged and a new planning application has also been submitted to run concurrently. The application is also being considered in line with the SWDP. A new footpath link to Hollins Lane also needs to be considered as part of the development, although it is proving difficult to liaise with developers currently. County Cllr Richardson Brown said that MHDC are struggling because of a lack of a 5 year land supply and due to the SWDP still being unresolved. This may remain the same for the next 4 years due to political differences.

Item	Minute Recorded	Action By
56.23	Apologies: Councillors G. Wroe, R. Bray.	
57.23	Declarations of interest: Cllr Watt – WCCC refund request Cllr Gardner – Coffee Club funding request	
58.23	Approval of minutes 3rd July 2023: Proposed Cllr Hardwell, seconded Cllr Lewis. All agreed.	
59.23	County & District Councillor Reports: County Cllr Richardson Brown reported - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hollins Lane footpath is still being pursued with WCC but proving difficult. The developer needs to be pushed for this. • Lower Broadheath to Hallow road to be fully closed over Bank Holiday for 6 days. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S106 funding for local projects is worth looking at from current developments. <p>District Cllr Jones-Williams reported –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulations to Cllr Weddell-Hall for the chairmanship of the PC. • Hollins Lane footpath is being held up by developers at District level as they are unhappy at the amount of work required to do the path. If the appeal is won they may not have to do it, but if approved by MHDC it will be a planning condition. • Community funding has been launched for businesses and communities (£500k) but match funding is required. Deadline is 14th Aug for the first submission. • Ward budget is available again but regrettably remains at £500 despite having extra parishes. This needs to be reviewed. • A fund for upskilling apprentices has been relaunched. • Malvern crowd funding has been relaunched. • BJW has two charities this year – Air Ambulance and Cancer UK. There is a Just Giving page set up and BJW will be doing a wing walk on Sat 21st October! 	<p>SRB will send the Clerk s106 funding criteria.</p>
60.23	<p>Financial & Governance Matters:</p> <p>60.23.01 The payment schedule was approved as circulated – proposed Cllr Hardwell, seconded Cllr Rushgrove. All agreed.</p> <p>60.23.02 VAS quote still awaited from Westcotec.</p> <p>60.23.03 S106 projects (projects sheet as circulated) – Everyone agreed that there is still approx. £400k of projects needed for current developments. There will be a Facebook and Villager article for the Sept edition.</p> <p>60.23.04 Coffee Club funding request for £250.00 for new plastic crates and tablecloths – approval proposed by Cllr Watt, seconded Cllr Rushgrove, all agreed.</p> <p>60.23.05 WCCC refund request for £100.00 was agreed as the cricket camp had been cancelled due to lack of numbers attending.</p> <p>60.23.06 Library utility bills – remains ongoing via the Clerk. Cllr Watt also offered to assist.</p>	<p>Clerk to pay accounts as approved. Clerk to circ vas quote when received. SW to draft the FB and Villager article for the Clerk.</p> <p>Clerk to pay Coffee Club as agreed.</p> <p>Clerk to refund WCCC as agreed.</p> <p>Clerk to email P. Finch again re the concern over costs.</p>
61.23	<p>Martley Recreation Field:</p> <p>Cllr Watt reported on the pavilion capital project which currently remains with MHDC Planners. A single objection has been received, but all other responses have been positive. Will wait to hear from the Planning Officer.</p>	<p>Clerk to monitor the MHDC planning progress.</p> <p>Cllr Watt to call a working group meeting as required.</p>
62.23	<p>Martley Burial Ground:</p> <p>62.23.01 The meeting formally thanked Cllr Bray for his work to widen the pathway beyond the gazebo, which has really improved access to graves.</p>	

	<p>62.23.02 Roof repairs are still required, and the Clerk is progressing options.</p> <p>62.23.03 Planters by the entrance were discussed and costs may be quite high although the idea was thought a good one in principle.</p>	<p>Clerk to progress roof repair options.</p> <p>Cllr Hardwell agreed to find out costs via R. Wilks. This will also be added to the s106 projects list.</p>
63.23	<p>Village Improvement Plan: Action plan as circulated by Cllr Hardwell.</p> <p>63.23.01 Quote for x4 recycled benches received from R. Wilks including supply and fixing - £1550. All agreed – Clerk to order.</p> <p>63.23.02 RoSPA – there are some outstanding issues with R. Wilks but being progressed.</p> <p>63.23.03 Garden waste in the churchyard remains an issue although some works have been started. There needs to be a permanent solution by the Church.</p> <p>63.23.04 First aid/defib signs – Clerk to order x4. Ongoing maintenance will be done by Cllr Gardner although a long-term solution / contractor would be preferred.</p> <p>63.23.05 Planter towards Clifton – Cllr Hardwell has liaised with the concerned resident.</p> <p>63.23.06 Weighbridge – spare key was given to Cllr Watt to investigate who is using now (if anyone?).</p> <p>63.23.07 Bench plaques have been purchased by Cllr Hardwell for the Coronation.</p>	<p>Clerk to order benches from RW.</p> <p>Clerk to order x4 defib signs.</p> <p>Cllr Watt to check on the weighbridge usage. Clerk to reimburse Cllr Hardwell for the plaques when receipt received.</p>
64.23	<p>Strategic Planning:</p> <p>64.23.01 Neighbourhood Plan – maps confirmed with MHDC. Decision awaited.</p> <p>64.23.02 SWDPR – no further update.</p> <p>64.23.03 Martley Planning Team –S. Cumella still to be involved as a resident. Clerk was asked to check with all other members if they wish to continue.</p>	<p>Cllr Weddell-Hall to liaise with S. Cumella re Martley Planning Team next steps. Clerk to confirm membership.</p>
65.23	<p>Planning Matters:</p> <p>65.23.01 Applications to be considered and any ongoing planning matters to be discussed –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandyfields development update – the Chairman summarised what has happened to date, and the appeal granted. Also, the recent meeting held with developers to try and get as much from the development as possible for the parish. An article will be placed in the Sept Villager inviting ideas and suggestions. It was confirmed that the car park area has been reinstated in to plans. • M/23/00863/FUL – development of 83 new dwellings, new access, open space, sustainable drainage and associated infrastructure on land at Os 7520 5934, Hollins Lane, Martley – Lionscourt Homes Limited 	<p>Clerk to submit planning responses as required.</p> <p>Clerk to arrange article for the Villager for Sept edition.</p> <p>M/23/00863/FUL Objection – Agreed to use the same response as previously submitted and also include the need to include a new footpath for Hollins Lane route as safe access to schools. Also, to query permission granted for the</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> M/23/00881/FUL – development of a live/work unit on land at Os 7494 5876, Berrow Green Rd, Martley – Mr K Jennings and Miss R Wintle. <p>65.23.02 Notifications and correspondence received –</p> <p>M/23/00411/FUL – approval for replacement toilet block at New House Farm, Hope House Lane, Martley WR6 6QF</p>	<p>two new footpaths shown adjacent to the rec field. The site is also the only available site to extend play and sports facilities for the parish – see the MHDC Playing Pitch & Outdoor Strategy and Action Plan 2022, where Martley is a named site re additional recreation space required.</p> <p>M/23/00881/FUL Objection – the site is outside the settlement boundary and creates a new dwelling. There are also adjacent units available at Maylite Tr. Estate.</p>
66.23	<p>Highways Matters:</p> <p>66.23.01 Road safety issues ongoing. No further update.</p> <p>66.23.02 Community Speed Watch – vetting forms still outstanding and Cllr Lewis speaking with volunteers.</p> <p>66.23.03 New footpath – No further update.</p> <p>66.23.04 Road closures as circulated.</p>	<p>Clerk to chase policing team re vetting forms.</p> <p>Cllr Bray to price up footpath project.</p> <p>Cllrs Bray, Hardwell, Watt to meet and draft a project plan for the new footpath.</p>
67.23	<p>Parish Matters:</p> <p>67.23.01 Defib and CPR training – Clerk progressing.</p> <p>67.23.02 Weighbridge – see minute 63.23.06.</p>	<p>Clerk to progress defib/CPR training.</p>
68.23	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>None received.</p>	
69.23	<p>Councillor reports & Items for future Agendas:</p> <p>69.23.01 Cllr Rushgrove - Grit bin by Heaton House is looking 'shabby' and a further grit bin is required on the junction of Hollins Lane and St Peter's Dv.</p> <p>69.23.02 Cllr Gardner – requested someone share the notice board duties. Cllr Lewis agreed to assist with this.</p> <p>69.23.03 Cllr Gardner asked about arranging the October litter pick and the date was agreed as Sat 7th October.</p> <p>69.23.04 Cllr Watt asked that a new Football agreement be arranged for the new season which starts soon. Contact Ashley Walton / G. Griffiths.</p>	<p>Clerk to report to WCC re grit bins.</p> <p>Cllr Lewis to help Cllr Gardner with the notice board.</p> <p>Cllr Gardner to arrange the litter pick for Sat 7th October.</p> <p>Clerk to arrange Football user contract asap.</p>
	<p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:40pm</p>	