



**Minutes of Martley Parish Council meeting held  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at the Memorial Hall at 7:30pm**

**Present:** Councillors P Weddell-Hall (Chairman), G. Wroe (V-Chairman), M Rushgrove, S. Watt 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 Council were asked by R. Cannon for their preferred location to site a memorial bench in the village. The idea was agreed in principle and Cllrs Hardwell and Rushgrove agreed to look for the best location/s. R. Cannon will send the Clerk some suggestions for a style of bench.

G. Griffiths has obtained a quote for x2 fans, x4 heaters, materials, labour and a new fuse box & sockets for the pavilion. Quoted as £575 incl vat. Will liaise with Cllr Watt.

The meeting heard again about the issues for the football / cricket season crossover, which seems to cause issues annually. The Chairman explained about the 6 month agreement for football and cricket to have equal time on the rec. field and Cllr Watt reiterated what had been previously agreed re away matches being played during the cross over weeks.

The pavilion planning application remains with MHDC for determination.

Item	Minute Recorded	Action By
70.23	<b>Apologies:</b> Councillors R. Bray, C. Lewis and M. Gardner.	
71.23	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> None.	
72.23	<b>Approval of minutes 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023:</b> It was noted that there had been x3 objections to the pavilion planning application and the minutes amended accordingly. Proposed Cllr Watt, seconded Cllr Hardwell. All agreed.	
73.23	<b>County &amp; District Councillor Reports:</b> County Cllr Richardson Brown reported – The new footpath outside the village hall has been completed. The Council thanked him for doing this work.	

	<p>Cllr Rushgrove asked about Hollins Lane road closure and Cllr Richardson Brown agreed to find out the reason and whether it was linked to the footpath work.</p> <p>District Cllr Jones-Williams reported – report as circulated. Discussion took place regarding the Planning Committee meeting to be held at MHDC and the decisions to be made regarding local development on land at Hollins Lane and also the appeal decision re Sandyfields. Cllr Weddell-Hall and the Clerk to attend. Cllr Watt also to attend as a member of the public. MHDC 5 year land supply and the outstanding SWDPR is affecting decisions and appeals in the district.</p>	
74.23	<p><b>Financial &amp; Governance Matters:</b></p> <p>74.23.01 The payment schedule was approved as circulated – proposed Cllr Watt, seconded Cllr Wroe. All agreed.</p> <p>74.23.02 VAS quote has been circulated - £4039 + vat. It was proposed by Cllr Watt, seconded Cllr Rushgrove to purchase as quoted. County Cllr Richardson Brown to be asked for a contribution towards the cost.</p> <p>74.23.03 External funding – Cllr Hardwell has progressed the MHDC Tourism Grant and it remains ongoing. Cllr Watt is to attend the SpaceHive funding webinar.</p> <p>74.23.04 S106 funding – it was agreed that the Council needs to maintain an up to date list of potential projects. Also to register an interest in s106 funding when available. It was noted that the pavilion project is not currently to be s106 funded as the cricket club are arranging funding. Social media responses to be forwarded to Cllrs Watt and Hardwell re village improvements.</p> <p>74.23.05 Library Utility Bills – Cllr Watt and the Clerk have been in touch with P. Finch and an explanation has been received. No further action.</p>	<p>Clerk to pay accounts as approved.</p> <p>Clerk to purchase the vas and to ask SRB for a contribution.</p> <p>Cllr Watt / Clerk to send an updated s106 project list to MHDC.</p> <p>Clerk to collate social media responses for SW &amp; MH.</p>
75.23	<p><b>Martley Recreation Field:</b></p> <p>Cllr Watt reported on the pavilion capital project which currently remains with MHDC Planners</p>	<p>Clerk to monitor the MHDC planning progress.</p> <p>Cllr Watt to call a working group meeting as required.</p>
76.23	<p><b>Martley Burial Ground:</b></p> <p>Entrance planters – it was agreed to defer any decision until village improvement comments have been collated.</p>	
77.23	<p><b>Village Improvement Plan:</b></p> <p>Action plan as circulated and reported by Cllr Hardwell. Defib kiosk signage has been ordered by the Clerk. Lengthsman work is ongoing. Cllr Rushgrove reminded about the bus shelter refurb works which are outstanding. The pathway past the PRU needs clearing as very overgrown.</p>	<p>MH to remind about the bus shelter.</p>

	The hedge at Humphreys (Newtown) is causing obstruction and needs cutting back.	Clerk to contact R. Wilks re clearing vegetation and hedge at the two sites.
78.23	<p><b>Strategic Planning:</b></p> <p>78.23.01 Neighbourhood Plan – Knightwick &amp; Dodenham PC have confirmed that they wish to remain as a joint neighbourhood area. The Clerk has notified MHDC as the designated area will need to be redefined. The review is required asap.</p> <p>78.23.02 SWDPR – no further update. Still 2 ½ years overdue.</p> <p>78.23.03 Martley Planning Team –S. Cumella has agreed to Chair the group. Membership has been confirmed and meetings are to be arranged via the Clerk.</p>	<p>NDP review – next agenda.</p> <p>It was agreed to move strategic planning and planning matters to after County &amp; District Cllr reports for future agendas.</p>
79.23	<p><b>Planning Matters:</b></p> <p>79.23.01 Applications to be considered and any ongoing planning matters to be discussed –</p> <p>M/23/00863/FUL - Lioncourt Homes (Development No.1) Limited - Development of 83 new dwellings, new access, open space, sustainable drainage and associated infrastructure. Location: Land At (Os 7520 5934), Hollins Lane, Martley. The above planning application is due to be considered by the Planning Committee on 6 September 2023. The officer recommendation is for Approval.</p> <p>M/23/01076/FUL – Land at Os 7523 5776 Berrow Green, Martley – construction of one dwelling as the alternative to an approved Class Q (M/23/00247/GPDQ). Cllr Jones-Williams is waiting to speak to Planners at MHDC.</p> <p>79.23.02 Notifications and correspondence –</p> <p>Appeal notification – APP/J1860/W/23/3323119 – Lioncourt homes, land at Os 7520 5934, Hollins Lane, Martley. Development of 83 new dwellings, new access, open space, sustainable drainage and associated infrastructure. (21/01918/FUL)</p> <p>Appeal decision – APP/J1860/W/21/3277814 – Foechan, Hillside, Martley WR6 6QN. Appeal allowed for the erection of a detached garage and creation of a new driveway.</p> <p>Sandyfields development – the Villager inserts were completed, and responses will be collated at end Sept.</p>	Clerk to submit planning responses as required.
80.23	<p><b>Highways Matters:</b></p> <p>80.23.01 Road Safety Matters – Cllr Weddell-Hall raised concerns that matters are being looked at in isolation by</p>	

	<p>Highways / Planners. The Council needs to try and address this in our responses.</p> <p>80.23.02 Community Speed Watch – it was agreed to take this off the agenda until the scheme can be re-started with enough volunteers.</p> <p>80.23.03 Footpath Safety Group – no further information currently by Cllrs Bray, Watt. Hardwell and Rushgrove to meet to cost up / draft a project plan asap,</p> <p>80.23.04 Road closures as notified.</p>	<p>Clerk to ask Solicitor for an update by 12<sup>th</sup> Sept.</p>
81.23	<p><b>Parish Matters:</b></p> <p>81.23.01 Defib and CPR training – Clerk progressing with St John Ambulance as they offer free community sessions.</p> <p>81.23.02 Weighbridge – it was confirmed that the community radio is still using the building.</p> <p>81.23.03 Hill Farm – no further action as Clifton area.</p> <p>81.23.04 Grit bin at Heaton House – WCC will not move the existing bin. The bin request at Hollins Lane/St Peter's Dv junction is with WCC. Clerk to chase up.</p> <p>81.23.05 Recreation field bin cleaning – Cllrs Watt and Weddell-Hall are to look at options.</p>	<p>Clerk to progress defib/CPR training.</p> <p>Clerk to chase up grit bin with WCC.</p>
82.23	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p>Dog bin requested by Masons Arms PH – defer to Kenswick &amp; Wichenford PC as in their area.</p> <p>Memorial bench request – see public time.</p>	<p>Clerk to send bin request to K&amp;WPC.</p> <p>Cllrs Hardwell and Rushgrove to meet re memorial bench.</p>
83.23	<p><b>Councillor reports &amp; Items for future Agendas:</b></p> <p>Cllr Wroe raised concern about the Hopyard hedge and the Clerk was asked to contact WCC.</p> <p>Ditch also needs clearing.</p> <p>Rec field hedge also needs cutting – Clerk to ask M. Nott</p>	<p>Clerk to report Hopyard hedge and ditch to WCC and speak to M. Nott re rec field hedge.</p>
	<p><b>There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:00pm</b></p>	