



Minutes of Martley Parish Council meeting held

Monday 6th November 2023 at the Memorial Hall at 7:30pm

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

Also present: County Councillor Scott Richardson Brown, District Cllr Barbara Jones-Williams and one member of the public.

Democratic time: The following matters were raised –

Martley FC will no longer be playing at Martley for a number of reasons. It is hoped that a youth & senior team will in in place for next season. The PC agreed to ensure that the pitch was made fit for purpose.

Item	Minute Recorded	Action By
100.23	Apologies accepted from: No apologies.	
101.23	Declarations of interest: Cllr R. Bray matters regarding Sandyfields; Cllr S. Watt matters regarding Martley Cricket Club.	
102.23	Approval of minutes 2nd October 2023: The minutes were agreed as a true record by all.	
103.23	Matters arising: No matters arising.	
104.23	County & District Councillor Reports: Report from Cllr B Jones-Williams as circulated. The PC were strongly advised to review the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr S Richardson Brown informed the PC that extra funding may be available for highway matters (VAS* and new footpath) & that the PC may consider asking WCC Highways to adopt the new footpath in Church Lane.	
105.23	Strategic Planning Matters: The Chairman will contact S Cumella re the Neighbourhood Plan review. No updates on SWDPR or Martley Planning Team	

106.23	<p>Planning Matters: Notifications - M/23/01165/FUL – Mr Richard Banks, Land at (Os 7558 5996) Martley – erection of one and a half storey detached dwelling, vehicular driveway, parking & turning area; including re-profiling of ground levels and erection of retaining walls. Noted refusal of application 23/01165/FUL.</p> <p>21/01918/FUL – Lioncourt Homes (Dev no. 1) Limited – Land at Hollins Lane Martley - development of 83 new dwellings, new access, open space, sustainable drainage and associated infrastructure – Notification of change of Planning Appeal method to written representations. Concern noted about application 12/01918/FUL.</p> <p>Noted all pending applications as circulated.</p>	
107.23	<p>Financial & Governance Matters: 107.23.01 Payments approved (inc additional sum to Cllr Hardwell) proposed Cllr Rushgrove seconded Cllr Watt, all approved. 107.23.02 Cllr Hardwell is not pursuing the MHDC grant funding. Cllr Watt is aware that most grants are match funded. 107.23.03 The PC currently has s106 projects to the value of £450,000 listed.</p>	Clerk to pay accounts as approved.
108.23	<p>Martley Recreation Field: Cllr Watt circulated notes from the working party meeting held. The proposed head of terms was discussed a couple of changes were recommended. The Cricket Club will now formalise the document through their solicitor. It is hoped that the new pavilion will be up and running for the 2025 season.</p>	
109.23	<p>Martley Burial Ground: Pavilion repairs are ongoing as agreed, subject to weather conditions.</p>	
110.23	<p>Village Improvement Plan: Action plan as circulated and reported by Cllr Hardwell. Parish Lengthsman tasks agreed.</p>	
111.23	<p>Highways Matters: RW will install the new VAS on 7th November Cllrs Hardwell & Weddell-Hall will liaise with him. Clerk required to confirm purchase of land for Church Lane footpath. Road closure & diversion signs need to be clearer.</p>	
112.23	<p>Parish Matters: Defib/CPR training – ongoing.</p>	

113.23	<p>Correspondence: Noted correspondence received regarding The Rectory, Cllr Bray confirmed that it will have a new tenant.</p>	
114.23	<p>Councillor reports & Items for future Agendas: Cllr Bray to lay the wreath on Sunday 12 Nov. Cllr Lewis will continue to put minutes & agendas on the PC notice board when Cllr Gardner is not available. Cllr Watt to find a proper solution to the flooding of the Village Hall car park on behalf of the Village Hall. Cllr Watt & Cllr Bray will put Christmas lights on the tree at the weighbridge. Concern noted about number of 'Martley' websites and how difficult it is for Councillors to add info/items to PC website. Concern noted about handover from old to new Clerk.</p>	<p>The Clerk to confirm if Cllr Scott Richardson Brown has already given a grant towards the new VAS.</p>
115.23	<p>Clerk resignation / recruitment: Three applications received for new clerk position, interviews to take place on 15th November.</p>	<p>Staffing Committee to progress recruitment.</p>
	<p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:35pm</p>	