



**Minutes of Martley Parish Council meeting held  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at the Memorial Hall at 7:30pm**

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

**Also present:** District Cllr Barbara Jones-Williams and 20 members of the public & 3 representatives from Lion Court Homes.

**Apologies:** County Councillor Scott Richardson-Brown

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

The tractor service was agreed prior to the mowing season.

The Moles were being addressed at the Playing Field with 6 moles caught and the Parish Council would expect an invoice in due course.

A number of residents were in attendance to raise concerns regarding the start of the Lion Court Development. Representatives from Lion Court Development were in attendance and addressed the concerns raised.

It was raised that Hope House Lane was not to be used as an access for the development. Lion Court representatives advised that the access was only used to put in place the tree protection fencing which was a condition prior to starting any development. They explained that due to resident complaints the work had been halted and they had obtained permission from MHDC to access the field via the main access to implement the tree protection and not cause further disruption on Hope House Lane.

The working hours for the site were confirmed. Mon – Fri 7.30am-6pm and 8am-1pm Saturdays ONLY. This includes deliveries. Contact details for the site manager were given to the clerk in case of any further issues.

Queries were raised regarding the recent flooding and reassurance was requested that the development would not further exacerbate the flooding. The Lion Court drainage engineer gave a full explanation of how the water was to be drained and the capacity of the attenuation pond including future proofing and storm events calculations.

Concerns were raised regarding the pedestrian/cycle link on a single lane carriageway.

Item	Minute Recorded	Action By
1.	<b>Apologies accepted from:</b> County Councillor Scott Richardson-Brown	

2.	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> None	
3.	<b>Approval of minutes 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024:</b> It was noted that M Gardner was present. The minutes were proposed by Cllr Wroe seconded by Cllr Hardwell and approved by all and signed by the chairman as a true record.	
4.	<b>Member Vacancy</b> There were two members of the public in attendance interested in joining the Parish Council. The Chair advised there was only one vacancy and the interested parties were asked to apply in writing so members could review and decide who they would like to co-opt at the March meeting.	
5.	<b>District Councillor Report:</b>  District Councillor B Jones-Williams gave best wishes to the King following the news he was being treated for cancer.  District Councillor B Jones-Williams read her report. This included an update on the Community Infrastructure Levy. Cllr Jones Williams advised that the South of the district had a lower levy than the North, potentially making it more attractive to developers.  Cllr Jones-Williams advised that the District Council five year plan approved on 30 <sup>th</sup> January, would focus primarily on Health & Wellbeing.  Cllr Jones-Williams gave details of the District Councils Eco-friendly award scheme.  Cllr Jones-Williams congratulated the Cricket Club for raising a remarkable £118K via crowd funding for the new pavilion.	
6.	<b>Strategic Planning Matters:</b> Neighbourhood Plan The Chair of the Martley Planning Team had met with Andrew Ford to gain advice on what was required to bring the current Neighbourhood Plan up to date. It was advised that a material review should be undertaken ASAP and would likely not require a referendum.  SWDPR - no further update this month.  Martley Planning Team update: The agenda for the public meeting on 10 <sup>th</sup> February was discussed and would focus on three applications. Ensuring conditions were adhered to for the Lion Court development.  Ensuring the reserved matters application was appropriate for the Sandyfields site  Contesting the speculative application below the Nubbins by Hayfield Homes.  Reviewing the S106 future projects list.	Planning team to update NP ASAP.           Cllr Hardwell to print agenda and put on the notice board.       Clerk to chase up reply from H Baldwin MP.



9.	<p><b>Martley Recreation Field:</b> The Pavilion Project was now live and the update from S Hayes was reviewed; progressing well and on track for original timescales. Cllr Watt advised that a tree removed for the project had been a memorial tree and the project team had been in touch with the family involved to apologies and offer a replacement memorial.</p> <p>Cllr Watt advised that the next stage was to review how the water and electricity would be metered and paid for. The working group would discuss and give recommendations to the Parish Council for consideration at March meeting.</p>	Capital Project Team
10.	<p><b>Martley Burial Ground:</b> M Alexander had reported there had been one burial plot purchase + Map as advised under remittance. The Clerk had contacted the contractor for an update on the Gazebo work but had not had a reply. She would chase up.</p>	Clerk
11	<p><b>Village Improvement Plan:</b> Cllr Hardman &amp; Cllr Rushgrove had met with R Wilks to review drainage. R Wilks is not permitted to address highway drainage but he would give a survey and a quote for the Memorial Hall Drains. R Wilks had agreed to hold the prices he had already quoted for 2024 works. R Wilks had produced a quote of £595.00 for wildflower areas.</p> <p>Rotten wood on Play Park had been noted.</p> <p>There was a discussion about siding out and pavement works. Potentially this is WCC responsibility.</p> <p>Potential of using CIL money for Village Improvements was discussed and the Clerk was asked to investigate what CIL money was currently held by the Parish Council.</p> <p>The clerk raised concerns regarding getting more than one quote, members were in agreement that they were confident they were obtaining value for money.</p> <p>Millennium Field footpath update. No works could start until 6 weeks had passed due to the Conservation Area Notification supplied by Chris Lewis Farley of MHDC.</p>	<p>Cllr Hardwell</p> <p>Clerk</p>
12.	<p><b>Highways Matters:</b> No updates this month.</p>	
13.	<p><b>Parish Matters:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.) Defib and CPR Community Training: Cllr Gardner had reviewed registered all 3 defibrillators on the national circuit. Cllr Gardner would obtain the contact details for the clerk to book the Community CPR training session.</li> <li>b.) Website review – Cllr Hardwell &amp; Cllr Watt agreed to arrange a meeting to look at the village and PC websites, the clerk would attend as the officer responsible for the Parish Council content.</li> </ul>	<p>Cllr Gardner</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>c.) Parish Assets – Crown Inn</p> <p>It was noted the pub was now just known as The Crown. The Parish Council had received correspondence from the owner outlining revised plans for the site to retail units and flats rather than the 4 houses previously applied for. Members discussed support for this outcome, discussed regarding the Orchard behind being designated green space and the need for further car parking. This would be further reviewed by the Planning Team and potentially a meeting with owner. It was noted that the registration as a Community Asset had expired last year, member discussed re-registering it. It was noted that a further bat survey requirement may delay work starting.</p>	
14.	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p>A resident had written to Parish Council regarding risk of increased crime caused by the local development and building works. A note re-crime would be added to the Villager report and the concern would be passed to the local police.</p> <p>Notification of Severn Trent works at the access road by the Church – the clerk was asked to write and request it was resurfaced after the works were completed as it was currently in a poor state of repair.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
15.	<p><b>Councillor reports &amp; Items for future Agendas:</b></p> <p>It was noted that a number of residents had raised concerns regarding undesirable characters in the village. A notice regarding reporting suspicious behaviour to 101 would be added to the villager report and the Police would be advised and invited to the March meeting.</p>	Clerk
	<b>There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.40</b>	

Chairman Signature:

Date: