



**Minutes of Martley Parish Council meeting held  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at the Memorial Hall at 7:30pm**

**Present:** Councillors P Weddell-Hall (Chairman), M. Rushgrove, R. Bray & S Kite

**Also present:** County Councillor Scott Richardson-Brown, District Cllr Barbara Jones-Williams, 2 members of the public & The Clerk

**Apologies:** Cllr G. Wroe (V-Chairman) Cllr M. Hardwell. Cllr C. Lewis, Cllr M Gardner & Cllr S. Watt.

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

The tractor was currently not useable, it was agreed the mechanic from Cliften should come a give a quote to repair and service the tractor, this could be passed to the clerk via Cllr Watt.

The football pitches required levelling and seeding following mole damage and sinkage, topsoil from new pavilion work could be used. The clerk was asked to get a price from R Wilkes. It was thought it would be too wet for sometime yet to address this.

The owner of the Crown asked for feedback for his new proposals for the area around the pub. Instead of the originally applied for residential houses, he now proposes to develop the area with retail units that could house, hair and beauty outlets amongst others with residential flats above. Members asked if the proposal incorporated any changes for the actual pub, the owner confirmed that the works planned for the actual pub itself remained the same, he has obtained an emergency bat licence and work to the pub building was imminent with a view to re-opening Sept/Oct. There was to be a pub, 6 bed B&B, a café and management accommodation. All the pub planning is approved the new proposals do not alter that.

Members asked questions about moving the units and flats back to create additional space at the front for more car parking, but the owner explained that amenity space for washing etc was a planning requirement for the flats.

Members were positive, but any application would be subject to the normal member consultation and scrutiny the same as any other application MHDC receive. The Chairman thanked the Crown owner for attending and keeping the Parish Council updated.

Item	Minute Recorded	Action By
1.	<b>Apologies accepted from:</b> Cllr G. Wroe (V-Chairman) Cllr M. Hardwell. Cllr C. Lewis, Cllr M Gardner & Cllr S. Watt.	
2.	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> Cllr Weddlle-Hall re Planning application 01743 Hockmans Cottage.	

3.	<p><b>Approval of minutes 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024:</b> The minutes were proposed by Cllr Rushgrove seconded by Cllr Bray and approved by all and signed by the chairman as a true record.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Member Vacancy – co-option</b> Mr Steve Kite was co-opted onto the Council. The co-option forms were signed in front of the clerk and Cllr Kite was welcomed to the meeting.</p>	
5.	<p><b>County &amp; District Councillor Reports:</b></p> <p>District Councillor B Jones-Williams report circulated prior to meeting. Cllr B Jones Williams asked her report was forwarded to Cllr Kite and made available on the Parish Council website.</p> <p>Cllr B Jones-Williams advised that her Chairman Civic Service would be held at Broadwas Church this year with refreshments after at the Talbot.</p> <p>The Chair asked regarding improvements to bus services and Cllr B Jones- Williams would investigate and report back in April's meeting.</p> <p>County Councillor Scott Richardson-Brown – nothing particular to report on County Councillor business this month. Noted a collapsed drain had been found at Hope House lane and was in progress to be resolved. The Chairman asked Cllr Richardson-Brown regarding progress of the zebra crossing request. Discussed, safe location, width of pavement and a discussion regarding safe park and walk options for the school. Cllr Richardson-Brown would investigate reallocation of funding secured for a zebra crossing at Lower Broadheath, that was no longer required and would request a WCC Highways assessment of suitable locations in Martley. Cllr Jones Williams asked regarding the HS2 funding coming to County Council to improve transport infrastructure, could some of this be made available to improve transport infrastructure in Martley</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr B Jones-Williams</p> <p>Cllr Richardson-Brown</p> <p>Cllr Richardson-Brown</p>
6.	<p><b>Strategic Planning Matters:</b> Neighbourhood Plan The Martley Planning Team had produced a draft in text form only. The next draft should be available for the April meeting.</p> <p>SWDPR - no further update this month, on-going.</p> <p>Martley Planning Team update: Minutes circulated to members. Local details under item 7.</p>	<p>MPC Planning team.</p>
7.	<p><b>Planning Matters:</b> a.) Planning applications to be considered M/23/01729/RM Land at (Os 7499 5981) Berrow Green Road, Martley. Reserved matters application for details of appearance, layout, scale and landscaping following the grant of outline planning permission 21/02245/OUT at appeal APP/J1860/W/22/3306186 which also granted access.</p>	

	<p>Members reviewed, discussed and agreed the objection to be submitted by the clerk. M/23/01711/OUT Land at (Os 7500 5952) Berrow Green Road. Outline planning permission for up to 55 dwellings (with means of access to the site to be considered at this stage and all other matters reserved) – Hayfield Homes.</p> <p>Members reviewed, discussed and agreed the objection to be submitted by the clerk. M/23/01743/FUL Hockmans Cottage, Hockmans Lane WR6 6QR. Replacement dwelling (including demolition of the existing cottage) and associated works. Cllr P Weddell-Hall left the meeting. Members discussed and reviewed the Planning Team recommendation to support the application. It was agreed to support and the clerk was asked to submit to MHDC. Cllr P Weddell-Hall returned to the meeting.</p> <p>APPEAL – APP/J1860/W/23/33336998 Land as (Os 7558 5996 Martley. Erection of a one and a half storey detached dwelling, vehicular driveway, parking &amp; turning area; including reprofiling of ground levels and erection of retaining walls. Martley Planning team were to review and advise should any further comments require submitting.</p> <p>b.) Applications approved: N/A</p> <p>c.) Public Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> February. Members agreed it was pleasing to see such a great turnout from the village and hoped submissions to the planning portal and attendance if required, at planning committee would be forthcoming.</p> <p>d.) Progress update on existing applications &amp; developments It was noted that Lion Court entrance road construction was progressing.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Financial &amp; Governance Matters:</b> Payment of £87.77 to Scottish Power for Changing Room electricity January and x2 payments of £17.26 to BT by DD for library telephone/internet Jan/Feb were noted.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Bray and seconded by Cllr Rushgrove to authorise the following payments:</p> <p>a.) N Nicholson – Clerk OPE &amp; Mileage £110.29 b.) R Wilks – lengthsman services January £288.00 c.) MIC Enviro Services – mole removal playing field £475.00 d.) Waterplus – Changing room water supply – February £33.42 e.) Netwise – hosting, support and maintenance website £600.00 f.) BT – Library telephone &amp; internet DD £17.26 g.) Hallmark Hulme Solicitors – professional fees re land purchase for church lane footpath, less £23.60 on account Total £978.00 h.) Gordon Griffiths – Changing rooms caretaking Jan £80.00</p>	Clerk to process the payments.

	<p>i.) Gordon Griffiths – changing room caretaking Feb £80.00</p> <p>Remittance: WCC Reimburse lengthsman Sept/Oct/June £465.00 WCC reimburse lengthsman May £210.00</p> <p>External funding updates: N/A</p> <p>Cllr Bray enquired regarding CIL money. The clerk advised that the files showed MPC had received £1111.16 in October 2020 and £4579.30 in February 2022. She would ask MHDC to confirm these amounts. The clerk advised there was 5 years to spend the money or it could be required to be returned.</p> <p>S106 funding projects: The list was being updated following the public meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Bray advised that he had selected Ian Foster to fell the trees for the Church Lane footpath it would be less than £500.</p> <p>Cllr Bray asked regarding what costs would require three quotes, the clerk would review Martley’s financial regs, but essentially the members can agreed a figure over which quote would be required and this can be adjusted and written into their Financial regulations.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Watt</p> <p>Cllr Bray</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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.</p> <p>Playground &amp; Skate Park – nothing to report this month.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Martley Burial Ground:</b> M Alexander had reported there would be a tree planting for Cllr Rushgrove’s partner and M Alexander was able to dig the hole.</p> <p>Cllr Rushgrove advised that no work on the Gazebo had taken place and the clerk was asked to chase the contractor once again.</p>	Clerk
11	<p><b>Village Improvement Plan:</b> Cllr Hardwell would update at April’s meeting.</p> <p>Parish Lengthsman tasks – The lengthsman was required to report blocked highways drains onto the WCC hub to get gully sucked.</p> <p>Millennium Field footpath update: The next stage was to mark up and erect a temporary fence showing the boundary of the land purchased. Cllr Bray would report back once this was done and the proposed steel railing could then be discussed.</p>	<p>R Wilks</p> <p>Cllr Bray</p>
12.	<p><b>Highways Matters:</b> No updates this month.</p>	
13.	<p><b>Parish Matters:</b> a.) Defib and CPR Community Training: The members agreed to hold the session on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 10am. The clerk</p>	Cllr Gardner

	<p>advised there would be no charge for the session but donation towards Community responders, Members agreed a £50 donation and suggested attendees could be encouraged to donate themselves on the day. The clerk was asked to book the hall and advertise the session.</p> <p>b.) Website review –review meeting to be arranged.</p> <p>c.) Street naming – Lion Court development The chair advised that the Parish Council had been requested to produce 6 street names for the new development. Cllr Bray volunteered to investigate what the fields had been called prior to development or the Chairman suggested using local surnames.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Hardwell &amp; Cllr Watt</p> <p>Cllr Bray</p>
14.	<p><b>Correspondence:</b> No resident correspondence this month.</p>	
15.	<p><b>Councillor reports &amp; Items for future Agendas:</b> N/A</p>	
	<p><b>There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.50</b></p>	

Chairman Signature:

Date: