



**Minutes of Martley Parish Council meeting held
Monday 8th April 2024 at the Memorial Hall at 7:30pm**

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

Also present: County Councillor Scott Richardson-Brown, District Cllr Barbara Jones-Williams, One member of public & The Clerk

Apologies: Cllr G. Wroe (V-Chairman) Cllr M. Hardwell. Cllr C. Lewis & Cllr S Kite.

Democratic time: The resident present was for observation only.

Item	Minute Recorded	Action By
1.	Apologies accepted from: Cllr G. Wroe (V-Chairman) Cllr M. Hardwell. Cllr C. Lewis & Cllr S. Kite.	
2.	Declarations of interest: Cllr Watt re Cricket Club & Cllr Weddell-Hall re M/23/01743/FUL	
3.	Approval of minutes 5th March 2024: The minutes were proposed by Cllr Rushgrove seconded by Cllr Bray and approved by all and signed by the chairman as a true record.	
4.	<p>District Councillor Report:</p> <p>District Councillor B Jones-Williams had no particular District Council business to report. Cllr B Jones Williams reminded members of her Civic Service being held in Broadwas Church 3pm followed by refreshments at the Talbot.</p> <p>District Councillor B Jones Williams advised that her charity wing walk had been postponed until 27th April due to weather conditions.</p> <p>County Councillor Report:</p> <p>County Councillor Scott Richardson -Brown had no particular County Council business to report.</p> <p>The clerk advised that she had received a telephone call regarding a perceived blocked or collapsed gully at Princkly Green, she would ask the lengthsman to visit and report in.</p>	Clerk

	<p>There was also a tree hanging into the Highway in the same location, the members asked the clerk to write to the resident and ask them to cut the tree back.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Strategic Planning Matters: Neighbourhood Plan The Martley Planning Team had produced a 2nd draft of the revised Neighbourhood Plan incorporating several amendments from Micheal Belamy. The Chair of the MPT had attended a meeting of Knightwick & Doddingham Parish Council on 18th March to discuss the revised plan. A third draft to include maps and photographs is now being worked on. A meeting with MHDC to ascertain if a development site in the new NP is necessary, given the large developments already approved.</p> <p>SWDPR – District Councillor Barbara Jones Williams advised there had been a further delay due to waiting on a WCC Highways strategy.</p> <p>There was a discussion regarding the applications for Permission in Principle, MHDC had refused the first one they received recently in Abberley.</p> <p>Martley Planning Team update: Minutes circulated to members. Local details under item 7.</p>	<p>MPC Planning team.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Planning Matters: The clerk advised that whilst the Martley Planning team was a useful advisory group, all members must be clear that the comments, objections or recommend approvals she is asked to submit are the view of the elected members of the Parish Council.</p> <p>a.) Planning applications to be considered M/23/01729/RM Land at (Os 7499 5981) Berrow Green Road, Martley. Revised 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. Members reviewed the planning teams advice, discussed and agreed that the revised plans do not do enough to address the original concerns the clerk was asked to make a submission accordingly.</p> <p>M/24/00238/HP Old Tannery, Martley. Construction of single-storey extension and canopy to provide home office and link between the existing dwelling house and 2-storey annex. Members discussed and noted infill and screened from the road. Members recommend approval.</p> <p>M/24/00147/HP Garden Cottage, Laugherne Park, Martley. Replacement conservatory to rear elevation. Members discussed this was an improved spec within the existing footprint. Members recommend approval.</p>	<p>Clerk to submit all agreed to MHDC.</p>

	<p>M/24/00216/FUL Storage Land to rear of Laugherne Villa, Martley. Change of use to transport yard for erection of workshop/light industrial/storage units, Classes E (g) and B8, associated parking and landscaping. Cllr Bray suggested this was more like a light industrial site, the change of use would likely mean less lorries and hopefully improved local employment opportunities all members agreed it was just what Martley needed. Recommend approval.</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 & turning area; including reprofiling of ground levels and erection of retaining walls. Members discussed that their original comments still stood, they asked the clerk to submit a statement reiterating the PC stance and highlighting the well-used school route along the PROW.</p> <p>b.) Applications approved: M/23/01552/FUL Elmwood Laugherne Farm, Martley. Proposed conversion of 1 no 'log cabin' holiday let, including landscaping and parking. M/23/01439/HP Kingswood House, Kingswood, Martley. Side extension with basement and glazed link extension, together with associated engineering works and landscaping.</p> <p>c.) Applications refused: M/23/01743/FUL Hockhams Cottage, Hockhams Lane, Martley. Replacement dwelling (including demolitions of the existing cottage) and associated works.</p> <p>d.) Progress update on existing applications & developments There had been limited activity on Lioncourt development but works were resuming now. No further up date on the application on the land next to the Burial Ground. The Chairman noted it was good to see work starting at the Crown public house.</p> <p>Cllr Bray asked if the clerk had an update on the CIL money total. She had not heard back from MHDC but would chase this up.</p> <p>Cllr Watt suggested the clerk write to David Hammond Head of Community infrastructure at MHDC to ensure the 106 money would be allocated to Martley Parish Council for the suggested Village improvement plans (the wish list).</p>	<p>Clerk to submit to Planning Inspectorate</p> <p>Clerk to chase MHDC Clerk</p>
8.	<p>Financial & Governance Matters: Payment of £97.31 to Scottish Power for Changing Room electricity February was noted. Members raised their concerns that this seemed very expensive for an unused building. The bill was reviewed and it was noted there was a high standing charge. This would be addressed when the new Pavilion was operational. The clerk suggested using Utility Aide who get prices and discounts for the public sector.</p>	

	<p>Payment of £131.15 to BJP insurance brokers, the annual insurance premium for the tractor was noted. Members discussed the ongoing costs of the tractor vs having a contractor or a groundsman. Cllr Watt would draw up a job spec and the clerk was asked to gather some prices for members to review.</p> <p>Payment of £15.95 to BT by DD for library telephone/internet March was noted.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Gardener and seconded by Cllr Rushgrove to authorise the following payments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Mrs N Nicholson – Clerk OPE & Mileage March £80.78 b. MHDC quarterly litter bin hire BG £68.51 c. MHDC quarterly litter and recycle hire Memorial Hall £128.38 d. Mr R Wilks – Lengthsman services February £306.00 e. Mr R Wilks – lengthsman services March £162.00 f. M Gardner – litter picking expenses £12.03 g. Water Plus – changing room water supply £25.50 h. G Griffiths – changing room caretaking £80.00 <p>No invoice had been received, a discussion took place about the caretaking of the changing rooms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Pear technology services Ltd – burial ground software £108.00 j. P Weddell-Hall – Chairman expenses £50.00 <p>Remittance: WCC reimburse lengthsman April & Dec 23 £700.00 WCC reimburse lengthsman plus admin claim £755.00</p> <p>Burial Ground account administration. The Chairman advised members that historically payment for the Burial Ground had been made from the main Parish Council current account, the Chairman and the clerk thought the Burial Ground expenses should now be paid from the Burial Ground account, should there be a short fall the Parish Council could issue a grant to the Burial Ground. Members agreed this would be more transparent and easier to monitor Burial Ground costs.</p> <p>External funding updates: Cllr Watt advised he had applied for £10K from the Kings Orchard fund for the Church Lane footpath project.</p> <p>Cllr Watt gave an update and overview regarding the cost for the Church Lane footpath. The original estimates have increased. The land price and legal costs estimated at £5K had cost £12K. The metal rail fencing would cost more than the anticipated £4k, the first quote was £9,500. Total cost for the project will likely be £18-20K but the £10K from the Orchard Grant, should it be successful, would bring the project back to the original PC estimated investment.</p>	<p>Cllr Watt Clerk</p> <p>Clerk to raise all invoiced payments for authorisation.</p>
9.	<p>Martley Recreation Field: The Pavilion Project update from S Hayes, project still on track to achieve the original timescales.</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pavilion Shell completed by mid-April (and all grass re-seeded ready for the summer) • Pavilion completed reading for opening on 26th July. <p>Playground & Skate Park – nothing to report this month.</p>	
10.	<p>Martley Burial Ground: The clerk advised she could get no response from the contractor regarding the Gazebo repairs. Cllr Rushgrove would approach the contractor and advise if he still wanted the work. Members asked the clerk to see if R.Wilks could address the repair required.</p> <p>Members discussed recent correspondence regarding excessive littering in the Burial Ground car park and the clerk was asked to get a price for a sign to advise people to use the trade waste bins provided.</p>	<p>Cllr Rushgrove</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
11	<p>Village Improvement Plan: Cllr Rushgove read the update from Cllr Hardwell as follows:</p> <p>Memorial Hall car park gully cleared requires jetting by Aquacleanse.</p> <p>Flooding from pond on Berrow Green Road it is thought Lioncourt will resolve as part of their site works.</p> <p>Ankerdine Lane – persistent flooding. Highways to contact landowner ref jetting and drain header clearance.</p> <p>Hollins Lane, persistent flooding. Highways to contact landowner re jetting, ditch & drain header clearance.</p>	
12.	<p>Highways Matters: No updates this month.</p>	
13.	<p>Parish Matters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a.) Defib and CPR Community Training: The session was to be held on Saturday 13th April at 10am. Cllr Lewis was attending and arranging the refreshments. b.) Website review –review meeting to be arranged. c.) Street naming – Lion Court development The chair advised that the Parish Council had submitted 6 street name suggestions for the new development. Cllr Watt wanted to request the Bradbury one was used for the road over looking the Cricket Pitch and the Chairman advised him to contact Lioncourt directly to request this. 	<p>Cllr Watt & Cllr Hardwell</p> <p>Cllr Watt</p>
14.	<p>Correspondence: No resident correspondence this month.</p>	
15.	<p>Items for future Agendas: CIL Money update Horne Lane litter pick arranged for 21st April, clerk to organise bag delivery & collection with MHDC. CCTV issues at Changing Room – Cllr Watt would get an engineer out to review.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Watt</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	Moles had returned to the football pitch and the clerk was asked to get some more competitive quotes.	
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.20	

Chairman Signature:

Date: