



**Minutes of Martley Parish Council meeting held**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at the Memorial Hall at 7:30pm**

**Present:** Councillors P Weddell-Hall (Chairman), R. Bray, C Lewis, G Wroe (Vice-Chair) M. Rushgrove & District Councillor Barbara Jones-Williams

**Also present:** Two members of public and the Clerk.

**Apologies:** Councillors A Gardner, S Kite, S Watt and County Councillor Scott Richardson-Brown

**Democratic time:** The member of the public who asked the Parish Council to address the over grown hedge near the bend up the road from the shop at Septembers meeting, thanked the Members for their swift response at addressing the issue. Cllr Bray was thanked for including this in his hedge cutting schedule.

**Football pitch:** Members were advised that a new u14's team was being formed with all players currently attending Chantry High School and the pitches required some work to be ready to be played on. The Chair advised that quotes were in place and the pitch would be levelled, marked up and the metal goal feet found ready for goals to be installed. It was noted that the cricket club still had items stored in the changing rooms which would need moving.

Item	Minute Recorded	Action By
1.	<b>Apologies accepted from:</b> Cllr A Gardner, Cllr S Kite, Cllr S Watt and County Councillor Richardson-Brown	
2.	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> None	
3.	<b>Approval of minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024:</b> The minutes were proposed by Cllr Hardwell seconded by Cllr Lewis and approved by all and signed by the chairman as a true record.	
4.	<b>County Councillor Report:</b> N/A  <b>District Councillor Report:</b> Cllr Jones-Williams advised that the SWDPR was targeted to go to the inspector March 2025, it was awaiting the WCC Highways strategy report. With the increased housing need and no set 5 year housing supply this was an issue for all of Worcestershire.  Cllr Jones-Williams advised that her long awaiting wing-walk had taken place and she has raised £4300 for charity.	

5.	<p><b>Strategic Planning Matters:</b> Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>The draft of the updated Neighbourhood Plan is currently out for Public Consultation. The consultation morning on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September was attended by approx.. 20 residents and one from Knightwick and Doddenham. The comments were all captured and amendments will be made. The Plan will then be sent to MHDC together with a Modifications Statement, detailing the changes from the previous version. There will then be further consultation prior to approval and adoption.</p> <p>SWDPR – As advised under item 4</p> <p>It was noted that the Planning Working Party had replied to the Governments NPPF consultation.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Local Planning Matters:</b></p> <p>a. Applications to be considered and any ongoing planning matters to be discussed: M/24/01236/OUT Land At (Os 7606 6014) Barbers Lane Martley. Outline planning application for the erection of up to 80 dwellings with public open space, landscaping, sustainable urban drainage system (SuDs) and primary means of vehicular access from B4204. All matters reserved except for means of access. The site is outside the development boundary as defined in the current and emerging Neighbourhood Plan, in open countryside, very elevated with access off the main road on the brow of a hill – All members agreed to object and objection statement would be devised and agreed via email to be submitted by the clerk.</p> <p>b. Applications approved: M/24/00872 Dingle Cottage, Berrow Green.</p> <p>c. Applications refused: N/A</p> <p>d. APPEALS: APP/J1860/W/24/3348743: Land at Berrow Green Road, WR6 6PE</p> <p>It was noted that Barrister has been appointed by MHDC to assist in fighting this appeal. The appeal is scheduled for 6 days in November. The Chairman &amp; S Camella are registered to attend and papers have been submitted to the inspector.</p> <p>APP/J1860/D/24/3350374 Dingle Cottage, Berrow Green, Martley WR6 6PP – It was noted that the smaller application had been approved and the owner had appealed this rejection of the larger footprint, as there were no neighbour issues the PC had no additional comments to make, recommended approval of both.</p> <p>e. Progress update on existing applications &amp; developments.</p>	<p>Clerk to submit to MHDC</p> <p>Notice including date to be placed in villager – WHO?</p>



	<p>The Pavilion project had completed with only the full signing of the lease outstanding. The clerk had applied for the planning conditions discharge.</p> <p>Playground – Cllr Kite advised that the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage of Play Park refurbishment was due to start and S Burton quote for the works was £2275, it was proposed by Cllr Lewis and seconded by Cllr Rushgrove to accept this quote, S Bourton had done an exceptional job on stage 1.</p> <p>MUGA &amp; Astro turf – The discussion regarding upgrading the MUGA surface was added to the agenda for the s106 project meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> October.</p> <p>Football Goals – wasp nest, there no longer appeared to be an issue. It was agreed to add the requirement for netting behind the goals to stop balls going onto the Lioncourt development would be added to the 106 meeting scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> October.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Martley Burial Ground:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Bray advised he had had the hedges cut.</li> <li>• M Elliot reported new memorial plaque for the Ellis grave is being prepared currently, and a memorial tree is to be planted in October for another family.</li> <li>• Dogs &amp; Dog waste – Cllr Bray suggested a low easy maintainable fence could section off the right hand side to allow dogs to be off the lead but not on the graves. A quote for the fence would be sought.</li> </ul>	Cllr Bray
11	<p><b>Village Improvement Plan:</b></p> <p>Action Plan update: Cllr Hardwell advised members that he and Cllr Rushgrove had met with R Wilks to go through the action plan and review it. R Wilks was now not doing any of the remedial works at the recreation ground, therefore wood treatment removed from the list. The weighbridge repair had been requested. It was agreed that R Wilks would invoice for all works outside of the lengthsman scheme at the year end, this would be easier for all to track and easier for R Wilks.</p> <p>Lengthsman Tasks: Cllr Lewis advised that the flower boxes were looking fantastic and photographs were reviewed. It was thought the village signs could do with cleaning and the trees on the high walk encroaching into the railings need addressing.</p> <p>Church Lane Footpath – Cllr Bray advised that the fencing is currently being installed, the tree planting required planning and he would look into types and prices. It was requested that the Path a Nones have a tidy up in the area and Cllr Bray was thanked for all the local hedge cutting.</p> <p>The clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with Severn Trent regarding the works that were drawing to a conclusion at the Church car park to ensure a good surface was restored prior to them leaving.</p> <p>Millenium Green legal response – The Millenium Green Trust had requested a letter from the Parish Council confirming the use of the land that had been purchased from them as part of the legal</p>	<p>Cllr Hardwell to request from R Wilks</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	requirements – all member agreed and asked the clerk to draw up a letter.	
12.	<p><b>Highways Matters:</b> Members discussed problems being reported regarding parent parking around school, parking on pavements and the yellow zig zag lines had been observed.</p> <p>The clerk advised that all road closures were notified on the MPC website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Most highways issues such as potholes &amp; damaged signs and much more can be reported directly to Worcestershire County Council via their HUB <a href="http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk">www.worcestershire.gov.uk</a></b></li> <li>• <b>For bins, litter and street cleansing contact Malvern Hills District Council, their telephone number is: 01386 565000 or you can report via their website <a href="http://www.malvern hills.gov.uk">www.malvern hills.gov.uk</a></b> <b>NB: Not picking up after your dog is a crime and is punishable with a hefty fine! Please report dog fouling to <a href="http://www/malvern hills.gov.uk/dog-fouling">www/malvern hills.gov.uk/dog-fouling</a></b></li> <li>• <b>Public Footpaths are maintained by WCC via the Countryside Centre and issues should be reported to the WCC Hub <a href="http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk">www.worcestershire.gov.uk</a></b></li> </ul>	
13.	<p><b>Parish Matters:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.) Website review –The review was ongoing and progress was being made, with communications from Netwise and PC website support.</li> <li>b.) Platinum Jubilee Path – The path signs would be installed by Path or Nones and it was agreed to remove from the agenda.</li> <li>c.) October litter pick – The rubbish had been collected approx. 18 bags, photographs were reviewed, the next one would take place in March and the agreed payment of £500PA would be made to the PTA following the March litter Pick.</li> <li>d.) Remembrance Service – Cllr Bray would lay the wreath, the clerk was asked to order the wreath and have it delivered to Cllr Bray.</li> </ol>	<p>Web-review working party</p> <p>Clerk</p>
14.	<p><b>Correspondence:</b> N/A</p>	
15.	<p><b>Items for future Agendas:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Car Parking Tap &amp; Run/Village Hall</li> <li>• Budget for website maintainance</li> </ul>	
	<b>There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.20</b>	

Chairman Signature:

Date: