

Martley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5th December 2011 in the Library

Present: Cllr. Mrs. D. Goodyear (Chairman), Cllrs Mrs G Baxter, Cllr. Mr. M. Nott, Cllr. Mr. R. McHugh, Cllr Mr T Studer, Cllr Mr M Walker
Mrs J Dale (Clerk)

There were 2 members of the public present.

Democratic Period/ Public Question Time:

No issues were raised.

The Chairman opened the Parish Council meeting

101:11 Apologies: County Cllr A Davies, District Councillor B Williams, Cllr S Cumella and Cllr T Gale

102:11 Co-option of New Councillors: 1 application had been received for co-option. It was agreed unanimously that Mrs Mandy Gardner be co-opted to council. Mrs Gardner signed her acceptance and joined the meeting.

103:11 Declarations of Interest: There were none

104-11 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th November.

These minutes were approved as a true and correct record.

105-11 Reports from County & District Councillors

District Councillor Williams forwarded a report in which she mentioned that the MHDC website improvements were going well. She also mentioned that MHDC had successfully prosecuted against and unauthorised planning consent. The Localism Bill had received Royal Assent and would be debated at MHDC Council meeting in February. The wellbeing of older people is a priority for MHDC. She was unhappy at the response from WCC re the recent oil spill on the Worcester-Martley road. Council agreed to follow this up further with County Cllr A Davies.

County Cllr Davies reported on his Divisional Fund decisions – He has been unable to grant the application from the Council for funding for security lighting however he has approved the application from the Memorial Hall for matched funding for some further tables.

106-11 Planning

New

11/01437/HOU – Oak framed timber garage with study space in loft, Hill House, Laugherne Park. Council fully support this application.

107-11 Progress Reports

- Phone Box Adoption – after further investigation and discussion it was agreed not to go ahead with the adoption of the phone boxes at the present time due to possible costs.

- Ankerdine Road – HGV usage. Ross Farm Machinery has replied to the clerk's letter saying that they have asked their hauliers to use the correct routes in and out of Martley.
- Drains:
Taylors Yard – clerk has obtained costs from Aqua Cleansing and permission from WCC and Council agreed to put this work in hand.
Hillside – this drain is being dealt with by WCC and work should be carried out shortly.
- Hillside sign – this has been reported again

108-11 Diamond Jubilee - Discussion took place about Parish Council involvement in celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. It was unanimously agreed that the village should have some celebrations and the Clerk was asked to contact various organisations within the village to invite them to join in the planning. She will also check about the use of Berrow Hill for a beacon. This item to be discussed further in January.

109-11 Finance Committee Report

- The finance committee report (previously circulated) was presented by Cllr Studer. It was suggested that the precept be set at the 2010-2011 level. This is to enable improvements to be made in the village and also to be prepared should government "cap" Parish Council precept levels.
- The committee had suggested that Council go ahead with the erection of a bus shelter outside Heaton House and this will be progressed.
- The committee also proposed that funds be transferred from current account to interest bearing account.

The report was agreed unanimously.

110-11 Finance:

The payments as circulated were unanimously approved and payments made to the value of £1,033.66.

111-11 Correspondence

A letter had been received concerning the trees in the Millennium Meadow. It was agreed that the clerk should write to the Millennium Meadow Green Trust as it was pointed out that they had agreed to remove these trees some time ago. With regard to the problem with sheep this is not the concern of the Parish Council and the farmer involved would need to contact the Trust.

A letter had been received concerning shed/workshop at High House appearing to be occupied. Clerk to contact MHDC

112-11 Recreation Association:

The document itemising the amendments agreed to the lease was signed by the Chair and Vice Chair and will be issued to Martley Recreation Association for signature.

113-11 Training:

In view of the fact that Council now has 4 new councillors training needs were discussed. It was agreed that the clerk organise training with the WCALC Executive Officer for January.

The new councillors agreed to attend the Planning training being offered by MHDC in January.

114-11 Lengthsmans Duties: The Clerk reported again that the budget was healthy and Council needed to consider additional duties. The following suggestions were made:

- Pudford Lane grips and ditches
- Horn Lane ditch

Discussion took place on various hedge trimming that is required in the village. Clerk to contact Highways to discuss.

115-11 Clerk's report on urgent decisions:

Cheque No. 1391 for £64.27 issued to MHDC (Rate Relief)

Cheque No 1392 for £75.00 issued to Royal British Legion

116-11 Councillor's Reports:

Cllr Baxter reported on the Lighten Up Campaign where some timers for lights are available. Please contact the clerk to check availability.

Cllr Walker asked whether if we had intentions to prepare a village emergency plan. This is included in the Worcestershire Agreement

Cllr McHugh raised the problem of cars parked on the pavements in the village – clerk to contact Police. 2 drains installed by WCC been removed – clerk to contact Highways

117-11 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on January 9th in the Library.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

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Clerk

6th December 2011