

Martley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th February 2012 in the Library

Present: Cllr. Mrs. D. Goodyear (Chairman), Cllr Mrs G Baxter, Cllr S Cumella, Cllr T Gale, Cllr Mrs M Gardner, Cllr. Mr. M. Nott, Cllr. Mr. R. McHugh, Cllr Mr T Studer, Cllr Mr M Walker
District Cllr Mrs B Williams and Mrs J Dale (Clerk)

There were 4 members of the public present.

Democratic Period/ Public Question Time:

The Clerk was thanked for her attempts to acquire a road sign for Hill End Bridge Lane.

The Chairman opened the Parish Council meeting

131:11 Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from County Cllr A Davies.

132:11 Declarations of Interest: Cllr McHugh declared a prejudicial interest in item 7.

133-11 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 9th were approved and signed accordingly. (Cllr Cumella wished to add that he and Cllr Studer had subsequently attended the Planning Training).

134-11 Reports from County & District Cllrs

District Cllr Williams spoke about an LGA Focus Forum being held on 21st February at the Council House in Malvern. She agreed to forward information to the clerk to progress. She asked when the Parish Council would be in a position to submit their formal response to the SWDP. The Chief Executive is making a Ward visit and after discussion it was agreed she would include Longside Radio in the visit. She reminded Council about the Ward fund of £1,000 and the Clerk offered to contact the Youth Club that is in the process of being set up about this funding.

County Cllr Davies reported on the Highways Forum Meeting he had attended recently. There was an indication that lengthsman funding may increase in 2012-2013 and the point was made that lengthsman remit needed to be widened. This will be reviewed. With regard to possible Community Transport he asked that "need" was identified. Ongoing.

135-11 Planning

- a. 11/01530/FUL Conversion and extension to facilitate one work/live unit. Willow Road, Martley. APPLICATION REFUSED.
- b. 11/01702/LBC & 11/01613/HOU – Works to outbuilding including insertion of sliding folding doors, insertion of internal insulation and DPC. The Barton, Berrow Green, Martley, Worcestershire – APPLICATION APPROVED

136-11 Progress Reports

- Drains: Taylors Yard – awaiting final testing by Aqua Cleansing.

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Hillside – Work completed.

- Hillside sign – Ongoing
- Trees on Millennium Meadow – The Trust’s reply was read out. It was agreed that District Cllr Williams would speak with the Chairman of the Trust.
- Trees – Church Lane. WCC have inspected the trees and said that no further work was necessary.
- Blocked Gully – Berrow Green. The Lengthsman was unable to clear this and it has been reported to WCC and is on 4 weeks works order for repair.
- Bus Shelter Proposal – Permission to erect the shelter has been received from Festival Housing and the Council agreed to their points. After further discussion it was agreed to try to locate a bus shelter locally and Cllr Goodyear agreed to do this.

Cllr McHugh left the meeting.

137-11 Discretionary Rural Rate Relief: The application was read out and Council voted on the 3 available proposals. It was unanimously agreed to grant the relief and make the contribution of £238.41.

Cllr McHugh re-joined the meeting.

138-11 Clifton upon Teme Brownies: The Brownies have celebrated their 40th anniversary and requested some funding towards a new flag. As children from Martley attend the Brownies it was agreed to fund 50% of the cost.

139-11 Diamond Jubilee: Discussion took place about the lighting of a Beacon. As there are problems with the current Beacon and health and safety issues with people using Berrow Hill at night time it was decided that no Beacon would be lit. All the groups in the village will be contacted again and a meeting arranged to move the plans forward. Cllr Gardner will represent the Council on this working party.

140-11 Finance:

The payments as circulated were unanimously approved and payments made to the value of £519.32.

Councillor Baxter left the meeting.

141-11 Correspondence:

- MHDC Overview & Scrutiny Work Programme – After discussion it was agreed to nominate “The difficulty in Parish Councils communicating with WCC and MHDC via “The Hub””
- Draft Local List Supplementary Planning – Councillors had reviewed this document and it was felt that it was very difficult to comprehend and that the reply should say so.
- An email had been received from a Parishioner requesting an allotment – noted.

142-11 Training:

Councillor Training to take place in the Library on 13th February at 7.00pm. All Councillors are requested to attend if possible.

The Clerk will attend training on “Audit” at County Hall on 23rd February.

The Clerk and Cllr Gardner to attend Worcestershire Parish Conference on 25th April.

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143-11 Lengthsmans Duties: The Clerk reported that some budget (£575) can now be carried forward.

- Clear ditch opposite Sawmills.
- Clear footpath behind wall on school route.
- Clear grips opposite "Hipplecote"

It was agreed to use some budget on hedge trimming down Church Lane and opposite the Crown car park.

144-11 Cllr's Reports:

Cllr Baxter's report on the MRA AGM was read out.

Cllr Cumella reported that the Planning working group would be ready to report to the April meeting.

Cllr Nott asked about the situation at High House. Clerk awaiting response from Cllr McHugh.

145-11 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Monday March 5th in the Library.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

J C Dale

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Clerk
7th February 2012

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