

MARTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday May 14th 2012 in the Library

Present: Cllr D Goodyear, Cllr M Nott, Cllr G Baxter, Cllr S Cumella, Cllr T Gale, Cllr M Gardner, Cllr R McHugh, Cllr T Studer, Cllr M Walker

1.12 Election of Chairman: Cllr McHugh proposed that Cllr D Goodyear be elected Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Cumella and was passed unanimously.

2.12 Election of Vice Chairman: Cllr Walker proposed that Cllr Nott be elected as Vice Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Studer and was passed unanimously.

3.12 Apologies: Apologies were received from County Councillor A Davies.

4.12 Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations.

Democratic Time:

Discussion took place on housing. Guy Woodissee of Bayhill Properties attended the meeting and set out his proposal for the land by Rogers Coach Yard. The proposal is for 30 – 40 houses which would deliver a number of affordable houses with a local connection clause. He said that it would take until November to do the technical assessments necessary. Concern was expressed about a possible planning application for developing the “Crown Site”. Cllr Williams said that Council should obtain advice from Gary Williams of MHDC to see what the consequences would be if both applications went in together. The Clerk to arrange a meeting with Gary Williams. A housing needs survey is required.

5.12 Standing Orders: Carry forward until next meeting.

6.12 Code of Conduct: The current code of conduct is being abolished at the end of June. WCALC will be advising on the replacement before July 1st.

7.12 Council’s Scheme of Delegation:

Staffing Committee: This will consist of Cllr Goodyear, Cllr Baxter and Cllr Nott

Planning Committee: All councillors on committee with at least 3 councillors to be present at meetings plus the clerk.

Finance Committee: This will consist of Cllr Cumella and Cllr Studer

8.12 Financial regulations, risk assessment and insurance requirements.
Carried forward to June meeting.

9.12 Representatives on Outside Committees:

Old Grammar School Foundation: Cllr Goodyear and Cllr Gale

Martley Recreation Association: Cllr Baxter and Cllr Gardner
Neighbourhood Watch: Cllr Baxter and Cllr Walker

10.12 Minutes: The minutes of the meetings held on April 2nd and 11th May were approved and signed accordingly.

11.12 District Councillor's Report: Councillor Williams reported that a Housing Needs Survey is on the MHDC website and that it will be advertised in the Malvern Gazette.
Councillors felt that this method would not capture a true result. She also suggested that the Planning Officers should make a site visit to Berrow Hill in connection with the Planning Application.

12.12 Planning: Application 12/00558/LBC – alterations to former card house, Lower Horsham Farm was reviewed and Council fully supported this application.

13.12 Alternative Housing Sites: Cllr Cumella reported that Council needs to formally notify MHDC of its intention to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan.

14.12 Correspondence:

WCC – Footway Enhancement Initiative 2012/13. The Chairman will walk the school footpaths with the Clerk as it is felt that these could be recommended under this initiative.

WCC – Councillors Divisional Fund. It was agreed that Short Mat Bowling be advised of this fund.

MHDC – An introduction to planning. Cllrs Gardner and Studer to attend.

Community First – Village Agents Scheme. Cllr Studer to review

Villager – request for article re individual councillors. Council happy with this proposal.

Email from parishioner concerning rubbish behind Crown. Clerk to write to the brewery.

Call from parishioner concerning rubbish in bins. Cllr Gardner kindly offered to empty bins in future.

15.12 Progress Reports:

Jubilee Tree Planting: A disease resistant elm tree will be planted in September.

Jubilee Celebrations – progressing well. It was agreed to purchase a banner for the centre of the village.

16.12 Finance:

The payments as circulated were all agreed for payment, however Councillors felt that the electricity charges for the library are too high and requested that the Clerk write and express their views.

With regard to the cost of repairing the church clock, Mr Gosling offered to look to see if he could assist with the repair.

17.12 Lengthsman duties:

- The trench at the side of Mr Gosling's property requires maintenance.

- Grass opposite the Coach Yard and round planters
- Speed sign
- Grass at Pudford Lane and Horn Lane entrances to improve visibility

18.12 Clerk's Urgent Decisions: There were none

19.12 Councillors' reports:

Potholes from Martley to Maylite

Grips cut wrong way

Back of Fairview – footpath needs clearance

20.12 Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Monday June 11th in the Library.

Janet Dale
Clerk to Martley Parish Council
5th June 2012