

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8th April in the Village Hall

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

There were 7 members of the public present.

Democratic Period/ Public Question Time: -

Concern was expressed about the effect on the conservation area the proposed extension to Charcam Gables might have.

The condition of the pavement along the B4204 from the post office towards Clifton upon Teme was raised due to heavy vehicles parking. Clerk to inform County Cllr A Davies of the position.

Some further suggestions for amends to the play area were distributed to Councillors.

190.12 Apologies – Apologies were accepted from Cllr A Davies and Cllr G Dawson.

191.12 Declarations of Interest – Cllr Walker declared an interest in one item of correspondence (Item 10).

192.12 Minutes: The minutes of the meetings held on 4th March were approved and signed accordingly proposed by Cllr Studer and seconded Cllr Gardner.

193.12 District Councillor Report: Cllr Williams reported that the opening hours of the Hub have changed – see website for further details. She reminded everyone of County Council elections on 2nd May. The new recycling collection service is progressing well and deliveries of bins commences week commencing April 15th. Time is running out to sign up for the Big Community Switch – www.malvern hills.gov.uk/fairenergy.

194.12 Dispensation: To consider application from Cllr Walker to vary his dispensation on discussion on play area.

It was unanimously agreed that Cllr Walker will be able to discuss and vote on any issue concerning the play area other than “Noise from MUGA”.

195.12 Planning – Application Ref 13/00087/FUL – Cllr Cumella’s draft response had been circulated to all councillors. He went through the report briefly. Cllr Gardner proposed that the report be sent to MHDC – agreed by all present.

Cllr Cumella gave a brief report on a meeting held with MHDC Planners re the development on Crown Meadow. He reported that MHDC concerns were with the detailed features of the plan and they have suggested several detailed improvements to Taylor Wimpey.

13/00114/HOU – Charcam Gables. **APPLICATION REFUSED.**

13/000016/CM – Infinis Ltd – replacement of existing landfill gas flare, Penny Hill Landfill Site. This has been postponed until May Meeting.

It was pointed out that the regular meetings re the quarry have not been taking place. Clerk to investigate and arrange monthly updates.

196.12 Expenditure by Third Parties:

Cllr Walker expressed concern about equipment being placed on Parish Council land which in turn then became their responsibility.

After discussion it was agreed that 3 quotes would be obtained for any future equipment and that parish council would ratify the purchase prior to it taking place.

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- 197.12 Budget for Play Area Equipment:** Cllr Walker wished to amend the 2013/2014 budget to reflect maintenance, repair, inspection costs. Cllr Gardner had contacted several other parish councils and ascertained that these costs were in fact very low. As a figure of £750 is already in the budget for the coming year it was agreed that no changes were necessary.
- 198.12 Play Area Signage:**
The current sign in the play area is in line with ROSPA recommendations and our insurers have confirmed that “disclaimer notices” are not necessary to ensure insurance cover. It was therefore agreed that the signage would remain as at present.
The Recreation Association have a wooden sign and it was agreed to place this close to the entrance of the field.
- 199.12 Correspondence:**
Grant Thornton – notification of audit (Date July 1st) - noted
N Skilbeck – request for information under Freedom of Information Act – after discussion a response was agreed.
I Walker – Complaint about conduct at meeting on 4th March – noted in parish records
B Howard – re dog fouling - noted
Email Worcester Regulatory Services re noise complaint received - noted
- 200.12 Progress Reports:**
Drains – Hollins Lane – Clerk – WCC have written to the owners of Martley Court requesting that the ditches are cleared out.
Library electricity costs – Cllr Studer - ongoing
Pencroft site. This has been thoroughly investigated by WCC, MHDC and they have confirmed that no waste transfer is taking place. Cllr Gale disagreed. Ongoing.
Weighbridge area – Cllr Studer reported that work would commence on Monday April 15th and take 2 – 3 days.
- 201.12 Councillors’ Areas –** To be held over until May meeting.
- 202.12 Neighbourhood Plan Update:** Cllr Cumella gave a brief report on the status of developing a neighbourhood plan. He reported that more money has been made available for this work. We are still awaiting responses from neighbouring parishes re “clustering”.
- 203.12 Finance:**
- Payments were approved and cheques signed accordingly.
 - Inland Revenue overpayment in 2005-2006 - Cllr Studer gave details of the overpayment and it was agreed to write to the Revenue to try to reclaim the money. Ongoing.
 - Penalties incurred between 2009 – 2011 – Cllr Studer explained how these penalties had arisen. After discussion it was agreed that the penalties should be paid immediately and that Council accept the previous clerk’s offer to repay these monies. Ongoing.
- 204.12 Lengthsman:**
Grips at Callow Farm plus usual duties.
The contract between WCC and Martley Parish Council for 2013-2014 will be signed by the clerk .
- 205.12 Clerk’s urgent decisions:** None
- 206.12 Councillors’ Reports:**
Cllr Gardner raised the issue of “Village Gateway” that had been suggested for Hillside. Clerk to contact WCC.
Cllr Gale reported the excessive speed of coaches travelling to the school. Clerk to write to WCC.
Cllr Studer mentioned that Church Lane hedges etc need tidying up. Ongoing.

207.12 Date of next meeting:

Annual Parish Meeting – Monday April 22nd at 7.30pm in the Hall.

Annual Parish Council Meeting – Monday May 13 at 7.30 in the Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Janet Dale

Clerk to Martley Parish Council

9th April 2013

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