

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2nd December in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr. D. Goodyear (Chairman), Cllr S Cumella, Cllr M Gardner, Cllr T Gale, Cllr A Hayes, Cllr M Nott, Cllr T Studer, Cllr M Walker. County Councillor P Grove, District Councillor Mrs B Williams and 4 members of the public present.

Council held one minutes silence in memory of Tony Kirby a past member and Chairman of the Council.

111.13 **Apologies:** There were no apologies. The Clerk reported that Mrs Angela Jackman had regretfully withdrawn her application for co-option due to ill health.

112.13 **Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations.

Democratic Period:

A parishioner commented on the hedge trimming on Ankerdine Hill and the lack of post box. A parishioner asked questions about the problem with the hedge trimming in the village.

113.13 **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of 4th November were approved and signed accordingly. However Cllrs Gale & Walker did not agree that the minutes were a true reflection of the meeting.

114.13 **County and District Councillors Reports:**

County Councillor Grove reported that he still had no further information on the Hartlebury Incinerator project. He asked that people complete the Withdrawal of Bus Subsidies as this affects the 308,309 and 310. This includes the 6th form college bus service. Re broadband he reported that there was no update as yet but would invite the relevant person from WCC to attend a Parish Council meeting.

District Councillor Williams reported that the Cala Homes planning application was before the Planning Committee meeting on December 4th. She has taken photographs of the parking problem and circulated them to committee members.

115.13 **Hedging:**

Following the meeting with Mr Albutt the following resolutions were passed unanimously:

- a) The debris will be cleared away asap.
- b) Council will purchase some 15ft native hedging plants, e.g. hawthorn, etc. Once council has sourced this hedging we will seek Mr Albutt's agreement to the type of plants selected and inform of the proposed date of planting.
- c) Should for any reason this hedge not take within 2 years Council agrees to replace any dead plants
- d) With regard to any possible future work required, the Council will give an undertaking to seek permission in writing prior to going on to Mr Albutt's land or carrying out any work on the boundary hedges, i.e. Church Lane. .
- e) Council would like the Lengthsman to continue to cut the grass in front of the hedge and will seek Mr Albutt's agreement to this.
- f) Mr Albutt agreed that if the above actions were carried out that he would not pursue taking legal action against the Council.

It was also proposed that Council needs to formally agree with Mr Albutt the exact extent of his boundaries to avoid any future misunderstandings. Once this is resolved Council might need to rescind its decision regarding posters on fence.

116.13 **Planning:**

13/01169/HOU – The Oast House, Martley. First floor extension to create bedroom with bathroom. Council support this application.

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13/01485/FUL – Old Tannery Martley. Proposed new dwelling. Council proposed a site visit before making any decision.

13/01466/HOU – Celandine House, Hipplecote. Replace existing roof with a roof with higher eaves to increase usable internal upstairs space. Council support the application.

13/00985/HOU – Westfort, Hillside. Rear 2 storey extension. APPLICATION APPROVED.

13/01142/HOU – Meritbrook. APPLICATION APPROVED.

117.13 Correspondence:

WCC – Road closure Willow Road 13th January

Email re Pencroft mud on road and website note re same plus speeding vehicles. After discussion it was agreed to contact the enforcement officer again regarding Pencroft yard. Also to contact Police re speeding vehicles.

WCCBus Service Consultation – to be completed and agreed at next meeting.

Letter from Lower Broadheath Parish Council. It was agreed to write to Harriet Baldwin fully supporting the letter received from Lower Broadheath.

118.13 Progress Reports:

Pavement from VH to Referral Unit: - work being carried out in the near future
Community Assets - ongoing

119.13 Neighbourhood Planning: A further meeting will be held on December 10th.

120.13 Finance:

Payments approved and cheques signed accordingly.

2014-2015 budget to come before January meeting as we do not have enough information to agree precept request.

Finance committee had met and Cllr Cumeall proposed, seconded Cllr Garnder a donation of £250 to Nora Parsons Day Centre be made. Agreed unanimously

Cllr Cumella proposed, seconded Cllr Goodyear that an annual payment of £750 be made for churchyard maintenance. Agreed unanimously

Cllr Gardner proposed, seconded Cllr Nott that £100 donation be made to each of the 3 charities named in memory of Tony Kirby.

121.13 Lengthsman:

Leaves and mud by the weighbridge opposite the Crown also to clear leaves on footpath opposite the Forge plus leaves from the Old Rectory to School.

122.13 Clerks Urgent Decisions: None

123.13 Councillors Reports:

Cllr Cumella commented on a report he had received on Shaw funding and it was agreed to forward this report to all village organisations.

Hope House Lane grit bin been damaged – report to WCC.

Cllr Walker suggested that some Christmas decorations for the weighbridge area be considered for next year.

Removal of post box was discussed and this will be investigated further.

Cllr Walker voiced disapproval at Cllr Cumella's comments to one parishioner present.

124.13 Date of next meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday January 6th in the Club Room, Village Hall at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.18.

Janet Dale
Clerk to Martley Parish Council
4th December 2013

Signed.....

Date