## MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF MARTLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 27th JUNE 2011 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL

Present: Cllr. Mrs. D. Goodyear Cllr. Mr. M. Nott

Cllr. Mr. T. Fearnehough Cllr. Mr. T. Gale

Cllr. Mr. R. McHugh Cllr. Mr. M. Clarke

Cllr. Mrs. G. Baxter Cllr. Mr. T. Bromley

In attendance: Mrs. S. Williams (Clerk).

There were many members of the public present.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.00pm and advised that there would be no public question time at this meeting. The Chairman confirmed that there would be an extended public time at the full parish council meeting to be held next Monday (4<sup>th</sup> July 2011) commencing at 7.30pm to allow detailed discussions around the South Worcestershire Development Plan and any other items.

**01-11 Apologies:** No apologies had been made.

**02-11 Declarations of Interest:** No declarations were made.

## 03-11 Review of Martley Parish Council Audit/Accounts 2010 – 2011:

The Finance Committee observed that the report submitted by two parishioners referred to the Martley Parish Council accounts for 2009 - 2010 which had received an Unqualified Audit Opinion in October 2010 and were, thus, approved. Nevertheless, the Finance Committee noted the report on behalf of the Parish Council and advised that no further action was required since all of the points raised had been addressed and resolved.

**04-11 South Worcestershire Development Plan:** The Clerk referred to an email conversation that had taken place between a parishioner and Malvern Hills District Council. The e-mail from the Officer talks of MHDC asking Parish and Town councils to consult with their local communities and see what the key issues were in terms of the South Worcestershire Development Plan. The Clerk nor the Parish Council can recall this request from MHDC and in speaking with other local parish councils the Clerk has found that consultations with parishioners has not taken place in other areas either.

In the last few days the media have covered the proposals within the South Worcestershire Development Plan and within this indicative housing numbers have been published. The proposal for Martley is 62 (indicative number).

The original proposal under West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy was for 4,900 houses in Malvern Hills District, under the South Worcestershire Development Plan this is now 4,124 houses by 2030.

MHDC are to hold a meeting on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at 7pm in the Rothchilds Suite, Bank House Hotel, Bransford to consider approval of the proposal. All public are welcome to attend.

The outcome of that meeting will be discussed at the next full parish council meeting on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2011 where consideration will be given to future work required in relation to this. Public consultation commences in September 2011.

**05-11 Date of next meeting:** 7.30pm on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at Martley Memorial Hall.

06-11 Public and press were excluded following resolution due to discussions being required around personnel issues, conduct issues and prevention of any future disputes and to consider recommendations and advice from other sources:

## a. Clerks position

The advert was agreed, as was the hours of work for the new Clerk and the appropriate salary following profiling and benchmarking. The Personnel and Salaries Committee will meet to consider a new contract of employment. The Clerk will advertise the vacancy within the village and with CALC.

## b. Councils membership

Councillor Metcalfe has resigned. The Councillor vacancy will be advertised.

c. Playing field, pavilion and play area issues

The Parish Council await the Recreation Associations response to the recent letter. The Parish Council will then invite the Recreation Association to a meeting to discuss the response a way forward acceptable to both parties for the partnership in the future.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.