

Martley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th January 2012 in the Library

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

There were 5 members of the public present.

Democratic Period/ Public Question Time:

The lack of a street name sign at Hill End Bridge Lane was raised. Clerk agreed to report to MHDC Street Scene.

The setting up of a youth club in the village was discussed however it is proving rather difficult to find suitable premises as the Village Hall is heavily booked. Also the subject of Community Transport was raised and the Clerk will investigate this further.

The Chairman opened the Parish Council meeting

118:11 Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr T Gale.

119:11 Declarations of Interest: There were none

120-11 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 5th December were approved and signed accordingly.

121-11 Reports from County & District Councillors

District Councillor Williams mentioned that she has been allocated a Ward Grant of £1,000. Any schemes that Council would like to propose would require a business plan.

County Cllr Davies reported that WCC budget allocation from Government was down 8% more than expected. The final budget will be approved in February however there will be no increase in WCC Council Tax. Application for funding for transport has been approved at £19.5m and most of this will be used to improve the Southern Link roundabouts. The Southern Link is currently running at 120% of capacity. He also talked about the Rural Community Broadband fund. Total investment will be £20m – matched funding will be required. He reiterated that WCC is committed to improving rural broadband speeds.

122-11 Planning

New

- a. To consider application 11/01530/FUL Conversion and extension to facilitate one work/live unit. Willow Road, Martley. This application was discussed further. It was noted that some changes had been made however Council was minded to recommend Refusal to MHDC Planning.
- b. To consider application 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 – after discussion Council supported this application.

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Approvals:

11/01437/HOU – Hill House, Laugherne Park, Martley. Application approved.

11/01103/FUL – Rogers Coach Garage, Martley. Application approved.

123-11 Progress Reports

- Drains: Taylors Yard – this has been jetted by Aqua Cleansing and Lengthsman needs to clear ditch out for work to be finalised.
Hillside – this drain is being dealt with by WCC and a works order will be raised shortly.
- Hillside sign – Ongoing
- Hope House Lane sign – this work is due to be carried out w/c 9.01.2012
- Diamond Jubilee – some responses have been received from organisations in the village. The Beacon requires repair/replacement. Ongoing
- Trees on Millennium Meadow – reply to letter expected from Millennium Meadow Trust
- Visit by G Brienza re various matters:
 - Hollins Lane drain has been reported
 - Inspection of trees in Church Lane has been requested
 - Ankerdine drainage – in hand and ongoing
- Bus Shelter Proposal – initial representations have been made to WCC and Festival Housing. After discussion it was agreed to try to source local suppliers for the shelter and it was also felt that in order to provide wind protection a different type of shelter should be investigated.

124-11 Finance:

The payments as circulated were unanimously approved and payments made to the value of £841.12.

125-11 Correspondence

WCC Budget Consultation Briefing – Wednesday 18th January. Cllr Cumella to attend

MHDC Council Tax Precept – The clerk to confirm the precept as agreed at the December meeting.

WCC Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 –

Emails from WCC and a Parishioner concerning duplication of Berrow Green signs – Council are happy for the lower sign to be removed.

MHDC – Draft Local List Supplementary Planning Document – Consultation. Clerk to circulate by email to all Councillors for consideration at February meeting.

126-11 Training:

Planning Training at Upton and Great Witley to be attended by Cllr Gardner and Cllr Walker.

Councillor Training in Martley on 13th February to commence at 7.00 pm.

127-11 Lengthsmans Duties: The Clerk reported that budget cannot be carried forward. Cllrs Goodyear and McHugh to meet the Lengthsman on 10.1.12 to draw up list of all work that is required in the village with a view to allocating resources to the jobs.

128-11 Superfast Broadband:

Cllr Studer reported on the Broadband event he attended at County Hall. He advised that he felt that nothing could be gained in applying for funding at this stage. This was also the view of 2 representatives from Martley Web Mesh who also attended the seminar. The Chairman thanked him for giving his time to attend.

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129-11 Councillor's Reports:

Cllr Walker reported that Mortlake Drive sign has slipped with the high winds.

Cllr Gardner reported that the boarding around the electricity sub station on St Peters Drive has broken – clerk to report. She also mentioned that the chickens from Sand House were causing traffic problems – clerk to write to owner.

130-11 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Monday February 6th in the Library.

The meeting closed at 9.18pm

J C Dale

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Clerk
10th January 2012

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