

Martley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 15th March 2012 in the Library

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

There were 5 members of the public present.

Democratic Period/ Public Question Time:

- In 2005 Marsten Developments applied for building on the site behind the Crown and the proposed development went to Appeal and the application was refused. The Council response included the wording “ that this site would be obtained at too great a cost to the local environment and community and consequently it should not be allocated for housing or subject to a revision to the settlement boundary” and the inspector upheld this decision. We need to know when this decision was reversed as MHDC seem to be only focussing on one site in Martley which is behind the Crown. Alternative sites have been put forward to MHDC but have been dissuaded because they are committed to that site.
- District Councillor Williams urged the Council to put forward their very strong objections in urgently. Council agreed to let Councillor Williams have sight of the objections.
- Sites of less than 15 – 25 houses have too great a cost in infra-structure requirements.
- The Localism Act appears to be being ignored as MHDC are still using the top-down approach.
- The development proposal currently being discussed with Council was shared with the meeting and all parishioners present were in agreement with this type of proposal and felt that it was the type of development that the village needed.

The Chairman opened the Parish Council meeting

161:11 Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Gale and Gardner.

162:11 Declarations of Interest: There were none.

163-11 Planning Group: Councillor Cumella said he was working on the final draft of the Parish Plan. He proposed that in future all Councillors would be included in the circulation list. He will also send to all Councillors the report on the meeting with Ismail Mohammed of MHDC. He said that the Group needed some PR and Legal expertise and it was agreed to put a note in the Villager to see if anyone had this expertise and was prepared to assist.

The question was asked “what do other parishes think”. The Clerk will contact local parish clerks and put a notice in CALC update about this matter.

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The Chairman asked for proposals on how Council wished to move forward on this.

Action Points:

1. The Clerk to contact Harriet Baldwin, MP and arrange a meeting between her, Councillors and representatives of the Planning Group.
2. Planning Group to formulate as a matter of urgency objections to MHDC proposals for Council to submit to MHDC.

The meeting closed at 8.16pm

J C Dale

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Clerk
19th March 2012

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