

Martley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd April 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, District Cllr Mrs B Williams and Mrs J Dale (Clerk)

There were 4 members of the public present.

Democratic Period/ Public Question Time:

The infrastructure of the village, particularly footpaths was raised. This will become more of a problem should additional housing be provided. This matter will be referred to Worcester County Council.

The Evening Transport (item 10) was explained in detail by Mr Forrest. WCC has a grant available for one year only for community transport. Councillors were generally in favour of additional evening transport being made available but were concerned that it would only run for 1 year as did Parish Link. They were also of the opinion that maybe Friday and Saturdays were maybe not their preferred evenings. This matter is ongoing.

The Chairman opened the Parish Council meeting

161:11 Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from County Cllr A Davies and Councillor T Gale.

162:11 Declarations of Interest: Cllr Nott declared a personal interest in planning item a.

163-11 Minutes: The minutes of the meetings held on 5th and 15th March were approved and signed accordingly.

164-11 Reports from District Councillor

Councillor Williams reported on the success of the over 60's free insulation scheme. With regard to the SWDP there have been over 15,000 representations and the final plan will now be delivered in December 2013. The strategic priorities means that the number of houses proposed cannot be amended however any proposed sites must be "deliverable". She also reported on changes concerning NHS and that she was a member of Health & Wellbeing Board.

165-11 Planning

- a. 12/00306/FUL & 12/00308/LBC – Grove Farm, Newtown. Conversion of redundant barn to form ancillary accommodation.

This application was fully supported by Council.

- b. 12/00386/HOU – The Coach House, The Noak. Two storey side extension and replace a flat roof with a pitched roof.

Council were concerned that this was not shown as a Listed Building Consent and they were concerned about the size of the proposed extension. Clerk to check with MHDC Planning on both these items.

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- c. 12/00123/DEM – Lower Horsham Farm, Horsham. Decision: The method of proposed demolition requires Council’s prior approval before demolition proceeds.
Council were not au fait with this decision and the Clerk to check with MHDC Planning.

166-11 Draft Parish Plan

The plan had been circulated to Council prior to the meeting. Cllr Cumella was congratulated on the work carried out by the Planning Group. Council adopted the Plan without amendment. Cllr Cumella reported on the successful meeting held with Harriet Baldwin, MP.

Following actions agreed:

- The Plan to be lodged with SWDP.
- The Clerk to send a copy to Community First Policy Research and Development Officer with regard to work being carried out on Rural Access
- The Planning Group to draw up a list of objections to be approved by Parish Council by end April.
- Planning Group would discuss the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan at their next meeting with a proposal coming to Council for the May meeting.

Cllrs Gardner and Studer will join the Planning Group with immediate effect.

167-11 Progress Reports:

- Bus shelter – the base has been laid for the shelter and materials ordered and paid for by Council.
- Recreation Association – a brief report from the MRA was read out. It was agreed that Council write to Ringway and thank them for the work carried out in the playing field.
- Jubilee Tree Planting – it was agreed that a disease resistant variety of Elm would be appropriate. Cllr Gardner to obtain quotes for a 15ft tree.
- Jubilee Celebrations – Cllr Gardner gave an update. Ongoing

168-11 Application for Discretionary Rural Rate Relief 2012/13

Application has been received from The Post Office for additional rate relief. Council voted unanimously for Option A which fully supports the business.

169-11 Finance: The financial approvals already circulated were agreed unanimously and payments made to the value of £1564.58.

170-11 Evening Transport:

The proposals will be discussed further at the next meeting. Council to seek the views of Cllr Alwyn Davies on this matter.

171-11 Correspondence:

MHDC – Briefing note re involvement in pre application discussions with Developers - noted
WCC – Think Local in Worcestershire: Consultation on WCC’s approach to Localism – deadline 8th June – noted
Localism workshop May 1st – Cllrs Cumella, Gardner and Studer to attend.

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172-11 Lengthsmans Duties:

Some drainage work is required however this will be reported to WCC.
Quotation for tree work was considered. Alternative quotes to be obtained.
The work to tidy up some greenery on St Peters Drive to be left until Autumn.
The contract with WCC for 2012/2013 to be signed by the Clerk.

173-11 Annual Parish Meeting:

It was agreed that a speaker be invited and local organisations will also be invited to attend and give an annual report.

174-11 Cllr's Reports:

Cllr Gardner reported that the sub station fencing had been further damaged. The clerk to report again.
Cllr Cumella reported that he had attended a conference on Neighbourhood Planning which was most interesting.

175-11 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Monday May 14th in the Library. This will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

J C Dale

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Clerk
9th April 2012

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