

Martley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11th June 2012 in the Village Hall

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

There were 5 members of the public present.

Democratic Period/ Public Question Time: - No issues were raised

25.12 Apologies – Apologies were received from Cllr Studer (work), Cllr Gardner (holiday) and Cllr Gale (personal).

26.12 Declarations of Interest: Cllr Nott declared a personal interest in 12/00306/FUL.

27.12 Minutes: The minutes of the meetings held on 14th and 28th May were approved and signed accordingly.

28.12 Code of Conduct: As a new Code of Conduct must be in place by 1st July a proposal was made by Cllr Nott that members adopt the Worcestershire model code of conduct with effect from 1st July. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Baxter and carried unanimously.

29.12 County & District Councillor Reports:

County Councillor Davies reported that as part of the cost cutting exercise at WCC 2 directors posts would be made redundant. This would save £400,000/£500,000 per year and that the whole management structure is being reviewed. He reported that one of the LEA Governors at the Primary School had retired and they are looking for a volunteer as a replacement. Cllr Cumella asked Cllr Davies about funding for bus services. Cllr Davies reported that most of the bus services are commercially run but that WCC pay subsidies and if that is the case WCC can have some say on timetables, etc. but the commercial operator has to make it pay. Re footpath initiatives Council will write to Cllr Davies with some ideas on ways to improve the footpath to the primary school.

District Councillor Williams again expressed concern about the planning group finding locations for approximately 100 houses. She said that the Council should be objecting to the number of houses proposed (62) and that Council should be looking to reduce this number. With reference to the housing needs survey carried out there were only 3 responses. Council felt that the survey was not readily available to the people of Martley. Cllr Williams will arrange for the survey to be re-opened and Council will use the Villager and village website to promote the completion of the survey.

30.12 Planning:

12/00406/FUL and 12/00308/LBC. The amendment proposed was discussed and Council support this application.

12/00472/FUL – it was reported that this application will not be discussed at Planning Committee in June.

12/00374/HOU Approved – noted

12/00386/HOU Application withdrawn – noted
12/00538/FUL Approved – noted
12/00751/LBC Lower Horsham Farm – Council fully support this application

31.12 Correspondence:

Audit Commission – change of external auditor. Council noted.
A Davies – meeting attendance – noted.
WCC – revised bus timetables from 5th September – clerk to advertise
Welcome to our future – sustainable communities. Clerk to pass to Village Hall Management Committee
Festival Housing – new unified structure – noted
CALC training – Cllr Gardner to attend training on 25th June

32.12 Progress Reports:

Rubbish beside footpath at Crown – removed
Jubilee update – Clerk reported that 200 people attended “The Big Lunch” with over 250 attending the Barbecue. The events had been provided within the budget agreed.
Library electricity costs – no response received as yet

33.12 Finance:

- The payments as presented were approved and cheques signed accordingly.
- The internal auditors report was read out and noted
- The Annual Return was duly signed by the Chair
- Regarding the church clock. It was decided to await any further approach from the Church.

34.12 Lengthsman Duties:

- Move seat and grit bin – already notified. The seat to be fixed in some way.
- Blocked drains from Admiral Rodney down to Newtown
- Pudford Lane down to the Sawmills – gulleys require opening
- Footpath by Scar Cottage requires digging off
- Drain by B4204/B4197 to be looked at by Aqua Cleansing.
- Drain opposite Crown to be looked at by Aqua Cleansing
- Drain on Hollins Lane to be looked at by Aqua Cleansing

35.12 No urgent decisions.

36.12 Councillors reports:

Cllr Walker proposed that a thank you letter be sent to the Pearsall family.
Cllr McHugh reported that the drain cover in the village hall car park needs replacement and that the gutters require clearing out. Clerk to contact Village Hall Management Committee.
Cllr Nott reported that the hedges on Hollins Lane require trimming.

36.13 Date of next meeting: The next meeting will take place on Monday July 2nd in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

J C Dale

Clerk
5th June 2012

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