

Martley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd July 2012 in the Village Hall

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

There were 10 members of the public present.

Democratic Period/ Public Question Time: -

1. Flooding in Pudford Lane was raised by several people. They reported that there had been no flooding for 4 years and it seemed that the potato field was the source of the problem. Council agreed to write to the farmer pointing out the distress of the local residents and request that the matter be looked into.
2. Complaint was received that the properties at the top of the Pudford Lane had not received any bin/recycling bags. District Cllr Williams to investigate.
3. Guy Wooddissee from Bayhill Properties sought the support of the Council to move forward with the planning application for houses on a site adjacent to the Old Forge. He intimated that some kind of compromise may be possible on the number of houses on each of the sites – e.g. Worcester Road and Crown Meadow. Council to discuss under item 6.

37.12 Apologies – A letter of resignation from Cllr Baxter was read out. Apologies were received from County Cllr Davies.

38.12 Declarations of Interest – there were none.

39.12 Minutes: The minutes of the meetings held on 11th June were approved and signed accordingly.

40.12 Code of Conduct: The revised Code of Conduct was adopted unanimously. Councillors were reminded that their Declaration of Interest Forms need to be sent to MHDC within 28 days.

41.12 County & District Councillor Reports:

District Councillor Williams informed the meeting that the number of houses for Martley being recommended in the SWDP has been reduced from 62 to 51. The MHDC full council meeting to approve the draft SWDP will take place on 3rd July at the Bank House. She also reported that she has been asked to Chair the Northern Area Planning Committee again.

42.12 Future Housing: Discussion took place on the proposals made by Bayhill Properties and the current position with the SWDP. It was felt that it was important that Council seek the views of the parishioners. It was agreed to place an article in the Villager for August and also to put some notices around the village informing parishioners of the current situation and seeking their opinions also encouraging them to attend the August Parish Council meeting to make their views known. The Clerk to advise Bayhill Properties of the decision.

43.12 Neighbourhood Planning:

Cllr Cumella went through the timescale and proposed content of the plan previously circulated. It was agreed to form a Neighbourhood Plan Committee comprising of Cllr Cumella, Cllr Gardner, Cllr Studer and Cllr Walker plus 3 or 4 co-opted members of the current planning group. It was pointed out that the co-opted members will not have any voting rights.

44.12 Planning:

12/00472/FUL – this is ongoing and it is probable that it will be discussed at the Northern Area Planning Committee meeting in August.

12/00802/FUL – 2 storey rear extension, Owls Barn, Kingswood. Council comments: The house is in a prominent position in the village and Council felt that this extension was rather large.

12/00856/HOU – 2 storey side extension and replace flat roof with pitched roof, The Coach House, The Noak. – Council have no objections to the amended plans submitted.

12/00451/FUL and 12/00452/FUL – Workshop behind Laugherne Villa. Council have no objections to the amendments.

45.12 Correspondence:

WCC – Broadband speeds. The Clerk had completed an on-line survey on broadband and agreed to distribute questionnaires as required.

MHDC Planning Training – Cllr Cumella to attend Neighbourhood Planning training on 20th September. Cllr Gardner to attend Planning Enforcement update on 6th November.

WCC – Agenda for Evening Bus Service Provision. Cllr Walker to attend meeting on 3rd July
SWDP Consultations – Cllrs Cumella, Gardner, Studer and Walker to attend.

46.12 Progress Reports:

Library electricity costs – no response received as yet despite a reminder.

Drainage – Aqua Cleaning – ongoing

Footpaths – Clerk to confirm to WCC that the major footpath requiring work is the one to the schools. The clerk was asked to contact WCC about the possibility of installing a “zebra” crossing.

47.12 Finance:

- The payments as presented were approved and cheques signed accordingly.

48.12 Lengthsman Duties:

- Trim grass verge from village to Old School
- Trim grass end Barbers Lane opposite Sawmills
- Pudford Lane grips digging out
- Footpath by Scar Cottage requires digging off – ongoing.

49.12 Clerk’s Urgent Decision: The clerk had contacted MHDC about the removal of the recycling facilities at the Crown. Council understood the reason for removal as the system had been abused. Council suggested that maybe a site at Maylite could be agreed.

50.12 Councillors reports:

Cllr Gardner reported that dog mess was being placed in the rubbish bins. Notices to be investigated.

51.12 Date of next meeting: The next meeting will take place on Monday August 6th in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.