

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd December 2012 in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr. D. Goodyear (Chairman), Cllr G Dawson, Cllr M Gardner, Cllr M Nott, Cllr T Studer and Cllr M Walker, County Councillor A Davies, District Councillor B Williams and Mrs J Dale (Clerk)

There were 3 members of the public present.

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

119.12 Apologies – Apologies were received from Cllr Cumella and Cllr Gale.

120.12 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 5th November were approved and signed accordingly.

121.12 County & District Councillor Reports:

- **County Councillor Davies** reported that the footpath work had been completed and that in 2013 the remainder of the work might be carried out.
- He reported that someone from Highways had been in contact with the Jury Lane residents – ongoing
- He also reported that the County is well prepared with salt for gritting
- He mentioned that Ash Tree Disease has been found in Tenbury Wells
- Broadband – consultation has been extended. He said that many more respondents were needed as WCC has to show a need for broadband.
- WCC will not know their funding position until December 19th and they will then make a decision on whether they will be in a position to freeze council tax for 2013-2014.
- The Clerk asked whether County could assist with funding for the purchase of a jetter. Cllr Davies said that he could assist Wichenford and Martley through his highways budget.
- **District Councillor Williams** reported that the planning officers are in favour of making a decision on the proposed Gravity Track on Berrow Hill possibly before Christmas.
- She reported on the Council's decision on the SWDP and that it had left MHDC in a difficult position with no local plan in place and the NPPF will come into force in March. County Councillor Davies mentioned that WCC were threatening MHDC with a judicial review on the matter.

122.12 Application for Dispensation: Cllr Gardner proposed and Cllr Studer seconded the proposal that all councillors present have dispensation to discuss the council's budget/precept until the next election.

123.12 Future Housing: The clerk reported that a meeting had been held with Taylor Wimpey. Their planning application would be ready for submission in approximately 2 weeks time. Their amended plans now included some overspill car parking for users of the Village Hall and Council had requested that this be handed over to the Parish to maintain.

124.12 Correspondence:

MHDC – reminder of register of interests and publication - noted

MH Calc Area – Agenda for meeting December 13th County Hall – Cllr Gardner to attend

125.12 Progress Reports:

- Crown Orchard – ongoing
- BT Phone Kiosk – awaiting further information from MHDC

- Trees – Church Lane. This matter has been referred back to WCC Highways to resolve ownership.
- Drains – Hollins Lane. Cllr Davies advised the clerk to refer to Dave Lavender.
- Drains – Pudford Lane. Cllr Davies advised the clerk to refer to Gerry Brienza.
- Noise from MUGA – still awaiting information - ongoing
- Parish Council Minute Books – these have been retrieved and will be stored in the Hive before Christmas.
- Re-siting of grit bin. Clerk has sent info to WCC and awaits final decision.
- Trees – Barbers Orchard. Cllr Williams has been in touch with Richard Webb who has confirmed old apple varieties are planted there.

126.12 Finance:

- The payments as previously circulated were approved and cheques signed accordingly.
- The budget for 2013-2014 was briefly discussed. No decision will be made until the January meeting.
- A proposal was made to donate £100 to Royal British Legion as it is the 100th anniversary of the Martley Branch. Proposed Cllr Walker and seconded Cllr Dawson.
- The proposal re Library electricity costs was discussed. Cllr Studer will look into insulation for the room.

127.12 Lengthsman:

Duties for December to include:

- Tidying up around St Peters Court.
 - Clear gullies and grips.
 - Leaves on path towards school
 - Put the speed sign close to the school to measure speeds of vehicles driving past school
- The proposal to take a part share in the purchase of a jetter was discussed. The clerk to obtain further details. WCC will assist with funding (see above).

128.12 Training: Cllr Studer gave a brief report on training he had attended re Neighbourhood Planning. The Clerk will attend a training session on December 12th.

129.12 Clerks Urgent Decisions:

- Reply to letter from MHDC re precept setting date
- Purchase of new waste bin for school footpath
- Contacted Community Concern re speeding at Hillside. The clerk reported that one vehicle had been recorded at 72mph at 19.00. Ongoing.

130.12 Councillors Reports:

Cllr Nott enquired when the highways work would be carried in Hollins Lane. This is due to be completed by December 12th.

Cllr Walker queried the council's public liability re the play area. The Clerk confirmed Public Liability cover of £10,000,000.

Cllr Studer handed out a sketch he had prepared for improving the weighbridge area. Ongoing.

Council agreed to the Geology Society making changes to the door of the weighbridge.

131.12 Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Monday 7th January at 7.30pm to be held in the **LIBRARY**.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm

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