

Minutes of Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting held on 11th December 2012 in the Library

Present: Cllr S Cumella, Cllr I Studer, Cllr M Walker, Cllr M Gardner, Mrs P Owen plus Cllr B Williams, Mr D Clark (MHDC) and 2 members of the public.

1. Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Mr I Pennell and Mr M O'Brien

2. Declaration of Interest: None

Democratic Period: There were no comments from the floor.

3. Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting on 20th November 2012 were approved and signed.

4. Cllr Cumella introduced and welcomed Mr David Clark (Planning Office MHDC). Mr Clark stated that the SWDP had been approved on 10th December and was now 'live' again. There would be a 'workshop' in January, for Local Councils Neighbourhood Plans. It was pointed out that Martley Parish Council had submitted a Parish Plan and that was the basis on which Our Neighbourhood plan was being formed. Cllr Studer asked why Mr Clark was unaware of our submissions to date. This was put down to Mr Clark only recently taking on this role and not having had time to familiarise himself with all correspondence. Mr Clark said we needed to submit our 'Plan' asap, Cllr Gardner proposed that we make a fresh formal application soonest.

Considerable discussion took place regarding the process and facts/information required by MHDC in the 'Plan'. Cllr Studer asked that MHDC support our Neighbourhood Plan, when submitted. Mr Clark went on to outline National Planning Policy and pointed out that any Neighbourhood Plan must conform to National Strategic Policy.

Mr Clark pointed out that as the 'Crown Meadow' site was part of the NSP and therefore Martley Parish Council cannot re-allocate the 51 dwellings to other sites within the Parish. The Crown Meadow development is now non-negotiable. There was general disagreement with this statement as it was felt that the PC should have some control over where the 51 dwellings are sited. Concerns were also raised regarding Taylor Wimpey's proposal to complete all 51 dwellings within 2 years, rather than a phased development over the next 17 years. The Parish Council, should however be able to influence the type and size of properties on development. He further went on to say that now that the SWDP has been approved, this can be used to protect other identified sites within the Parish, eg Worcester Road, from development.

Mr Clark handed out a copy of Stages and Steps to develop a Neighbourhood Plan and went on to expand on this. It was pointed out that we had covered most of this already. It was agreed that Cllr Cumella would liaise with Mr Clark reference draft requirement/guidelines in producing the NP.

5. Email from Mr M O'Brien: Given Mr Clark's remarks regarding the 'Crown Meadow' site, it was decided to defer this until the next meeting.

6. Update on progress to date on Preparation of Plan. Cllr Cumella gave an overview so far. Considerable work has been done, but due to the recent uncertainty over the continuance of the SWDP, had stalled. Now that the SWDP has been accepted and bearing in mind information received from Mr Clark, this will enable our NP to progress.

7. Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on 22nd January 2013 at 1930 hrs

Meeting closed at 2050hrs

Cllr M H Walker

12th December 2012

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