

Martley Parish Council

Minutes of Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting held on 22nd January 2013 in the Library

Present: Cllr S Cumella, Cllr M Walker, Cllr M Gardner, Mr I Pennell and Mr M O'Brien there were no members of the public.

1. Apologies: No Apologies were received

2. Declaration of Interest: None

Democratic Period: There were no members of the public present

3. Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting on 11th December 2012 were approved and signed.

4. Neighbourhood Plan Approval Process: Cllr Cumella has spoken to MHDC who acknowledge that we have a Parish Plan. We have also told MHDC we have a Neighbourhood Plan under way and we and they should have received our application. This has not been confirmed by MHDC.

5. Proposed Cluster Parishes. It had been suggested that 'benefit by numbers' might be achieved by joining with several Parishes to form a 'cluster' of Parishes opposed to the SDWP. Suggested Parishes include Wichenford, Kenswick, Broadwas, The Shelsleys and Knightwick. Knightwick have indicated they would be willing to work with Martley.

Mr I Pennell expressed the view that we carry on alone at present, but if other Parishes wished to join us this should be considered.

Mr O'Brien was concerned that Martley could end up providing housing for any 'cluster' over and above our current 51 allocation. He did agree that it would be in our interest to work with other Parishes.

It was decided that this issue needed to be discussed by the full Parish Council.

6. Update on Planned Developments: At the time of the meeting there were no firm details regarding Taylor-Wimpey's planning application. Cllr Cumella pointed out that any submitted Neighbourhood Plans would be held after the approval of the SWDP which is in final consultation. He also read out a recent letter of support from Harriet Baldwin MP.

7. Neighbourhood Plan Contents: Cllr Cumella outlined what we needed to include.

- . Housing Needs – this has been established by MHDC as 51

- . Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty - Cllr Cumella has spoken to a P Esirch to see if the Malvern Hills AONB could be extended to cover Martley. The Geopark area has established

that the Malvern rock strata continues through Martley and up to Abberley. This would need Natural England and DEFRA approval and there is a long waiting list of applications.

- . Improvement of Village Centre – Cllr Studer has already outlined plans which he has presented to the Parish Council.

- . Community Pub – Mr I Pennell suggested that might be an idea if the Crown was owned/run by the community and gave details of similar schemes elsewhere. This received mixed feelings but Cllr Gardner would make further enquiries.

- . Car Sharing Scheme – this was put on hold.

- . Mapping – it is believed we have a large village map which could be used to outline suggestions.

8. Website. Mr I Pennell thought that the website needs utilising more and perhaps thought be given to setting up a new website.

9. Date of next meeting. The next meeting will be held on Tues 19th February at 1930 hrs, in the Library.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2045hrs.

Signed..... Date.....

Cllr M H Walker

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