

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March in the Library.

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

There were 8 members of the public present.

Democratic Period/ Public Question Time: -

Concern was expressed about the effect on the conservation area the proposed extension to Charcam Gables might have.

The condition of the pavement along the B4204 from the post office towards Clifton upon Teme was raised due to heavy vehicles parking. Clerk to inform County Cllr A Davies of the position.

Some further suggestions for amends to the play area were distributed to Councillors.

- 171.12 Apologies** – Apologies were accepted from Cllr A Davies and Cllr G Dawson.
- 172.12 Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Walker declared an interest in the Play Area although he has a dispensation to allow him to join in discussions on the subject.
- 173.12 Minutes:** The minutes of the meetings held on 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> February were approved and signed accordingly proposed Cllr Cumella and seconded Cllr Nott.
- 174.12 District Councillor Report:** Cllr Williams reported that the Malvern Hills Planning Department have invited representatives of the Council to meet them to discuss the planning application submitted by Taylor Wimpey. Date to be arranged. She advised council to consider the mix of dwelling types and whether it suited the needs of the village and to include this in the response to MHDC. It was also pointed out that the geology of the area needed to be included.
- 175.12 Planning** – Application Ref 13/00087/FUL – Council approved a notice to be inserted in the Villager encouraging residents to let MHDC have their views on the application.
- 176.12 Adoption of Play Equipment:**  
It was pointed out that as the Parish owned the playing fields they also own any building or structure on the field (1925 Law of Property Act.) Cllr Cumella proposed, seconded by Cllr Nott that the play equipment be adopted by the Parish Council and be added to the asset register.
- 177.12 Play Area Alterations:** Discussion took place about the noise levels from the MUGA and suggested play area alterations. As only 2 families have concerns about the noise levels Cllr Gardner proposed, seconded by Cllr Cumella that no amendments be made to the area. Majority of councillors voted in favour of this proposal.
- 178.12 Parish Website:**  
Cllr Studer has spoken to the Martley Webmesh team about the website and broadband provision. It was agreed to invite representatives of the Webmesh team to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and give a short presentation.
- 179.12 Longside Radio:**  
The Licence to Occupy agreement was signed by the chairman. The Clerk to follow up some outstanding documentation from Longside.

**180.12 Correspondence:**

Email from parishioner about activity at Pencroft Ltd – noted  
MH Calc Area Committee – Cllrs Goodyear and Gardner to attend  
WCC – response to letter on drains and potholes. Cllr Studer to meet with WCC Maintenance Mgr to discuss ongoing problems.  
MHDC – Invitation to Neighbourhood Planning workshop. Cllr Studer may attend.  
BT Kiosk Adoption – Agreement received and signed by Chairman.

**181.12 Progress Reports:**

Drains – Hollins Lane – Clerk had written to WCC and the Drainage Team are now investigating the problem.  
Broadband – see 178.12 above. Cllr Studer reported that the webmesh team would supply a Wifi Hotspot in the BT kiosk being adopted by Council.  
Library Electricity – Cllr Studer still awaiting information.

**182.12 Weighbridge Area:**

- 3 quotations were considered for the landscaping works required. Cllr Studer proposed and Cllr Gardner seconded that the quote from Midwest Landscaping be accepted. All in favour.
- 3 quotations were considered for a new notice board with tiled roof. Cllr Studer proposed and Cllr Gardner seconded that the quotes from Eardiston Sawmills and A Johnson be accepted. All in favour.
- 3 quotations were considered for work to be carried out to the horse chestnut and the hedge opposite the Crown. Cllr Studer proposed and Cllr Cumella seconded that the quote from Andy Draper be accepted. All in favour. As these trees are in the conservation area the necessary planning permission to be obtained.

**183.12 Waste Bins:**

An email had been received from the Millennium Trust about the waste bin. After discussion it was agreed that Council will empty this bin and that the bin opposite the bus shelter on the B4204 be removed.

**184.12 Neighbourhood Plan update:**

Cllr Cumella reported that some other villages had been contacted about forming a cluster. Responses awaited.  
Harriet Baldwin had been in contact with a parishioner and had offered a meeting with the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Planning). Cllrs Cumella and Studer plus a member of the NP committee to accept invitation.

**185.12 Finance:**

Cllr Studer proposed and Cllr Nott seconded that the payments previously circulated be approved and cheques signed accordingly.

**186.12 Lengthsman:**

Stump to be removed in playing field in readiness for new tree planting.  
Grips at Callow Farm to be dug out.  
Tidy grass under hedge opposite the Crown.  
Remove bin opposite bus shelter.

**187.12 Clerk's urgent decisions: None**

**188.12 Councillors' Reports:**

Cllr Gardner briefly reported on the MHDC Town & Parish conference she had attended.  
Cllr Goodyear reported a pot hole on the B4197 opposite Pudford Lane.

**189.12 Date of next meeting:**

Parish Council Meeting April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Hall  
Annual Parish Meeting April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30pm in the Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

Janet Dale  
Clerk to Martley Parish Council  
5<sup>th</sup> March 2013

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