

## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr. D. Goodyear (Chairman), Cllr M Gardner, Cllr T Gale, Cllr M Nott, Cllr T Studer, Cllr M Walker. County Councillor P Grove & District Councillor Mrs B Williams and Mrs J Dale (Clerk) 5 members of the public present.

79.13 **Apologies:** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr S Cumella

80.13 **Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations.

**Democratic Period/ Public Question Time: -**

A parishioner suggested that the spare ground relating to the Crown Meadow development could possibly be used as allotment space. Clerk to investigate.

A request was made that possibly some of the Section 106 funding could be used towards improvements to the play area, for example skate park jumps and that public consultation should be undertaken to ascertain need.

Some mud ramps have been assembled in the corner of the playing field which Council were aware of. After discussion it was agreed that Council would display a "disclaimer notice" and a notice would be put on notice boards and in The Villager to that effect.

81.13 **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> August and 2<sup>nd</sup> September were approved and signed accordingly.

**82.13 County and District Councillors Reports:**

County Councillor Grove reported that he had attended the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations at the School, he had also attended the Youth Club. He is proposing to bring along a questionnaire in November as he would like to know more about Martley with relation to elderly mental health, fuel poverty and also improving the health of young people. He had received an email about congestion outside the garage which he is currently investigating.

District Councillor Williams reported that MHDC had 3 major projects re improving the quality of life for rurally isolated older people. Further details to follow.

She reminded everyone that Voter Registration forms will be issued shortly and how important it is for everyone to register.

**83.13 Hartlebury Incinerator:**

Cllr Grove circulated a document showing the progress of this project since 1998. He reported that planning had received approval, the financing was still to be finally decided – approx £120m and the decision would probably be made in 2014. The application had been approved by the Secretary of State and all health issues had been covered at that time. He also reported that there should be no increase in cost over landfill. Cllr Grove will check whether re-cycling will also take place at the same site and report back to next meeting. Cllr Studer asked whether Cllr Grove believed it is value for money – Cllr Grove to continue investigations and report to next meeting.

**84.13 Planning:**

13/01142/HOU – Meritbrook, Newtown. Ground floor extension and attic conversion. Council support the application.

13/01183/FUL – Pencroft, Laugherne Villa. Amendments to application 12/00452.FUL. Council support the application.

13/000016/CM – Replacement Gas Flare, Penny Hill. APPLICATION APPROVED.

13/00792/LBC – Creation of 2 parking spaces, Berrow Farm. APPLICATION APPROVED.

The Chairman raised the ongoing problem at Rodge Hill. Retrospective planning application not yet received. Concern was raised about landfill waste being moved. Clerk to check status.

**85.13 Correspondence:**

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Smith of Derby – Annual Clock Service 15% Discount Offer – no action to be taken  
Email R Snow – re Martley Relief In Need Charity representative – Cllr Williams agreed to be continue as PC representative  
Martley Pre School – request to put banner in weighbridge area – Council sympathised with their position but they would be asked to remove banner (see 88.13 below).  
CALC AGM – 10th October at County Hall - noted  
MHDC – 2nd Parish Conference 17th October Council Chamber – Cllrs Gardner and Goodyear to attend plus Clerk.  
MHDC – Re sport & leisure consultation. Nomination of representative. Cllr Studer to contact researchers.  
MHDC – Overview & Scrutiny meeting 15th October - noted  
South Worcs. Councils – Community Infrastructure Levy Preliminary Draft charging schedule - noted  
Note from St Peters thanking Council for assistance with churchyard maintenance..

**86.13 Progress Reports:**

Community Assets – Clerk reported on meeting with MHDC - ongoing  
Hollins Lane road condition and drainage – work will be scheduled – follow up  
Ankerdine hill – hedge trimming. WCC agreed to cover cost. Clerk to arrange.

**87.13 Section 106 Funding:**

Cllr Studer reported that he had been seeking ideas on how this funding could be used. One possibility is a bike track which the teenagers have shown the need by building their own version on the playing field and he felt that we should listen to the boys needs. He has been investigating the cost of supplying some form of cycle track for the teenagers and it was agreed that Council apply for an Awards for All Grant towards the cost of such a track. Cllr Studer and Clerk to progress.

Cllr Gale reported that he had spoken to a landowner about the cost of purchasing some land for allotments. The total cost he estimated including water supply etc. would be £70,000.

**88.13 Use of Notice Board/Weighbridge Area:** After lengthy discussion on the safety issues with congestion at this junction and also the appearance of the whole area, Cllr Walker proposed that there should be no banners or advertising on the fencing/post/tree. Cllr Studer seconded and it was agreed unanimously. Clerk to write to known offenders.

**89.13 Co-option of Councillors:**

3 applications had been received (previously circulated). Council voted on each application and the applications from Mrs Jackman and Mr Hayes were agreed unanimously.

**90.13 Neighbourhood Planning:** Cllr Cumella left a brief report on current status. He proposed that we retain a small steering group to include representatives from both councils and they should meet in the near future. He also suggested that a larger meeting be held in both parishes to include local organisations. Dates for both meetings to be agreed.

**91.13 Finance:**

- The payments as previously circulated were approved and cheques signed accordingly. Proposed Cllr Gardner and seconded by Cllr Studer.
- Clerk reported conclusion of external audit had been advertised on notice board and website.
- 6 months accounts were distributed to councillors for information – noted.

**92.13 Lengthsman:**

To remove weed growth by bus shelter.

To ensure leaves cleared from gulleys etc.

Re the pavement from the Hall to the Referral Unit - he had looked at the work and the section from the top of the playing field to the village hall can be covered using lengthsman's hours. The section from the playing field to the pupil referral unit would require 2 men using a small digger

and the cost for this would be £350. Cllr Studer proposed, seconded by Cllr Gardner that this work be put in place. It was also agreed to get the hedge trimmed well back prior to the work commencing.

93.13 **Clerks Urgent Decisions:**

Flyer inserted in October Villager re Superfast Broadband – noted. Clerk to contact School to promote this issue.

94.13 **Councillors Reports:**

There were no reports.

95.13 **Date of next meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for Monday November 4th in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Janet Dale  
Clerk to Martley Parish Council  
14<sup>th</sup> October 2013

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