

# **Martley Parish Council**

## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2012 in the Library**

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

There were 2 members of the public present.

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

Thanks to the Village Hall for installing a timer on the car park lights.

The Chairman opened the Parish Council meeting

**146:11 Apologies:** Apologies were received and accepted from County Cllr A Davies and Councillor G Baxter.

**147:11 Declarations of Interest:** There were none.

**148-11 Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February were approved and signed accordingly.

### **149-11 Reports from County & District Cllrs**

District Cllr Williams was in receipt of a note from Rt Hon Greg Clark MP concerning Neighbourhood Planning. The Clerk will ensure that all councillors receive a copy. MHDC Councillors had attended an "away day" to consider a strategic review on "shaping our future". The Chief Executive of MHDC had made a ward visit of 2 hours and was most impressed and has requested a further visit. They visited Martley Web Mesh and Longside Radio plus Central Stores and the Post Office. She has received a grant application from Martley Youth Club and she commented that she would look at the application favourably.

### **150-11 Planning**

- 11/01571/LBC New window, Prickley Cottage, Martley - Council fully support this application.
- 12/00125/LBC and 12/00123/DEM – Demolition of agricultural outbuildings associated with Listed Farmhouse - Council have no objections, however they would like the Conservation Officer to be consulted prior to approval.

### **151-11 Progress Reports**

- Hillside sign – WCC have said it is not financially viable to replace this sign.
- Trees on Millennium Meadow – Cllr Williams has yet to contact The Millennium Trust
- Blocked Gully – Berrow Green. Ongoing
- Peg House Wood – the owner has been contacted and agreed to carry out the work.
- Car parking on pavement – an email was read out from the CSO and it was agreed to write to the homeowner concerned about this problem.

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**152-12 Bus Shelter:** 3 quotations were considered for the supply of the bus shelter and it was unanimously agreed to accept the quotation from Mr S Miles at a cost of £2470.36. A meeting will be arranged to agree installation of the base.

**153-13 Speed Sign:** A request has been received to hire the speed sign for use at Red Marley Hill Climb. It was agreed to hire the sign at a cost of £50. The hirer to provide replacement insurance cover.

**154-14 Diamond Jubilee:**

- Cllr Gardner outlined the proposals of the Working Party which involved various groups within the village. After discussion the Council unanimously agreed to a budget of £1,000 for the celebrations. Wichenford residents will be invited and a contribution has been requested from WPC.
- Additional Footpaths – an email was read out about the possible creation of some additional footpaths in the village. This will be referred to the Footpath Officer.
- A suggestion had been received from a parishioner to plant a commemorative tree. After discussion it was agreed to purchase a “specimen” tree to be planted on the playing field with a suitable plaque.

**155-15 Finance:**

- The payments as circulated were unanimously approved and payments made to the value of £1,347.27.
- Cllr Studer reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February. Minutes on the notice board and the next meeting will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> May.

**156-16 Correspondence:**

- MHDC Area CALC meeting – no one available to attend.
- Planning Aid England – Cllr Cumella will attend this event.
- Letter of thanks from Clifton upon Teme Brownies
- Police Report read out from CSO Helen Cooper
- Update from Recreation Association/Youth Club read out
- Letter from B Hines & S Warr concerning the work being carried out on the playing field – comments noted

**157-17 Training:**

- After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk commence CILCA training in readiness to be able to use “The Power of General Competence” which is part of the Localism Act. The cost of this training to be split with Clifton upon Teme Parish Council.
- The Clerk to attend “Parish Online” event on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

**158-18 Lengthsmans Duties:** Work for March to include:

- Clear drain at junction of B4202 and B4197 (full of straw)
- The Lengthsman had reported fouling by dogs on the footpath opposite Rogers Coaches. The Clerk to obtain signs for each end of the pathway.
- Several items to be dealt with on Hollins Lane. Clerk to itemise to the Lengthsman.
- It was agreed not to hire the digger for Pudford Lane work as enough work has already been carried out.
- It was also agreed that the ditch between the Chantry entrances is not Council’s responsibility.

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**159-19 Cllr's Reports:**

Cllr Gardner reported that the sub station fencing had been further damaged.

Cllr Cumella requested that the Parish Plan be on the next agenda. He also reported a dangerous tree on the corner of Badger Close. As this tree is on land with no known owner the Clerk to report to WCC.

Cllr Studer commented on the poor quality of the printing for the footpath map circulated with the Villager. Clerk to report to MHDC.

**160-20 Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Monday April 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Library.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

*J C Dale*

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Clerk  
6<sup>th</sup> March 2012

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