

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF MARTLEY PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2011 AT THE MEMORIAL
HALL**

Present: Cllr. Mrs. D. Goodyear Cllr. Mr. T. Bromley
 Cllr. Mr. T. Gale Cllr. Mrs. G. Baxter

 Cllr. Mr. M. Nott Cllr. Mr. R. McHugh

In attendance: Mrs. S. Williams (Clerk)

There were 6 members of the public present.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Democratic Period/Public Question Time

Further damage was reported to the fence around the playing field and air pellet damage to some of the pavilion windows; it has been reported to the Police. The Clerk will chase PC Lambon for his contact details. Persistent dog fouling on the playing field was also reported.

The Chair confirmed that a bid is being submitted to County Councillor Davies to fund some security cameras for the pavilion. The Chair of the Recreation Association was asked to submit a list a recent damage to the Clerk to be included with the bid. The Recreation Association and Parish Council will meet once the new Clerk takes up his position.

The Secretary of the Recreation Association thanked the Parish Council for becoming the accountable body for funding purposes.

68-11 Apologies: Received from County Councillor Davies.

69-11 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.

70-11 Minutes: Were approved as a true record with amendments to: Both Councillor Baxter and Councillor Goodyear attended Nora Parsons Day Centre and the Parish Council had agreed to pay all future electricity bills for the Library.

71-11 Outstanding Actions from previous minutes: Contact is to be made with the Freedom of Martley nominees for 2011.

The letter needs to be circulated to all local farms and other potential sites for salt storage.

The cost of an Ordnance Survey Advance Explorer needs to be ascertained without the display board.

72-11 Progress reports:

Clerk – The new Clerk Mr Tom Pearsall will commence in post from Monday 12th September 2011.

There were no applications received for the vacant Councillor roles, of which there were 2. However, Councillor Fearnough has since resigned leaving 3 vacancies. The new Clerk and Chair will need to consider running a campaign within the village to look to fill these vacancies.

'My Parish' is up and running thanks to Councillor Bromley.

Martley Litter Blitz took place on Sunday 14th August 2011.

Gerry Brienza from Highways has responded to the Parish Council's concerns of potential insurance claims following volunteers gritting/salting roads in bad weather that Highways don't have the capacity to do. Gerry advises that this emergency work would be done on a volunteer basis and he can't see that there would be many claims made.

The adoption process for the phone boxes is on-going.

The rotten Hillside sign is still there and still rotten!

There is a lot of work underway on the SWDP; which will be picked up later under Councillors update.

There has been some work undertaken on the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, again to be picked up in the Councillors update.

Lengthsman – The Clerk will chase the Lengthsman for outstanding invoices and an update in terms of recent work undertaken within the village.

Councillors -

Cllr. Bromley reported that the speed sign is now operational in Berrow Green. It has been a real team effort and a programme has been mapped taking us into the early next year. Tom Pearsall will download the programme shortly which will enable the Parish Council to pull statistics from the sign.

Cllr. Baxter reported that there will be an editorial appearing in The Villager around the e-mail address required by the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in order to circulate any updates. Councillor Baxter is finalising an advert regarding the scheme which will go in the shop, post office, notice board shortly.

Cllr. Bromley reported that a working party of around a dozen people has been set up in relation to the SWDP. A second meeting is planned for next week.

Cllr. Goodyear reported that the Martley Litter Blitz took place in August with 8 adults and 4 children kindly taking part. They collected 20+ bags of rubbish. It was disappointing to note that most of the areas cleared are already filling back up with rubbish. Pat Owen will be picking the campaign up within The Chantry. Another Litter Blitz will take place on Sunday 12th November 2011 from 10am at the Village Hall for a few hours and the Parish Council will be looking for volunteers to assist.

Cllr. Goodyear reported earlier in the meeting that a bid will be submitted to County Councillor Davies for security cameras for the pavilion from the County Councils Divisional Fund.

73-11 District and County Councillors' reports: District Councillor Williams:

Mentioned the Neighbourhood Watch meeting scheduled for 19th October at Abberley and the Public Question Time with NHS leaders on October 6th.

Encouraged any suggestions or queries for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be addressed to them at anytime.

Advised that the MHDC's website link to Community Services is well worth a look, in terms of Leisure, parks/open spaces, health and well being, grants and funding opportunities, etc. Councillor Bromley will put a link on 'My Parish'.

Referred to an e-mail regarding the proposed change to the MHDC planning proforma cover sheet.

Thanked the Clerk.

County Councillor had nothing to report in his absence.

74-11 Planning:

New

11/00931/LBC Noak Farm, Martley – Re-roofing barn and cottage, some replacement timbers and insertion of 8 rooflights.

Approved

11/00666/FUL Hawksnest Barn, Easinghope Lane – Reconstruction of Earth Dam (Retrospective)

11/00810/LBC The Tee, Martley – Single storey rear extension, replacement conservatory, alterations to attached storage building and internal alterations.

11/00763/HOU The Tee, Martley - Single storey rear extension, replacement conservatory, alterations to attached storage building and internal alterations.

11/00721/HOU Hawksnest Barn, Easinghope Lane – Proposed ‘lean-to’ storage area with 12 photovoltaic units on roof.

11/00685/HOU 3 The Bungalows, Berrow Green – Extension to garage with pitched roof over. New vehicular entrance and remodelling of drive.

Refused

11/00834/FUL Land at Stables, Willow Road – Conversion and extension to facilitate one live/work unit

11/00740/LBC Tee Farm, Martley – Proposed replacement glazing to 5 dormer windows.

The Parish Council were in full support of the proposed change to the planning proforma template. The Clerk will advise MHDC of the Parish Council’s support.

75-11 Finance:

(a) The accounts covering July and August 2011 were approved. There were 6 cheques totalling £2670.75 approved for payment.

(b) The Clerk is to gather further information in terms of previous agreements made for payment of the hosting and domain costs of Martley.org.

(c) It was agreed by Full Council that the bank mandate should be changed to the new Clerk, Mr Tom Pearsall of 6 Vernon Close, Martley, Worcester, WR6 6QX.

76-11 Correspondence:

Items for information

2. Public Neighbourhood Watch Meeting invite on Wednesday 19th October 2011 at Abberley
5. Royal Horticultural Society Campaign information
8. MHDC Public Question Time on NHS invite

Items for discussion

1. MHDC SWDP evidence gathering – village facilities
3. Cllr. Davies Locally determined highway projects
4. Mr Petkovic Land for consideration
6. Mr Ganderton Response to the meeting of 25th July 2011

77-11 Clerk's report on Urgent Decisions since the last meeting: No urgent decisions had been made.

78-11 Councillors reports and items for future agenda:

The Clerk asked that the following items are added to the agenda for the next meeting:

E-On invoice for Weighbridge electric

Invoice for hire of the Village Hall

Invoice from MHDC for the cost of the elections run in May 2011

Councillor Baxter reported a road traffic accident that occurred on Ankerdine Hill. The Clerk will add this accident to the record now being maintained by the Parish Council.

Councillor Baxter asked that the speed sign at Berrow Green is also reversed so that some statistics can be drawn for Berrow Green and Ankerdine.

The Clerk will write to Gerry Brienza and copy County Councillor Davies regarding the dropped curbs at 24 Hollins Lane and the County's previous commitment to fund the work.

The Clerk will write to Councillor Clarke, Councillor Stammers, Councillor Metcalfe and Councillor Fearnough to thank them for the time and support they gave to the Parish Council.

The Clerk will write to Gerry Brienza and MHDC concerning the incorrect sign at Church Lane.

Councillor Bromley confirmed that Highways are to put a patch over the sign on the A44 at Knightwick so in future it will say B4197 and not B4167.

The drains are again blocked at Hillside. The work to unblock them has been allocated to Ringway.

The 30MPH sign at Mortlake Drive that blocks the footpath to pushchair/wheelchair users is to be removed.

It was suggested by the Chair that a 7pm start in the winter should be considered for these meetings. The Clerk will add to the agenda for the next meeting for formal agreement.

Councillor Bromley passed on his apologies for the next meeting as he will be on holiday as will County Councillor Davies.

The Clerk is to look onto timetables for the new private bus services. If the Clerk does locate new timetables they will be passed to Councillor Bromley to publish on 'My Parish' and the Clerk will publish on the notice board.

79-11 Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Monday 3rd October 2011.

Meeting finished at 10.06 pm.