

Martley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th November 2011 at the Memorial Hall

Present: Cllr. Mrs. D. Goodyear (Chairman), Cllr T Bromley, Cllr. Mr. M. Nott, Cllr. Mr. R. McHugh, Cllr. Mr. T. Gale
County Cllr A Davies, District Cllr Mrs B Williams
Mrs J Dale (Clerk)

There were 12 members of the public present.

The Chairman introduced the new clerk and welcomed everyone to the meeting

Democratic Period/ Public Question Time:

An enquiry was made whether the Police were intending to use the weighbridge – clerk to follow up. The speed sign when positioned at Hillside seemed to be registering late. Clerk to speak to Lengthsman.

Longside Radio pointed out that they are a not for profit organisation and want local people to take part. A proposal was left with the clerk and this item to be on the agenda for December meeting.

It was confirmed that the Litter Blitz scheduled for this weekend has been postponed.

The young people from school wish to plant bulbs etc around the weighbridge. The Clerk to instruct Lengthsman to clear area first.

The Chairman opened the Parish Council meeting

93:11 Apologies: Cllr Mrs G Baxter

94:11 Co-option of New Councillors: 3 applications had been received for co-option. It was proposed by Cllr Nott that Dr Stuart Cumella, Mr Tim Studer and Mr Monty Walker be co-opted to Council. Seconded Cllr T Bromley and all agreed. The new councillors present signed their Acceptance and took part in the meeting. Mr Studer was unable to attend this evening.

95:11 Declarations of Interest: There were none

96-11 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd October.

These minutes were approved as a true and correct record.

97-11 Reports from County & District Councillors

District Cllr Williams wished to congratulate Longside Radio and hoped they would be able to find some funding.

She reported that the Tenbury Tesco planning application will be considered at the December committee meeting. MHDC has launched 2 new business grant schemes to support sustainability in the district. The schemes will be supported by match funding from WCC. More details on the MHDC website. She reported that the Sport Inspired Programme is being extended beyond the initial 12 month pilot. She also reported that the Olympic torch will be going through Malvern and wondered whether there was a possibility of a beacon link between Malvern and Berrow Hill.

County Cllr Davies reported on the road closures that would be affecting the parish shortly.

He also reported that Holt Bridge work was complete and the weight limit restriction had been removed however he has received correspondence from Ombersley residents requesting the weight limit to be re-instated. He mentioned a Broadband survey that had been circulated via CALC – Clerk to obtain copies.

Divisional Fund – he has received 18 applications with 2 from Martley. Decision to be made shortly. WCC are looking for volunteers to take part in the Citizens Panel quarterly survey. He left leaflets on Warmer Worcestershire for the notice board – Clerk to action

98-11 Planning

New

11/01177/CON Demolition of existing coach depot, Rogers Coach Garage

11/01103/FUL Demolition of existing coach depot building and erection of a replacement coach depot building

Council fully supported these applications

Refusal

11/00932/LBC – Noak Farm, Martley – NOTED

Approvals

11/01119/FUL – Bramblewood, Hipplecote - NOTED

11/01046/LBC & 11/00998/HOU – New House Farm, Hope House Lane – NOTED

99-11 Parish Plan

Cllr Bromley explained that the Planning Group felt we should seek specific information from MHDC concerning the finalisation of the SWDP. The Clerk read out an email from Senior Planner and Council felt that this covered this matter.

100-11 Progress Reports

Litter Blitz – as reported above this has been postponed until Spring.

Phone Box Adoption – the clerk has been in contact with BT and MHDC consent is required – Ongoing

Damaged sign at Hillside – the clerk has reported this via the Hub

Hope House Lane sign – this has been reported via the Hub

101-11 Finance

- The financial approvals previously circulated were approved and cheques to the value of £1560.72 were signed accordingly.
- Appointment of Finance Committee: Cllr Dr Cumella and Cllr Mr Studer both agreed to stand on this Committee.
- Items for budget 2012-2013. A suggestion was made that bus shelter provision outside Heaton House should be considered. The Clerk will investigate cost. Councillors were asked to consider any other items prior to December meeting.
- Donation to Royal British Legion. It was decided to increase the usual donation to support the good work of this charity. It was agreed unanimously to donate £75.

102-11 Correspondence:

- The road closure notices were read out. These will go on notice boards.
- Community First – Rural Strategy. The Chairman and Clerk to meet with Community First to progress this.
- Letter from West Mercia Police was read out stating that there would only be a police presence at the Parish Council AGM and not at monthly meetings in future.

- Letter from MRA concerning insurance situation.

103-11 Rural Rate Relief:

An application has been received from The Post Office for discretionary rate relief. Council voted on the 3 proposals offered by MHDC and Proposal A was agreed on Chairman's casting vote. Cheque for £64.27 to be issued.

104-11 Recreation Association

The proposal previously circulated was discussed. Several points require clarification:

- The MRA sheds containing equipment – check insurance cover
- Garden gates from Jewry Lane opening onto Playing field – check insurance risk
- Amend the proposal on vandalism cover to state that repairs are subject to approval of Parish Council
- Check legal status of amending the agreement
- Cllr Baxter will act as Council representative on management committee however a Trustee is still to be appointed

As the insurance cover expires in November, cover for the Pavilion will be added to Parish Council insurance and re-charged to MRA and the current play equipment will be added to Parish Council insurance.

105-11 Winter Gritting: It was reported that a suitable location had been found to store salt and that it has been ordered. After discussion it was agreed that the areas around Heaton House, the route to the schools and around the shops were the areas to concentrate on.

106-11 Lengthsmans Duties: The Clerk reported that the budget was healthy and Council needed to consider additional duties. The following suggestions were made:

- The hedges at Collins Green to be trimmed
- Weighbridge area to be cleared along with suckers behind notice board
- Kingswood Lane – broken concrete slab over drain
- Open drain cover Pudford Lane

107-11 Meeting Times: It was agreed that the winter meetings would be held in the Library commencing at 19:30 (commencing with December meeting).

108-11 Clerk's report on urgent decisions:

It was reported that cheque no. 1379 had been issued to Potterton Associates for £1002.00 (Grant funding had been received to cover this)

Cheque No 1380 issued to T Pearsall for September salary and expenses

Annual Lengthsman Agreement signed and returned to WCC

109-11 Councillor's Reports:

Cllr Gale reported seeing 38 ton vehicles on Ankerdine Hill – the clerk to write to Ross Farm Machinery whose vehicle it was.

Discussion took place on routing of heavy goods vehicles and the clerk will write to District Cllr Williams about the possibility of re-routing along Lightwood Lane.

Cllr McHugh reported that the alarm has been activated at the Referral Unit – clerk to contact Rev Sherwin.

Cllr McHugh reported that the drain at the edge of Taylor's yard is blocked. Clerk to enquire of Aqua Cleansing re cost of jetting.

Cllr Bromley wished to say that he had enjoyed his time on the Parish Council but as he was leaving the district sadly he would be tendering his resignation.

Cllr Walker commented on the poor parking around Heaton House but as no cars were parked on the pavements this could only be noted. He also commented on children cycling with no lights and on pavements etc after school times and during holidays. Clerk to report to CSO Helen Cooper.

110-11 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on December 5th at 7.30pm in the Library.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

J C Dale

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Clerk
8th November 2011

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