

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5th November 2012 in the Village Hall

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

There were 12 members of the public present.

Democratic Period/ Public Question Time: -

- A report was read out about the parish council policy on new housing and requested that they hold a further meeting with H Baldwin, MP. This matter will be discussed further under item 7.
- Longside radio is in the process of calculating the costs involved to do the necessary internal work to the weighbridge. They are receiving offers of support and hope to keep costs to an absolute minimum. This item will be discussed further under item 10.
- 2 parishioners made representations about the noise from the MUGA in the new play area and wished to arrange a meeting with parish councillors, representatives of the MRA plus themselves. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, 21st November at 7.00pm in the Committee Room. Cllr Gardner agreed to meet to hear the noise on behalf of Council.
- A parishioner attended with reference to Parish Council Minute Books. He currently holds the books and wishes to continue to do so. As the signed minute books are legal documents and under the ownership of the Parish Council it was unanimously agreed to follow WCC guidelines and place the minute books in the Record Office for perpetuity. It was also agreed to investigate the possibility of scanning the books which could then be held in any heritage centre that might be created.

101.12 Apologies – Apologies were received from County Councillor Davies.

102.12 Declarations of Interest – Cllr Walker declared an interest in item 12.

103.12 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September were approved and signed accordingly.

104.12 County & District Councillor Reports:

District Councillor Williams reported that she was still awaiting a reply from Cllr David Hughes about a possible visit to Martley. She also reported that a MHDC council meeting is being held on 13th November and open to the public.

105.12 Planning:

12/01438/FUL – Change of use of land to enable expansion of transport yard, rear of Laugherne Villa. Council support this application.
12/01432/LBC – Formation of gabion bridge and access tract. Recording and extensive repair of decayed timber frame. Erection of garden store/bat house and two storey extension – The Old Court, Horsham. – Council support this application.

11/01530/FUL - Land at Willow Road, Martley – Appeal dismissed.

106.12 Application for Dispensation: Cllr Walker has requested dispensation for discussions involving the Play Area. If granted the dispensation can last for up to 4 years.

- a) Cllr Walker can take part in discussion on the subject but will not be entitled to vote
- b) Cllr Walker can take part in the discussion and have a vote

Cllr Gardner proposed and Cllr Nott seconded that option A be approved. Approved unanimously.

107.2 Future Housing:

- Taylor Wimpey Proposals – After discussion Council agreed that it was important that it engages with TW in terms of possible future needs for the village. TW will make a large financial contribution to MHDC and it is important that we work to secure some of this funding.
- To consider official response to Bayhill Properties following the recent meeting. The Clerk to write to Bayhill Properties to say that Council does not support this development.
- To consider pending planning application for properties on land adjacent to Barbers – noted. Contact to be made with MHDC concerning the ancient apple trees on the site.
- Housing survey – to consider further distribution of forms. Clerk to record completed forms and arrange for distribution of remainder.

108.12 Councillors Areas: To agree scope of this allocation, i.e. restrict to Lengthsman duties only or to widen the scope. As the villager magazine has not completed the informational articles on councillors it was agreed to hold this matter over until January.

109.12 Application for Discretionary Rural Rate Relief: An application was received from Central Garage for discretionary rate relief. Council voted unanimously for Option A which states that the business is of use to the village and therefore a contribution may be made from the Precept.

110.12 Weighbridge Use by Longside Radio: The proposal that Longside Radio uses the weighbridge as their recording studio with the entrance being used for Tourist information (footpaths information, maps and geology information). The costings have not been finalised but Council fully support this proposal to use this building for the good of the village. It was agreed that the lock would require changing.

111.12 BT Phone Kiosks: It was agreed that the kiosks should remain in the village. Clerk to commence process of adoption.

112.12 Correspondence:

Letter received from Mrs I Walker re Play Area – see above

Letter received from Mrs Z Baril re Play Area – see above

WCC – Winter Maintenance Service and Parish Grit Bins – noted. Clerk to contact WCC about the possibility of re-siting one of the grit bins from the weighbridge to the Hope House Lane/Willow Road junction.

113.12 Progress Reports:

Crown Meadow orchard – no reply received from Marstons. Clerk to follow up sending photo of meadow.

Village Hall – library electricity costs. As this matter has been ongoing for some time it was agreed to get quotes from 3 electricians to review the heating in the library.

Trees – Church Lane. WCC have informed PC that the trees are the responsibility of the owners. Clerk to write to the owners informing them of this and to express concern about the health of the trees.

Aqua Cleansing work. Several attempts to get this work completed have been made to no avail. Alternative suppliers will be considered.

114.12 Finance:

The payments as previously circulated were approved and cheques signed accordingly.

6 monthly budget vs actual. The figures are fairly well on target. Clerk explained the receipts and payments for “Grants” and explained that Council acted as the Accountable Body on grants.

115.12 Lengthsman:

Additional duties for November include:

- Verge outside St Peters Court requires tidying
- Overgrown tree St Peters Drive/Badgers Close overhanging into the road
- Footpath from the Noak into the village requires clearing
- Footpath from village hall to Maylite requires clearing

116.12 Clerk’s urgent decisions: None

117.12 Councillor’s Reports and items for future agenda:

The bin opposite Rogers Coaches needs a replacement liner. Clerk to investigate new bin with lid. Also bin by Weighbridge needs to be removed.

Cllr Walker reported on the meeting on Evening Transport provision he had attended. It had been decided to operate a trial scheme on Saturday evenings from Easter 2013.

118.12 Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Monday 3rd December at 7.30pm in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 9.39 pm

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6th November 2012