

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parish Council held on Monday 1st July in the Village Hall

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

35.13 **Apologies:** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Walker (work).

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

Democratic Period/ Public Question Time: -

Discussion took place about the possible development on Crown Meadow and the fact that building would take place on Grade 2 agricultural land. District Councillor Williams replied saying that MHDC had to build 23,000 houses and it was inevitable that some of this build would be on agricultural land. She informed the meeting that the developer had agreed to hold affordable housing on the site for local residents for the first 3 months. Any local people must register as soon as possible after the application is approved (should it be).

A discussion took place about the possibility of the Crown in Martley being bought as a social enterprise. Cllr Williams mentioned "Assets of Community Value" which came into force as part of the Localism Act. Ongoing.

37.13 **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of 3rd June were approved and signed accordingly.

38.13 County and District Councillors Reports:

Cllr P Grove mentioned that he was still attending induction courses. He reported that Childrens Services were having considerable impact on the finances of the County Council. They were hoping to freeze council tax over the next 2 years and more detail would be available around September time. A couple of by elections were taking place. Also he would be making a ward visit with Simon Geraghty/Trish Haines on 2nd August. Cllr Studer questioned Cllr Grove about the standard of highways work (pothole repairs). He asked whether work protocols were in place and in the public domain. Cllr Grove to respond at next meeting.

Cllr B Williams reported a member of the public had contacted her about the Crown in Martley (see public question time). Funding is to be made available for communities to buy local assets however Head of Services at MHDC has no official notification as yet. Ongoing.

39.13 Planning:

13/000420/FUL – Amendments to previous application. Council supports this application.

13/00669/LBC – Replacement roof to oast houses Lower Hill Top, Horsham, Martley. Council supports this application.

13/00087/FUL – Land behind Crown. A site visit had taken place on the morning of the meeting. Ongoing issues about drainage and there is a transport issue for pedestrians. The decision will be taken at the Northern Area Planning Committee on 3rd July. It was agreed that Cllr Cumella will speak on behalf of the Council at this meeting and a draft will be circulated to Council prior to the meeting.

40.13 Correspondence:

Brandon Lewis, DCLG – noted

Letter from N Skilbeck & Z Baril – re maintenance of MUGA. Clerk to respond.

Email from Cllr Grove – re Divisional Visit. Clerk to confirm Martley Council wishes to participate.

Email from A Colburn – clerk to respond

Email from Dave Lewis about bins on playing field. Clerk to acquire 2 wheelie bins.

Email from Cllr Walker re strimming playing and bins on playing field – noted

Signed.....

Date

Letter from Post Office with update on changes.

MHDC – Economic Development Strategy Consultation – Cllr Cumella to handle.

41.13 **Progress Reports:**

Notice Board use – Agreement has been reached with TVGS about notice board use. The cork is still awaited on the face of the boards. TVGS will also be requesting to place other notice boards around the Parish.

Hollins Lane Drains – the Lengthsman had met with WCC Drainage and it would seem that the landowner is required to carry out some work. Clerk to contact WCC and request that they prepare a report which gives a full explanation and that they contact the landowner.

Church Lane Trees – Clerk read out a letter which had been sent to the landowner by WCC.

42.13 **Neighbourhood Planning:** Knightwick & Doddenham will be joining Martley in developing a joint Neighbourhood Plan. The first joint meeting will be held week commencing 8th July.

43.13 **Finance:**

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

44.13 **Application for Discretionary Rural Rate Relief:** An application from the Post Office had been received and it was proposed by Cllr Gardner and seconded by Cllr Studer that Option A be selected and a pro-rate amount paid in view of the impending Post Office closure.

45.13 **Lengthsman:**

Install bin in play area.

Strim from Village Hall to Referral Unit.

46.13 **Councillors Reports:**

Cllr Nott asked that the drain problem at Hollins Lane junction with Willow road be re-reported to the hub.

Overhanging trees on Laugherne Hill plus Ankerdine Road. Both to be reported to WCC.

47.13 **Date of next meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Monday 5th August in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Janet Dale
Clerk to Martley Parish Council
8th July 2013