



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019  
in the Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**PRESENT:** Councillors M. Nott (Chairman), S. Cumella (Vice Chairman), P. Weddell-Hall, M. Rushgrove, M. Gardner and S. Watt (co-opted at this meeting).

Also present: District Cllr B. Williams, M. Alexander (Clerk), L. Nash (Asst Clerk) and 5 members of the public.

**43.19 Apologies:** County Cllr P. Grove, Cllrs G. Wroe, R. Bray and J. Dale.

**44.19 Councillor Co-option:** Further to an application having been received, it was proposed by Cllr Gardner, seconded by Cllr Weddell-Hall, that Stuart Watt be co-opted as a Councillor. All agreed.

**45.19 Declarations of Interests:** Cllr Nott declared an interest in planning application 19/00926/LB & FUL Upper Hollings Farm.

**Democratic Period/Public Time:** The following matters were heard by the Council –

- i) Moles are becoming a problem at the recreation field and the PC was asked to contact local pest control services. Clerk to follow up an annual agreement.
- ii) The seat on the recreation field remains broken and needs repair. Clerk to follow up with Insurers along with other recently broken equipment and seating.
- iii) A resident gave an update regarding youth activity at the skate park which is often anti-social behaviour in the evening and night-time. The PC was asked to commit to resolve ongoing issues and to consider opening/closing hours and high-level fencing options with finance to be set aside to cover costs. The Chairman explained the PC position and required access arrangements for the mast and electrical box. The PC agreed to consider options including cctv locations. The Clerk and Vice-Chairman updated the meeting about actions to date following the skate park meeting held. It was also noted that Police patrols have also increased when possible. The PC and resident acknowledged that this may take some time to resolve.
- iv) A resident updated the meeting about the recent lattice mast planning application 19/00264/FUL – a response to PC concerns and options for an alternative site has been posted on the MHDC planning portal.

**46.19 Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed Cllr Cumella, seconded Cllr Weddell-Hall. All agreed.

**47.19 County & District Councillor Reports:** Reports received via email were noted and will be uploaded to the Parish Council website. District Cllr Williams remarked that the Environmental Policy Panel at MHDC are to prepare an action plan regarding Climate Emergency. A district working party for farming related matters is to be formed and the NFU target for zero emissions by 2040 was noted. Concerns were raised about the impact of future agreed actions on local farming communities.

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#### **48.19 Updates: Martley Countryside Burial Ground**

Asst. Clerk L. Nash reported that the burial ground consecration has been agreed with the Worcester Diocesan office and that the opening date will be 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at midday. The invoice for £612.00 + vat has been received for legal fees to date in connection with the consecration and Land Registry land title confirmation and title plan. Details for the opening are being finalised but will include a tree planting ceremony. After discussion it was agreed that a yew tree may not be suitable due to H&S concerns and that an alternative species will be sourced. Refreshments for guests are to be considered closer to the time. The Villages front page has been reserved for September. Three Stone Masons have been approved as contacts for the grave plaques going forward. The PC website is to be updated to include burial ground information on a separate tab. A supplier has been agreed for the memorial trees. The front hedge will need to be monitored re vehicle access visibility.

#### **49.19 Strategic Planning:**

49.19.1 South Worcs Development Plan – Cllr Cumella explained next steps regarding public consultation involved with the SWDP Review. A response is also required from Local Councils in conjunction with CALC and the Clerk is to arrange a meeting as required. The Review will also need us to review our own Neighbourhood Plan in line with the time frame for SWDP. Local housing needs evidence will also be required.

49.19.2 County Passenger Transport Strategy – the consultation was noted, and road shows circulated. Local bus services may be affected, and an article in the Villager needed. Reasons for current non-usage of bus services should be submitted. Cllr Cumella will draft a response and circulate for comment.

49.19.3 Worcs County Council Minerals Plan – noted, but no local sites.

#### **50.19 Planning Development Matters:**

50.19.1 Applications for Consideration

i) 19/00963/HP – Gurnox Cottage, Berrow Green WR6 6PL – proposed two-storey extension and remodelling of existing cottage. Previous plans for the site were noted and it was agreed that a site meeting should be held the following day before submitting a response.

ii) 19/00926/LB & FUL – Upper Hollings Farm, Hollins Lane, Martley WR6 6PU – change of use from farm building to form a private dwelling. (Cllr Nott left the room during consideration of this application.) It was agreed to recommend approval of this application.

iii) 19/00947/HP – Inglewood, Hillside, Martley WR6 6QW – proposed erection of double garage to rear. It was agreed to recommend approval.

50.19.2 Notifications received –

i) 19/00632/FUL – building at OS 7492 5928, Berrow Green Rd, Martley - approval of the erection of an industrial unit for B1, B2 & B8 use, revised entrance and parking area and improved access to the site.

There were also two planning enforcement matters reported to MHDC.

#### **51.19 Financial & Governance Matters:**

51.19.1 Payments were approved as previously circulated.

51.19.2 Capital projects – an article is to be placed in the Villager regarding the public meeting to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> September. Clerk to action.

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**52.19 Highways Matters:** Parish Lengthsman – Clerk to arrange for the nettles to be cut back from the village hall to the gate at the top of the playing field, along the roadside. Also, to cut back along the pathway around the field.

**53.19 Parish Matters:**

53.19.1 Martley Skatepark: See matters discussed in democratic time.

**54.19 Correspondence Received:** Two letters were noted by the Council which had been circulated by the Clerk. The first to thank everyone involved in the recent Martley Walk leaflet. The second to thank Martley Web Mesh in assisting the School in securing a new connection.

**55.19 Councillor Reports & Items for Future Agendas:** None.

55.19.1 Cllr Cumella raised the matter of wildflower meadow options within the Parish. A lot of the green space is currently managed badly, but could this be a solution?

55.19.2 Cllr Gardner reported that the area by the Weighbridge. Behind the phone box, is getting overgrown. Please could the Lengthsman attend?

55.19.3 Cllr Watt reported that the green verge at Charlcombe Gables is also in need of attention by the Lengthsman.

**56.19 Date of next meeting:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 in the Village Hall at 19:30

Meeting closed at 20:45

Michelle Alexander  
Clerk

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