



MARTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Full Council Minutes 16th December 2020

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of Martock Parish Council

16th December 2020 at 6pm on the virtual platform Zoom. The Clerk and the Chair present at the Parish Hall, Martock for the purpose of signing the previous minutes.

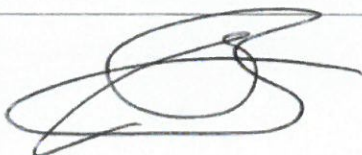
Present: Cllrs Neil Bloomfield (Chair), Cllrs Jenny Becker, Louise Clarke, Graham MacDonald, Marilyn Butler, Sylvia Williams, Charlene Fairchild and Paul Helyer.

In attendance: Parish Clerk, Christine Berry

Apologies: None

No.	Subject	Comments
033/20	Announcement that the meeting may be filmed or recorded	The announcement was made by the Clerk
034/20	To receive any apologies for absence	No apologies received
035/20	To receive any declarations of interest	No declarations of interest received.
036/20	To receive a report on any dispensations granted	No dispensations have been granted
037/20	To sign previous minutes (enclosure MPC-20-031 and MPC-20-32)	The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair
038/20	Co-option of new councillors	It was unanimously AGREED to co-opt new councillors from those that have shown interest. Ms Blair Crisp and Ms Clara Ross. Cllr. Neil Bloomfield proposed and Cllr. Sylvia Williams seconded. Due to the restrictions of a virtual meeting both new councillors cannot vote until the papers have been signed and cannot attend the closed session.
039/20	The Emergency Plan	It was reported by the Chair that the responsibility of the Emergency Plan is to be handed back to the parish council. It was advised that confirmation would be obtained at the next M3 meeting.
040/20	To note the Neighbourhood Plan Report- (enclosure MPC-20-033)	The report was submitted by Mr A Clegg, all councillors present had no questions.

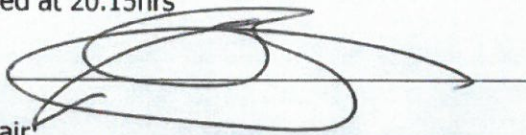
		It was added by the Chairman that an increase in the planning budget had been made to counteract the additional large planning developments.
044/20	Report by the Chair of projects and spending action under the Business Continuity Motion (enclosure MPC-20-034).	<p>The Chairman explained why the Business Continuity Motion made in March 2020.</p> <p>The Chair highlighted the expenditure since March 2020 and all significant actions undertaken to the present.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Christine Berry for stepping in as Clerk since June.</p>
045/20	<p>Long Orchard Project</p> <p>To consider a recommendation that the Long Orchard Project will cease with immediate effect and that this council commits to fully refurbish the Pavilion as phase one of facility improvements in the recreation ground.</p>	<p>The land was donated by the landowner for a nominal fee of £1 and the council at the time made plans to provide a facility for council, youth and sport. Due to cost the project was pared down to a changing room, youth facility with carpark. The architect's plans were submitted by this council for a carpark to SSDC as phase one of the Long Orchard project an objection was made on the grounds of a covenant that was in place. The covenant was not previously evident, but its existence imposes restriction to the parish council's ability to do the project in phases making it financially viable. Instead the cost to proceed with a full project would be significant and a loan of circa £600k would be required and would equate to the repayment of £30k per year for 25 years.</p> <p>On the recommendation of the Finance and Resource Committee to the Full Council, it was proposed that due to the significant cost of the project, the location within a small housing development and the restrictions imposed by the very prescriptive covenant, that the Long Orchard project be halted and that instead parish council refurbish the pavilion on the recreation ground, using the original plans. It is in desperate need of refurbishment that requires the work doing and could be funded by Section 106 monies and other grants, reducing the cost to council and public money significantly.</p> <p>It was unanimously AGREED to cease the Long Orchard Project immediately and commence with fully refurbishing the pavilion as per the architect's original design. Proposed by Neil Bloomfield Seconded by Graham MacDonald</p> <p>The clerk is to write to the Rugby Club and the Youth Club tomorrow. Action CB</p>



046/20	To resolve that the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the agenda due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted	It was resolved to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the agenda. Proposed by Cllr. Neil Bloomfield and seconded by Cllr. Jenny Becker and unanimously AGREED
047/20	To provisionally approve the draft 2021/2022 budget and precept forecast subject to ratification in open session at the January meeting	Members discussed the budget and precept forecast (confidential enclosure MCP-20-035). The proposed precept will be made available to the public for comment before the Full Council meeting at the end of January when it will be finally agreed.

The meeting closed at 20.15hrs

Approved (date):



Signed by the Chair:

26.5.2021