

West Malvern Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14th March 2022 in West Malvern Village Hall at 7:30pm.

Present

Cllrs. Mr A Turner (Chair), Ms C Baxter, Mrs J Burford, Mr L Gregory, Mr C Rouse, Mr T White.

In Attendance

District Cllr. Prof. J Raine and Mr D Sharp (Clerk).

31/22 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: There were none.

32/22 Interests

i. Councillors Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) and Other Disclosable Interests (ODI) regarding items on the agenda: There were none.

ii. Notification of changes to the register of interests: There were none.

iii. To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation for those with Disclosable Interests to take part in discussions or voting: There were none.

33/22 Co-option

To consider applicants for co-option onto the Parish Council: No applications had been received.

34/22 Reports from other representatives

To receive reports from County and District Councillors, Tree and Footpaths Wardens and other representatives:

District Cllr. Prof. John Raine was pleased to report that the recent gas works had been completed and the West Malvern Road had reopened to traffic. He also confirmed that he had submitted a response to the Boundary Commission review that West Malvern and Dyson be joined as a 3 councillor ward.

35/22 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 14th February were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

36/22 Progress Reports and other matters arising from the minutes

It was noted that discussions were in place between the WestFest organisers and Elim to hold future events on the college grounds.

37/22 Planning

To consider response to any late submitted applications: None had been received

38/22 Website and Emails

To consider quotations to set up a dedicated web site and councillor/clerk email addresses:

Cllr. White was progressing with the application to Netwise.

39/22 Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Update on Queen's jubilee events: It was noted that the church in association with the primary school were to hold a street party.

40/22 Brewers Arms

Update on opening and possible community buyout: Mr Brian O'Connell, from the community group, had sent a report on what the Parish Council's donation of £2,000 was to be spent on which included room hire for meetings, printing costs, membership of the Plunkett Organisation as well as a valuation and building survey. The pub was currently open with assistance from the Railway Inn in Malvern Wells.

The Group were well on target with gathering pledges for a proposed share issue.

41/22 Playing Fields and Open Spaces

To review quotations for playground improvements: Cllrs. Turner and Baxter were to meet with the Clerk to assess the quotations and make recommendations to the Council.

42/22 Allotments & Community Woodland

It was agreed that the bracken adjoining the permissive path in the bluebell field be cut back after the bluebells had finished flowering, probably end of May.

43/22 Highways & Footpaths

The Clerk had noted that three lamps were out of order and was to report to Sight Designs. A quotation had been received for fitting a LED gaslight to the orphan electric street light at the junction between West Malvern Road and Brockhill Road. Clerk to discuss finance with County Cllr. Natalie McVey.

44/22 Finance

To consider payment of invoices presented: The following payments were approved:

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
West Malvern Village Hall	17/01	£57.00	Hire Charges
JR Burford	28/02	£96.00	Village Handyman (Feb)
Sight Designs	21/01	£3,840.12	Annual Gas Lamp Maintenance
Water Plus	03/03	£151.23	Allotment Water Charges
Netwise	-	£1,210.80	Web and email setup
DA Sharp	14/03	£442.55	Clerk's Fees 35hrs (Gross £453.25 SP17) + 11 x £9.10 backdated to 04/21
	Total	£5,797.70	

After these payments are made bank balances will be as follows:

Savings Account B/F	£14,551.60	Community Account B/F	£14,977.99
		Allotment Rents	£327.10
		VAT Refund	£1,252.61
		Bank Charges	-£16.00
		March Payments	-£5,797.70
Savings Account C/F	£14,551.60	Community Account C/F	£10,744.00

45/22 Correspondence

To consider the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	SUBJECT
Misc	Parish Council Websites
Charles Penn	Car Park Charges
West Mercia Police	South Worcestershire Rural Beat Newsletter
West Malvern PCC	Composter
MHDC	Destination Zero Crowdfund PR
MHDC	Parish and Town Councillor Conference - 17 May 6-8pm
worcestershire@as-one.uk	Banners
Playdale and Wicksteed	Playground Quotations
Mayor of Malvern	Joint Civic Service Saturday 9th April 2022
Misc	Allotment Fence
WCC	The Queens Platinum Celebration – Bunting Regs
WCC	National Flood Forum
NALC	Clerks Pay Scales
Brian OConnell	Brewers Pub Update
Planning Portal	Permitted development laws revised for rural roll-out of 4G and 5G
Sight Designs	Electric Light Quotation

46/22 Councillors' items for Report

Concerns were raised over the unkempt state of the book share in the Village Hall phone box, partly due to the number of books being deposited.

47/22 Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 11th April 2022 in West Malvern Village Hall commencing at 7:30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:30 pm.