

West Malvern Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10th November 2014 in the Village Hall.

Present

Cllrs. Mr W Shearer (Chairman), Mr S Alison, Mrs J Burford, Mrs E Harnden, Mrs S Rouse, Mr A Turner.

In Attendance

County and District Cllr. Prof. J Raine, District Cllr. J Roskams, Mr B Harper (Sight Design) and Mr D Sharp (Clerk).

Before the meeting Mr Harper gave an overview of his proposal to place an electric 'gas lamp' on the column at the top of Brockhill Road should the Parish Council agree to adopt it. The Clerk had approached WCC who had confirmed that the lamp would not have to conform to 'highway lighting' standards but would be considered similar to the gas lamps already in place. The Clerk was to get costings for electricity and a decision was to be made next month. Cllr. Raine offered to cover half the cost of the installation via his ward budget.

123/14 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors:

Cllr. Mr L Unsworth (accepted). Also Mr C Rouse (Malvern Hills Conservators).

124/14 Interests

- i. **Councillors Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) and Other Disclosable Interests (ODI) regarding items on the agenda:** Cllr. Turner declared an ODI in the planning application 14/01410/FUL since he was a near neighbour.
- 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:** Cllr. Turner to discuss and vote on planning application 14/01410/FUL until the next ordinary election was approved.

125/14 Reports from other representatives

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

District Cllr. J Roskams reported that Mr Jack Hegarty would take over as chief executive of Malvern Hills District Council from 1st December. He also expected other services and officers would be shared between Malvern Hills and Wychavon in the future. Finally he commented on the recent Parish Conference which had included a presentation by Barrie Sheldon, Deputy Crime Commissioner for West Mercia Police; also a report on renewable energy projects and a possible new scheme to increase council's financial returns on reserves.

County and District Cllr. Prof. J Raine requested that the Parish Council consider approving a temporary disabled bay for a resident on West Malvern Road. This the council agreed.

126/14 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th October were approved and signed by the Chairman.

127/14 Progress Reports and other matters arising from the minutes

Several of the issues that were raised last meeting had been attended to: the highway issues had been reported online; the ivy on the Lamb bus shelter had been cut back; MHDC had been asked to sweep and remove weeds from the footways. The tree at the bottom of Lamb bank was still to be removed.

The Clerk had weed killed around the West Malvern spout and was to ask the lengthman to clear the area.

128/14 Planning

The following application was considered:

Application No	From	Details
14/01410/FUL	Mr Pete Styles The Lamb Inn	Construction of three bedrooned dwelling with parking.

The following response was to be returned:

'The Parish Council recommends refusal.'

The proposal would result in an over-development of the site that would appear cramped and result in inadequate parking provision. There are only 10 spaces for 6 houses (including visitors). Current parking in the vicinity is already stretched with residents often parking in restricted areas. Access to the car park in bad weather may be impossible so compounding the on street parking problem.'

129/14 Playing Fields

The second days work to expose the outcrop of rare purple alluvial sandstone had been completed.

Further to the request from Mr Hammond in September to hold informal music events on the playing fields on the last Sunday of every month from May through September, he also requested that a portable toilet and bouncy castle also be allowed. Councillors had no objection and final and more comprehensive details of the events would be presented early next year.

130/14 Allotments & Community Woodland

The allotment association AGM was to be held in two weeks time. An inspection of plots would be made prior to the meeting.

131/14 Highways & Footpaths

Councillors had undertaken a survey of the Highway in the parish and faults were to be reported online. The amount of weeds growing beside and through footways was of concern and it was hoped that intervention requested of MHDC would address the worst areas.

132/14 Finance

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

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	03/11	£118.00	Lengthman Fees (Oct)
SF Creamer	31/10	£50.00	Bus Shelter Cleaning (Oct)
West Malvern Allotment Association	-	£153.00	NSALG Fees 51 x £3
West Malvern Village Hall	13/10	£24.00	Hire Charges
Malvern Town Council	25/09	£274.19	Grass Cutting/Litter Bins
Sight Design	09/11	£319.20	Gas Lamp Maintenance
DA Sharp	10/11	£316.36	Clerk's Fees Oct (£395.36 gross SP25)
Total		£1,254.75	

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

Savings Account B/F	£14,463.90
Savings Account C/F	£14,463.90

Community Account B/F	£7,945.57
Western Power Wayleave	£16.76
WCC Lengthman	£236.00
November Payments	-£1,254.75
Community Account C/F	£6,943.58

133/14 Correspondence

To consider the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
MHDC	*	Ageing Well Small Grants Scheme
MHDC	*	First aid training for CPR
MHDC	*	Statement of Licensing Policy Review Consultation 2014
CPRE		Countryside Voice
Mark Coulson		Gas Lamps

134/14 Councillors' items for Report

Nothing further was discussed.

135/14 Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Monday 8th December 2014 in the Fisher Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.