

# West Malvern Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015 in the Fisher Hall.

### Present

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

### In Attendance

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

### 28/15 Apologies

**To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors:** Cllrs. Mr S Alison, Cllrs. Mrs S Rouse & Mr L Unsworth (accepted). Also District Cllr. Mr J Roskams.

### 29/15 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.

### 30/15 Reports from other representatives

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

County and District Cllr. J Raine reported that the WCC council tax had increased by 1.94% for the forthcoming year although MHDC's had remained the same. Following the appointment of a joint chief executive with Wychavon District Council he expected several other chief officer posts to merge in the future.

### 31/15 Minutes

**To consider for adoption the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting:** The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### 32/15 Progress Reports and other matters arising from the minutes

Cllr. Raine reported that the acquisition of a VAS was still ongoing and he was liaising with Malvern Town Council to provide maintenance. It would be funded from his ward budget for 2015/16

### 33/15 Planning

**To consider responses to the following and any late submitted applications:**

Application No	From	Details
15/00028/HOU	Ms C Fox 107 West Malvern Rd	Creation of a driveway which requires construction of a retaining wall.
15/00246/HOU	Mr & Mrs R Pearce The Coach House, 182 West Malvern Rd	PVCu Conservatory to rear

*The following responses were agreed:*

15/00028/HOU - 'The Parish Council has concerns that although there are obvious benefits for creating off road parking, the above scheme reduces the availability of on road parking in equal measure. Many residents on West Malvern Road have no option but to park on the road away from their own properties and the situation can only worsen when such applications effectively 'reserve' the road in front of properties for owners sole use.'

15/00246/HOU - 'The Parish Council has no objection.'

### 34/15 Playing Fields

The bank above the football pitch had been cleared and the area was to be included in the grass cutting contract with Malvern Town Council.

The Clerk reported that the playground safety inspection was due next month.

### 35/15 Allotments & Community Woodland

The Clerk reported that all allotment holders had now paid for the forthcoming year.

Robert Eyre, parish tree warden, had cleared trees from around the glade to provide a vista to the hills.

### 36/15 Highways & Footpaths

District Cllr. John Raine agreed to help get the grass and weeds removed from the DeWalden Road footway.

He also reported that Harcourt Road would be closed for a few days for gas work maintenance.

### 37/15 Annual Parish Meeting

This was to be held in the main hall on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April commencing 7:45pm. Mark Haslam from Camra had agreed to speak outlining the decision to apply for Asset of Community Value status for the Brewers Arms and the possible future consequences.

### 38/15 Finance

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

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	23/02	£118.00	Lengthman Fees (Feb)
SF Creamer	28/02	£40.00	Bus Shelter Cleaning (Feb)
PJ O'Boyle	09/03	£336.00	Playingfields Groundworks
DA Sharp	09/03	£323.28	Clerk's Fees Mar (£404.08 gross SP25)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£817.28</b>	

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

<b>Savings Account B/F</b>	<b>£14,466.45</b>
<b>Savings Account C/F</b>	<b>£14,466.45</b>

<b>Community Account B/F</b>	<b>£3,937.63</b>
Allotment Rents	£227.65
March Payments	-£817.28
<b>Community Account C/F</b>	<b>£3,348.00</b>

### 39/15 Correspondence

**To consider the following correspondence previously circulated:**

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
Clerk	*	Brewers Arms ACV Application
Clerk	*	Glade
MHDC	*	SWDP Consultations
MHDC	*	Assets of Community Value nomination - The Brewers Arms
Locality	*	Locality wins new contracts to help more communities
WCC	*	Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) Update February 2015
MHDC	*	Candidate Briefing for may 7 <sup>th</sup> Elections
WCC	*	Invitation to a free workshop hosted by Worcestershire Archive & Archeology Service and English Heritage - Tuesday 24th March, 2015
Streetlife	*	Help build better connected local communities on Streetlife
Clerk	*	Misc. Playing Fields/Allotments/Woodland

### 40/15 Councillors' items for Report

The Clerk circulated nomination forms for the forthcoming election on 7<sup>th</sup> May.

### 41/15 Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015 in the Village Hall following the Annual Parish Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.