

Minutes of the West Malvern Annual Parish Meeting held at 7.45pm on Monday 8th May 2016 in West Malvern Village Hall

Present

Six members of the Parish Council, District & County Cllr. Prof J Raine, District Cllr. N McVey, Mr Duncan Bridges and Mr C Penn (Malvern Hills Trust), Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and three members of the public.

1. Introduction By The Chairman

Cllr. Shearer, chairman of the Parish Council, welcomed Mr Bridges and the members of the public.

2. Apologies For Absence

Parish Cllr. Mr T White.

3. Minutes Of The Annual Parish Meeting Held On 8th May 2016.

These were approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

4. Duncan Bridges (CEO) and John Raine (Trustee and Chair of the Governance Committee) of Malvern Hills Conservators (recently rebranded as Malvern Hills Trust) will brief residents on the changes that have been taking place at the organisation that manages the Hills and Commons and that are the subject of a current review of powers and governance arrangements to equip it for the future including in a post-Brexit world.

Mr Bridges outlined the changes which were taking place within the organisation as well as those proposed. This included a rebranding to Malvern Hills Trust which was considered to be a more user friendly name and one which stressed its charitable status. This had been in place from 7th April.

5. County And District Councillors Reports

There were none.

6. Reports From The Parish Council

Chairman's Report:

Cllr. Shearer gave a brief summary of the past year's activity which included continual maintenance of the bank above the football pitch and the glade where 2 picnic benches are to be installed this month. Some trees had been removed here to improve views to the hills.

A gas lamp by the Brewers Arms had been damaged by fire but had now been repaired. The Parish Council had appointed a handyman to keep the bus shelters clean and to undertake various other tasks in the village.

He was pleased to announce that the Brewers Arms was to reopen on 20th May and wished the new tenant, Alison Mandrell, every success. A group had been set up to look at buying the pub from Admiral Taverns and a meeting was planned for 19th May.

Tree Warden's Report:

John Nixon and Robert Eyre's report was presented by the Clerk. Concerns had been raised by a resident concerning trees bordering a footpath off Montpelier Road. Other than that little of note had occurred.

Clerk's Financial Report:

The Clerk presented draft accounts for the Parish Council. There were no queries.

7. Questions & Comments From The Floor Regarding Other Parish Matters

Concerns were raised over the restriction of the width of Ebrington road due to parked cars.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm