

West Malvern Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th April 2018 in the Fisher Hall.

Present

Cllrs. Mr W Shearer (Chairman), Mrs C Bower, Mrs J Burford, Mrs E Harden, Mr C Rouse, Mr T White.

In Attendance

County & District Cllr. Prof. J Raine, Mr D Sharp (Clerk).

Before the meeting Sara Bennett reported on the opening of the telephone kiosk by the village hall as a book share. District Cllr. Natalie McVey had taken photographs that would be sent to the local press. The mural to hang along side the kiosk was nearing completion and another was planned. Ms Bennett hoped to hold a fundraising day every month for good causes in the future and was looking at ways to utilise the adopted telephone kiosk near the Brewers Arms and how to spruce up the bus shelters.

40/18 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Mr A Turner (accepted). Also District Cllr. Mrs N McVey & Mr C Penn (Malvern Hills Trust).

41/18 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.

42/18 Reports from other representatives

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

County & District Cllr. Prof. John Raine reported that the new alternate weekly collections of waste and recycled material had started. He was also to meet with Hannah Davies from WCC on Friday to discuss Highways matters.

43/18 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 12th March were approved and signed by the Chairman.

44/18 Progress Reports and other matters arising from the minutes: A resident on Montpelier Road had cut back their hedge so that a gas light was more visible. Clerk to send letter of thanks.

45/18 Planning

To consider responses to any late submitted applications: No applications had been received.

46/18 Playing Fields & Open Spaces

The Clerk reported that the annual Rospa report was due.

47/18 Allotments & Community Woodland

The Clerk was still negotiating with the haulage company who had damaged part of the allotment boundary fence. A leaking tap on the allotments was to be fixed.

48/18 Highways & Footpaths

Update on Phone Box renovation: The Clerk reported that all the large glass panes in the village hall telephone kiosk had been renewed in time for the opening on 7th April.

The public footpath sign at the top of the Quabbs required replacing.

49/18 Finance

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

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
Michael Barrett	31/03	£86.20	Bus Shelters (Jan)
Malvern Town Council	20/03	£156.00	Litter Bin Emptying
The Madresfield Estate	13/03	£60.00	Bluebell Field Rent
West Malvern Village Hall	05/04	£27.00	Quarterly Room Hire
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£247.40	PAYE Jan-Mar
B&Q	21/03	£11.68	Glass Sealant (Telephone Kiosk)
DA Sharp	09/04	£329.80	Clerk's Fees (Gross £412.20 SP25)
Sara Bennett	-	£50.00	Kiosk opening costs
	Total	£968.08	

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

Savings Account B/F	£14,491.76
Interest	£2.50
Savings Account C/F	£14,494.26

Community Account B/F	£11,952.61
Allotment Rents	£100.60
April Payments	-£968.08
Community Account C/F	£11,085.13

50/18 Correspondence

The following correspondence was considered:

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
Malvern Hills AONB	*	Management Plan Review - Survey
Malvern Hills AONB	*	Management Plan Review Workshops - 22 nd /24 th May 2018
MHDC	*	South Worcestershire Development Plan Review Briefing Notes for Parish and Town Councils
Gracie Blakett	*	Playing Fields Hire
WCC	*	Lower Road Closure
CPRE		Countryside Voice

51/18 Councillors' items for Report

Concerns were raised over current development of a property on Blackheath Way and whether it was subject to a planning application.

52/18 Next Meeting

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 14th May 2018 in the Main Hall following the Annual Parish Meeting which starts at 7.45pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.