

MADRESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 209th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT MADRESFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
ON THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2019 AT 6.00 PM

PRESENT

Cllrs. Mr D Craig (Chairman), Mr C Eden, Mr C Freeman, Mrs J Greenwood.

IN ATTENDANCE

District Cllr. Kathy Wells and Mr D Sharp (Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Mr M Everitt (Footpath Warden).

2. INTERESTS

- i. Councillors Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Disclosable Interests *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.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 208th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 12th SEPTEMBER 2019

These were accepted as an accurate record and they were signed by the Chairman.

4. PROGRESS REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES

Mr Jeremy Hill from Madresfield estate had notified councillors that Openreach had indicated that broadband would be installed by the end of January 2020. It was noted that the resident's vouchers run out at end December and it was hoped this would not cause an issue.

The Clerk reported that two panes of glass in the telephone box had been broken. He had replaced one but needed to order more.

5. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

District Cllr. Kathy Wells reported that the SWDP preferred options review was currently out for public consultation. Concerns were raised over the plan to allocate two areas of land for commercial development from Mayfield Road up to the parish boundary. And also an area off Chance Lane for residential properties.

She also reported on a recent forum dealing with climate change which had been well attended.

6. REPORTS FROM WARDENS AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES

- i. **Tree Warden:** Cllr Craig reported on the development to produce a strain of tree that was immune to Dutch Elm Disease.
- ii. **Footpaths Warden:** Both Mr Everitt and Mr Thorne had submitted reports.
- iii. **Charities Representative:** Cllr. Eden reported on a recent meeting and two payments had been made to the Primary School who were looking to buy 'buddy benches'.

7. HIGHWAYS

Update on School warning sign: The new sign had been installed but had been removed when found to be inoperative. The Clerk would relay further information when he received it.

8. PLANNING

No applications had been received.

9. FINANCE

- i. *To consider any issues raised from the internal audit:* No issues had been raised.
- ii. *To consider the effectiveness of the internal audit:* The audit was considered effective for the council's requirements.
- iii. *To consider the budget for 2020/21 and set a precept:* The budget was approved and a precept of £1500 was to be requested.

iv. Approval of payments due: The following payments were approved:

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	-	£295.00	Lengthman Fees (Sep-Nov)
CAB	-	£100.00	Donation
Grapevine	-	£55.00	Donation
MacMillan Cancer Support	-	£55.00	Donation
Information Commissioner	-	£35.00	Data Protection Fee (Direct Debit)
Madresfield Primary School	-	£10.00	Hire Charge (Paid on 09/05)
Madresfield Primary School	-	£10.00	Hire Charge
HMRC	-	£25.60	PAYE (Oct-Dec)
D Sharp	-	£70.00	Clerk's Annual Expenses (19-20)
DA Sharp	05/12	£102.25	Clerk's Fees (3 months @ SCP18 £127.85)
Total		£757.85	

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

Premium Account B/F	£929.92	Current Community Account B/F	-£245.75
		MHDC Precept	£700.00
Interest	0.46	WCC Lengthman Scheme	£590.00
		December Payments	-£757.85
Premium Account C/F	£930.38	Current Community Account C/F	£286.40

10. CORRESPONDENCE.

To consider any responses to the following correspondence received:

FROM	* Email	SUBJECT
CALC	*	Updates
Martin Butcher Safer Neighbourhood Officer	*	Monthly Parish Reports
WCC	*	WCC Parish Conference 17 October 2019
MHDC	*	Parish & Town Council Forum - Monday 21 October
MHDC	*(i)	South Worcestershire Development Plan Review - Briefing for Parish and Town Councils Wednesday 6 th November
WCC	*	Snow Contractors
Martin Butcher Safer Neighbourhood Officer	*	OP SCEPTRE KNIFE CRIME CAMPAIGN 2019
MHDC	*	Malvern Hills & Wychavon Neighbourhood Watch Event
Martin Thorne	*	Footpath Warden Report
MHDC	*	District Town and Parish Councillor Planning Training 2019/20
NALC	*	Chief executive's bulletin
MHDC	*	Ticket to Ride Event
MHDC	*	Protect Your Business, Protect Your Staff Event
Paul Esrich	*	National Landscapes Review (including Malvern Hills AONB)
West Mercia PCC	*	Rural Crime Strategy Consultation
WCC	*	Worcestershire Community Rail Partnership - 10.30am 8 Nov
MHDC	*	Parish and Town Council Update
CALC	*	AGM and Market Place November 20th 2019
Mike Everitt	*	Footpath Warden Report
CPRE		Countryside Voice
M Everitt		SWDP Submission

(i) – It was agreed to submit a response to the preferred options consultation and this was delegated to the Clerk who was to draft a submission in consultation with councillors. This will be appended to these minutes. It was further agreed to write to all residents urging them to respond also.

11. COUNCILLOR'S ITEMS FOR REPORT OR FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION.

Nothing further was discussed.

12. NEXT MEETING.

The date of the next meeting was Thursday 13th February 2020 at 6.00pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.15 pm.

Appendix

SWDP preferred options consultation submission:

Although no sites have been included that lie within the parish of Madresfield, there are some significant proposals that indicate a radical shift in policy and the PC has concerns over their long term effect on the environment.

The Employment Land allocations New 109 and 110 would see the extension of the Enigma Science Park across Townsend Way into open country side and right up to the border of the Madresfield Parish boundary. The landscape impact on these proposed developments would be considerable as well as the noise and pollution that such sites produce. Coupled to that the consequences of increased traffic flow with HGVs using local country lanes, namely North End Lane, Rectory Lane and Mayfield Road in order to gain access.

The Parish Council urges a reappraisal of these sites for suitability.

The Housing Land allocations SWDP 52/2 for 59 homes and SWDP 56 for 800 homes are yet to be developed but the effects on the traffic flow on local roads will have serious consequences, particularly as 'rat runs' and 'short cuts' will be exploited as new residents 'jockey' to get to work and home again. It is surely unwise to allocate further developments New 89 and 92, both for 180 houses and both likely to be accessed from Chance Lane before the effect of the two sites already planned are completed and their effects scrutinised.

The Parish Council urges a reappraisal of these sites for suitability at this time.