

West Malvern Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10th February 2020 in West Malvern Village Hall.

Present

Cllrs. Mr W Shearer (Chairman), Mrs C Bower, Mrs J Burford, Mr L Gregory, Mr A Turner, Mr T White.

In Attendance

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

14/20 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Cllr. Mr C Rouse (accepted) also District Cllr. N McVey and Mr C Penn (Malvern Hills Trust).

15/20 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.

16/20 Reports from other representatives

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

District & County Cllr. Prof J Raine reported that nine residents had attended his last local 'surgery'. Concerns raised were mainly dealing with traffic and parking. One particular area of concern was parking on the 'zig zags' outside the primary school. He also mentioned a scheme to position a 'community freezer' within the parish and suitable locations were being sought.

17/20 Minutes

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

18/20 Progress Reports and other matters arising from the minutes

The April meeting was fixed for Monday 6th due to 13th being Easter Monday. Provisional start time of 6.30pm due to the hall being booked from 7.30pm that evening.

Thanks were paid to Bob Burford for his work on repairing the phone box at the terminus and also replacing the light bulbs. The Clerk had distributed ideas for its use as an information point as well as housing a defibrillator and this was to be taken forwards. Malvern Hills Trust were to be contacted about production of a fixed map with local walking routes.

19/20 Planning

To consider a response to the following and any late submitted applications:

Application No	Location	Details
20/00017/HP	Harcourt Cottage 252 West Malvern Road	Retention of close boarded fence (Retrospective)

It was agreed to submit the following response:

'The Parish Council believes the fencing is out of character with the surrounding landscape particularly within the prominent position that this property lies'.

20/20 Playing Fields

To consider a report on provision of playing field facilities: Cllr. Turner reported on a meeting at the playing fields, looking at options for a possible cycle/pump track. A scheme similar to one at Chapel Lane, Cradley was to be explored. Ideas for an orchard area were still active and it was agreed that the future of the playing fields should constitute the subject of the Annual Parish Meeting in May this year.

21/20 Allotments & Community Woodland

The Clerk confirmed that annual rents were being received and he would send reminders out at the end of the month. It was agreed to obtain quotations to renovate the fencing surrounding the area by the passing bay that was used for skip provision and manure store.

22/20 Highways & Footpaths

The Clerk had distributed a map of land owned by Malvern Hills Trust in the Lower Dingle area. Residents either side of the track would need to be consulted if a walkway to aid access to The Brewers Arms was to be created.

23/20 Code Of Conduct

To consider adopting the revised code of conduct as approved by Malvern Hills District

Council: The new code was scrutinised and it was agreed to adopt the revised code as a whole, without alteration.

24/20 Finance

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

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
Bob Burford	30/01	£92.20	Village Handyman (Jan)
DA Sharp	10/02	£347.05	Clerk's Fees 35hrs(Gross £433.65 SP25)
	Total	£439.25	

Clerk's Fees had increased in line with The National Joint Council for Local Government Services from Gross £420.42 (SP25) to 35hrs/month x £12.39 = £433.65

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

Savings Account B/F	£14,529.92	Community Account B/F	£16,271.02
Interest	£7.32	Allotment Rents	£705.95
		February Payments	£439.25
Savings Account C/F	£14,537.24	Community Account C/F	£16,537.72

25/20 Correspondence

To consider the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
MHDC	*	Nominations Open: Pride of Malvern Hills Community Awards 2020
MHDC	*	Ticket to Ride Wed 22 January, 9:30am-1pm - Council Chamber
MHDC	*	Statement of Licensing Policy Review - Consultation 2020
MHDC	*	Worcestershire Dementia Meeting Centres Information Meeting 10 February 2020 - University of Worcester Arena
MHDC	*	Great British Spring Clean 2020 March to 13 April
MHDC	*	SWDP Review - Briefing for Parish and Town Councils 15:30 and 18:30 - Tuesday 31 March, Guildhall, Worcester
Clerk	*	Salary Update

26/20 Councillors' items for Report

It was noted that the Broadlands Drive development was showing signs of activity and the Clerk was to contact MHDC to get clarification over S106 funding for the parish.

Activity was also noticed at Adelaide House and the Chairman was to contact Rooftop Housing for details.

The Clerk confirmed that the light bulbs had been replaced in the village hall clock.

27/20 Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 9th March 2020 in the Fisher Hall at 7.30pm.

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