

West Malvern Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14th December 2020 Online.

Due to Covid 19 restrictions this meeting was held online. The public and local county and district councillors were able to access the meeting if they wished.

Present

Cllrs. Mr A Turner (Chair), Mrs C Bower, Mrs J Burford, Mr L Gregory, Mr C Rouse, Mr T White.

In Attendance

District & County Cllr. Prof J Raine District Cllr. N McVey, Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and two members of the public.

139/20 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: There were none.

140/20 Interests

i. Councillors Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) and Other Disclosable Interests (ODI) regarding items on the agenda: Cllr. Turner declared an ODI on agenda item 10i since he had children who attended the school, but since the matter did not involve his pecuniary interests nor a planning application he was free to take part as normal.

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.

141/20 Co-Option

To consider applicants for co-option onto the Parish Council: Chantal Baxter was unanimously approved for co-option and she duly completed her acceptance of office.

142/20 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 John Raine and District Cllr. Natalie McVey commented on the damage caused to parts of the bluebell field by cyclists creating an off road track. The Clerk was to install a sign requesting the activity ceases and would monitor the results. No progress had been to resolve the deteriorating state of the Lamb Inn construction site and the Clerk was to write to MHDC for an update.

143/20 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 9th November were approved and would be signed by the Chairman.

144/20 Progress Reports and other matters arising from the minutes

Further discussions took place regarding the poor state of the Lamb Inn construction site.

145/20 Planning

To consider responses to the following applications:

Application No	Location	Details
20/01759/FUL	Properties 115 And 117 West Malvern Road	Provision of off-street parking for two adjacent houses, with decks over

Cllr. Turner reiterated his ODI. Similarly Cllr. Baxter declared an ODI since she had a child who attended the school, but since the matter did not involve her pecuniary interests nor a planning application she was free to take part as normal.

The following response was agreed:

20/01550/HP -"The Parish Council would like to see all the Malvern stone currently comprising the boundary wall reused as facing for the parking bays."

146/20 Playing Fields

Further investigations were to be made regarding a climbing frame for the playground and Cllr. Baxter agreed to join the group looking at the project.

147/20 Allotments & Community Woodland

The Clerk was still awaiting a quotation for the required fencing on the allotments and would investigate other options. The water in the allotments had been turned off.

148/20 Highways & Footpaths

No matters were discussed.

149/20 Finance

i. To consider a funding request from West Malvern Primary School: Mr Nick Brown, a governor at St James's Primary School West Malvern, had previously supplied details regarding funding shortfalls and answered further questions here. It was agreed to aid the school, notably with a grant of £1042 to cover the following costs: Toilet flushing system (cost £450); Emergency lighting (cost £291); and a power supply system for school computer (cost £301).

ii. To consider payment of invoices presented

The following payments were approved:

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
Bob Burford	04/12	£120.00	Village Handyman (Nov)
Malvern Town Council	01/12	£156.00	Rubbish Collection
Sight Designs	13/12	£2,988.12	Annual Gas Lamp Maintenance
South Worcs. CAB	-	£500.00	Donation
St James Church	-	£450.00	Donation
AONB	-	£300.00	Donation
St James' Primary School	-	£1,042.00	Donation
DA Sharp	-	£100.00	Clerk's First ½ Year Expenses 20/21
DA Sharp	14/12	£355.35	Clerk's Fees 35hrs (Gross £444.15 SP17)
Total		£6,011.47	

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

Savings Account B/F	£14,549.77
Savings Account C/F	£14,549.77

Community Account B/F	£23,797.84
Western Power Wayleave	£17.14
December Payments	-£6,011.47
Community Account C/F	£17,803.51

150/20 Correspondence

To consider the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
Misc	*	Covid 19 Information and advice
MHDC	*	Planning Training - Urban Design (intermediate) 9/12
MHDC	*	Planning Training - Affordable Housing -10/03. Green Infrastructure -31/03
Nick Brown	*	Funding support for St James' CofE Primar School
MHDC	*	SWDPR - Parish and Town Council Newsletter November 2020
MHDC	*	Parish News Update
MHDC	*	Wintry Images
WCC	*	Road Closure – Croft Bank – 11/12 January
MHDC	*	Planning Training - Monday 11 January 2021
CPRE		Countryside Voices

151/20 Councillors' items for Report

No further matters were discussed.

152/20 Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 11th December 2020 7.30pm. Venue to be arranged.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25 pm.