

West Malvern Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11th January 2021 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 Baxter, 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 and Mr D Sharp (Clerk).

01/21 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Charles Penn, Malvern Hills Trust.

02/21 Interests

i. Councillors Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) and Other Disclosable Interests (ODI) regarding items on the agenda: Cllrs. Baxter, Burford and Rouse declared ODIs on planning application 20/01938/HP due to friendship and neighbourliness with the applicant.

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: Cllrs. Baxter, Burford and Rouse were granted dispensations to discuss but not vote on 20/01938/HP, to last until the next ordinary election.

03/21 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 mentioned local concerns that the Charles Moris Spout was always flowing and WCC were looking into the clearance of nearby gullies. The PRoW footpath from The Lower Dingle to Blackheath Way required attention. Finally he expected the planning application concerning the conversion of Adelaide to individual dwellings was expected to be considered at the Southern Area meeting on 20th January.

District Cllr. Natalie McVey reported that she had helped deliver leaflets from MHDC detailing help available during the current Covid 19 lockdown. She also mentioned a new 'Street Link' initiative to aid rough sleepers and concerns over some bogus operators offering Covid immunisation injections to vulnerable members of the community.

04/21 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 14th December were approved and would be signed by the Chairman.

05/21 Progress Reports and other matters arising from the minutes

The poor state of the Lamb Inn construction site was an ongoing issue.

06/21 Planning

To consider response to the following application:

Application No	Location	Details
20/01938/HP	Wellcove, Croft Farm Dr.	Single storey rear extension and raised patio

Cllrs. Baxter, Burford and Rouse reiterated their ODIs.

The following response was agreed:

"The Parish Council is unclear of the extent of work proposed under this application due to poor and conflicting submitted plans and confused by the inclusion of floor and elevation plans from a previous application in 2017 which show a previous 'existing position' rather than a current one.

The concerns are of possible overlooking neighbouring properties from the raised rear decking area. The Parish Council requests that the decision be deferred until revised plans are submitted clarifying the existing position and the proposed scheme so that due consideration can be undertaken."

07/21 Playing Fields

It was noted that the housing development in Broadlands Drive was progressing and S106 funds should be available for playground improvements. A replacement climbing frame was still being sought.

08/21 Allotments & Community Woodland

The Clerk reported that 4 plots were to be reallocated. The quotation for new fencing was still awaited.

09/21 Highways & Footpaths

Parking arrangements near St James Close were continuing to cause visibility issues and were to be looked into by Cllr. Raine.

10/21 Finance

i. To consider the budget for 2021/22 and set a precept: The budget was approved and an unchanged precept of £17,400 was to be requested for 2021/22.

ii. To consider payment of invoices presented:

The following payments were approved:

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
Bob Burford	30/12	£96.00	Village Handyman (Dec)
Water Plus	15/12	£111.01	Allotment Water Supply
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£266.60	PAYE Oct-Dec
DA Sharp	11/01	£355.35	Clerk's Fees 35hrs (Gross £444.15 SP17)
	Total	£828.96	

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

Savings Account B/F	£14,549.77
Interest	£0.37
Savings Account C/F	£14,550.14

Community Account B/F	£17,803.51
January Payments	-£828.96
Community Account C/F	£16,974.55

It was further agreed that Cllr. Baxter should become a signature on the parish council accounts and the Clerk should investigate the implementation of internet banking.

11/21 Correspondence*To consider the following correspondence previously circulated:*

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
Misc	*	Covid 19 Information and advice
Charles Penn	*	Malvern Hills Trust Report
MHDC	*	Bird Flu Outbreak News Release and Poster
MHDC	*	Update for town and parish councils
WCC	*	Road Closure - Croft Bank from its junction with U63550 De Walden Road to its junction with Weobley Cross Cottage (Herefordshire) . 11/1 for 2 days
SWDPR	*	Parish and Town Council Newsletter December 2020
MHDC	*	Planning Training session on Monday 11 January starting at 6pm.
MHDC	*	Update for town and parish councils

12/21 Councillors' items for Report

No further matters were discussed.

13/21 Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held online on Monday 8th February 2021 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.