

West Malvern Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 8th November 2021 in West Malvern Village Hall at 8:00pm.

Present

Cllrs. Mr A Turner(Chairman), Ms C Baxter Mrs J Burford, Mr C Rouse.

In Attendance

District Cllr. Prof. J Raine, Mr C Penn (Malvern Hills Trust), Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and one member of the public.

122/21 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Cllrs. Mr L Gregory and Mr T White (accepted). Also District & County Cllr. N McVey

123/21 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.

124/21 Co-option

To consider applicants for co-option onto the Parish Council: No applications had been received.

125/21 Reports from other representatives

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

District Cllr. John Raine reported on the latest planned closure of West Malvern Road that was due to last for 38 days and that efforts were being made to ensure that the 675 bus route would be adapted to cope.

He mentioned that the MHDC enforcement team were trying to encourage progress with the Lamb Inn site and it was understood that the original building had now been sold to a third party.

There was no progress on the dilapidated house on Nabs Pitch.

Charles Penn (Malvern Hills Trust) reported that the appeal against adding Vat to car parking charges had been refused by HM Revenue and Customs and would not be pursued further. Consideration was ongoing on whether to reinstate trail hunting after the covid restrictions and the plan to proposed changes in governance were also in doubt.

126/21 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 11th October were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

127/21 Progress Reports and other matters arising from the minutes

To consider procuring generic web address and email addresses for councillors and clerk:

This was ongoing and it was hoped to be considered at the next meeting.

128/21 Planning

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

Application No	Location	Details
21/01340/FUL	Brewers Arms Lower Dingle	Refurbishment and extension of existing raised terrace, associated landscaping and terracing of garden (part retrospective).

The following response was agreed:

'The Parish Council has no objection to the application'.

ii. To consider any action the Parish Council can take over the poor state of the Lamb Inn development site: District Cllr. John Raine further updated the parish council on this matter and it was hoped that further progress would be made by next month.

129/21 Playing Fields and Open Spaces

Update on Playground Improvements: Further quotations were being sought. In the meantime the Clerk had affixed new flooring to the climbing frame.

The broken branches off the bank below the top field had been cutback and a damaged tree in the adjoining woodland had been reported to Madresfield Estate.

130/21 Allotments & Community Woodland

The Clerk reported that he had turned the water off.

131/21 Highways & Footpaths

No matters were discussed.

132/21 Finance

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

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
J Burford	30/10	£120.00	Village Handyman (October)
British Gas Trading Ltd	26/10	£674.04	Gas Lamp Supply
Water Plus	24/10	£547.96	Allotment Water Supply
B&Q	02/11	£32.55	Decking Boards for Play Area
DA Sharp	11/10	£355.35	Clerk's Fees 35hrs (Gross £444.15 SP17)
Total		£1,729.90	

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

Savings Account B/F	£14,551.23
Savings Account C/F	£14,551.23

Community Account B/F	£22,084.34
Western Power Wayleave	£17.14
Information Commissioners Office	-£35.00
November Payments	-£1,729.90
Community Account C/F	£20,336.58

133/21 Correspondence

To consider the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
MHDC	*	Parish & Town Council Forum - Climate emergency (15/11 5 - 6.30pm)
WCC	*	Road Closures
Cllr White	*	Emails and Web
MHDC	*	Worcestershire Queens Green Canopy.
MHDC	*	Town Centre Transformation Plans Survey
WCC	*	EA Consultation - Groundwater

134/21 Councillors' items for Report

The Clerk confirmed that the bench at St James Crescent was on land owned by Platform Housing.

135/21 Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 13th December 2021 in the main village hall commencing at 8:00pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:45 pm.