

West Malvern Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10th January 2022 in West Malvern Village Hall at 8:00pm.

Present

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

In Attendance

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

01/22 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Mr C Penn (Malvern Hills Trust).

02/22 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.

03/22 Co-option

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

04/22 Reports from other representatives

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

County and District Cllr. Natalie McVey confirmed that only one minibus a day had been scheduled to replace the normal bus service whilst West Malvern Road was closed for gas repairs until 25th February, and she agreed that signage was confusing as it did not state where the road was actually closed.

She also confirmed that she was interested in sponsoring the disused electric street lamp at the top of Brockhill Road by installing a gas lamp head and led 'burners', so that it would compliment those gas lamps already in place nearby. Clerk to get quotations and maintenance costs from Sight Designs.

District Cllr. John Raine reported on the delays to an agreement with the owner of the dilapidated house at 235 West Malvern Road. He also confirmed that the Southern Area Planning Committee would be considering the planning application for the Brewers Arms on 19th January and that the community group was still interested in its purchase.

05/22 Minutes

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

06/22 Progress Reports and other matters arising from the minutes

Cllr. White had received a quotation for procuring a generic web address and email addresses for councillors and clerk with an initial £595 setup fee and £300 annual charge. A decision would be made at the next meeting.

07/22 Planning

To consider response to the following and any late submitted applications: No applications had been received.

08/22 Playing Fields and Open Spaces

Update on Playground Improvements: Due to Christmas the meetings with two further suppliers had been delayed until later this month. He hoped both quotations would be available for the next meeting.

09/22 Allotments & Community Woodland

The Clerk confirmed that the annual invoices had been distributed.

10/22 Highways & Footpaths

Councillors had been copied in on a complaint to MHDC from a resident of Park Road about the lack of street sweeping causing blockages to drainage gullies.

It was noted that the telephone box at the Dingle had been daubed with graffiti. Clerk to inspect.

11/22 Finance

i. To consider the budget for 2022/23 and set a precept: The budget was discussed and approved. A precept of £17,748 was to be requested.

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

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
JR Burford	31/12	£120.00	Village Handyman (Dec)
Water Plus	18/12	£270.98	Allotment Water Supply
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£266.60	Paye (Oct-Dec)
DA Sharp	10/01	£355.35	Clerk's Fees 35hrs (Gross £444.15 SP17)
Total		£1,012.93	

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

Savings Account B/F	£14,551.23	Community Account B/F	£18,529.23
Interest	£0.37	Bank Charges	-£12.00
		January Payments	-£1,012.93
Savings Account C/F	£14,551.60	Community Account C/F	£17,504.30

Due to the introduction of Bank Charges the Clerk was to make enquiries regarding a change of provider.

12/22 Correspondence

To consider the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	SUBJECT
Malvern Wells Parish Council	Gas Lamp Contract ⁽ⁱ⁾
Simon Thompson	Street Cleaning Park Road
WCC	Road Closure
Malvern Hills AONB	Letter of Thanks
South Worcestershire CAB	Letter of Thanks
WCC	Road Closure
MHDC	Petition for Hybrid meetings ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾

⁽ⁱ⁾ It was agreed not take up the offer of investigating a change to the current contract with Sight Designs.

⁽ⁱⁱ⁾ It was agreed that the Clerk should sign the petition on behalf of the Parish Council.

13/22 Councillors' items for Report

Any Parish Council involvement in the Queen's Jubilee celebrations this year would be discussed at the next meeting.

14/22 Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 14th February 2022 in the main village hall commencing at 7:30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:30 pm.