

West Malvern Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14th February 2022 in West Malvern Village Hall at 7:30pm.

Present

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

In Attendance

District & County Cllr. N McVey, District Cllr. Prof. J Raine, Mr C Penn (Malvern Hills Trust) and Mr D Sharp (Clerk).

15/22 Apologies

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

16/22 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.

17/22 Co-option

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

18/22 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 reported that the works causing closure of West Malvern Road were due to end on 4th March. One minibus a day had been operating to replace the normal bus service.

There had been a recent meeting of those residents interested in the community purchase of the Brewers Arms, which was now closed and the Tap Room adjacent to the Malvern Hills Brewery was due to open next month.

District Cllr. Prof. John Raine had nothing further to add from MHDC.

Mr Charries Penn (Malvern Hills Trust) reported on a trustee vacancy for the Chase ward. He also confirmed that where possible meetings were being held online. Finally he reported on a Trust project on St Andrews Road with aid from the Colwall Orchard Group.

19/22 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 10th January were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

20/22 Progress Reports and other matters arising from the minutes

The Clerk reported that the graffiti on the telephone box by the bus terminus could be washed off and the village handyman was to be asked to undertake.

21/22 Planning

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

Application No	Location	Details
M/22/00019/HP	24 Montpelier Rd	Single storey extension to front of existing detached garage.

The following response was agreed: 'The Parish Council has no objection to the application'.

It was noted that the planning application for the Brewers Arms had been approved although the decision notice was awaited.

22/22 Website and Emails

To consider quotations to set up a dedicated web site and councillor/clerk email addresses:

The quotation from Netwise for £599 initial set up fee and subsequent £300 annual fee was approved. Cllr. White and Clerk to organise implementation.

23/22 Queen's Platinum Jubilee

To consider options to celebrate the queen's jubilee: Celebrations were to take place between Thursday 2nd June and Sunday 5th June. The Parish Council was not organising its own event but was willing to support others.

24/22 Playing Fields and Open Spaces

Update on Playground Improvements: The Clerk had met with representatives from two further suppliers, Playdale and Wicksteed, and was awaiting quotations.

25/22 Allotments & Community Woodland

The Clerk confirmed most allotment rent payments had been received and there were no other issues to report.

26/22 Highways & Footpaths

The Clerk was still awaiting a quotation from Sight Designs for fitting a LED gaslight to the orphan electric street light at the junction between West Malvern Road and Brockhill Road.

27/22 Finance

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

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
JR Burford	30/01	£96.00	Village Handyman (Jan)
British Gas Trading Ltd	18/01	£674.04	Allotment Water Supply
CPRE	-	£36.00	Annual Subscription
Brewers Community Pub Association		£2,000.00	Donation
DA Sharp	14/02	£355.35	Clerk's Fees 35hrs (Gross £444.15 SP17)
Total		£3,161.39	

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

Savings Account B/F	£14,551.60	Community Account B/F	£17,504.30
		Allotment Rents	£648.08
		Bank Charges	-£13.00
		February Payments	-£3,161.39
Savings Account C/F	£14,551.60	Community Account C/F	£14,977.99

28/22 Correspondence

To consider the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	SUBJECT
Boundary Commission	Malvern Hills Electoral Review: Draft Recommendations
WCC	Draft Budget Proposals 2022/23
AONB	A Nature Recovery Plan for the Malvern Hills
MHDC	Connected Communities Themed Transport Summit - 17th February 10am start until 12.30pm.
SWDPR	Parish and Town Council Newsletter January 2022
Brewers Community Pub Association ⁽ⁱ⁾	Donation

(i) – Details of the ongoing efforts to arrange a community buyout of the Brewers Arms had been received and the Parish Council was keen to support the project. A donation of £2,000 was approved to cover ongoing costs. The Clerk was to ask for a breakdown in how these funds were used and monthly updates on progress.

29/22 Councillors' items for Report

Nothing further was discussed.

30/22 Next Meeting

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

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