

West Malvern Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11th April 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, Mr C Penn (Malvern Hills Trust) and Mr D Sharp (Clerk).

48/22 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: District Cllr. Prof. J Raine.

49/22 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.

50/22 Co-option

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

51/22 Reports from other representatives

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

District & County Cllr. Natalie McVey reported that since gas works had been completed the local bus service had been uninterrupted throughout April and there was a new provider for the school bus service. WCC failed to be awarded an additional bus subsidy and the future of the current provision was in doubt. There were now fifty host families registered to take Ukrainian refugees and the District Council was currently undertaking home checks. The Priory Park play area was due to be opened on 15th April.

Mr Charles Penn (Malvern Hills Trust) confirmed that new funding levies would be introduced from 1st June. He also mentioned that the Trust had been out bid for a plot of land at the top of Evendine Lane. Many of the Trust's meetings were now held online if allowed and finally there was to be a by election for a representative of the Chase ward on 5th May.

52/22 Minutes

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

53/22 Progress Reports and other matters arising from the minutes

The Brewers Community Pub Group had notified the council that they had now FCA registration via the Plunkett Foundation and a survey of the premises had taken place on 8th April.

54/22 Planning

i. To consider response to any late submitted applications: None had been received

ii. Decisions Notified

21/02189/HP – 34 Montpelier Road – Approved.

55/22 Website and Emails

Update on dedicated web site and councillor/clerk email addresses: Cllr. White was progressing with the application to Netwise and he hoped the website and emails would be available by next month.

56/22 Playing Fields and Open Spaces

To review quotations for playground improvements: After assessing the quotations, Wicksteed were deemed to be the preferred supplier. Clerk to ask for a quotation for some additional pieces and slight alterations to the climbing frame.

There had been no progress with the time frame for S106 funding to be available and it was noted that none of the properties on the designated development had been occupied.

57/22 Allotments & Community Woodland

It was noted that a vehicle had damaged part of the fencing bordering the allotments at the Old Hollow junction. The Clerk was to inspect.

A suggestion was made to move signs on the triangle of land by the Old Hollow junction to allow coaches greater turning areas.

58/22 Highways & Footpaths

No matters were discussed.

59/22 Finance

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

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
JR Burford	01/04	£96.00	Village Handyman (Feb)
Lord Beauchamp's 1963 Settlement	10/03	£60.00	Bluebell Field Rent
Go Greener	13/04	£264.00	Allotment Skip Hire
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£288.40	PAYE Jan-Mar
DA Sharp	-	£100.00	2 nd ½ Expenses 2021/22
DA Sharp	11/04	£362.65	Clerk's Fees (Gross £453.25 SP17)
	Total	£1,171.05	

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

Savings Account B/F	£14,551.60	Community Account B/F	£10,744.00
Interest	£0.81	Bank Charges	-£16.00
		April Payments	-£1,171.05
Savings Account C/F	£14,552.41	Community Account C/F	£9,556.95

The Clerk was to look at alternative banking options to the current provider HSBC.

60/22 Correspondence

To consider the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	SUBJECT
London Hearts	£300 DEFIBRILLATOR GRANT FOR COUNCILS
MHDC	March Malvern Hills Business e-Bulletin
Malvern Town Council	Challenge Walk - Malvern Hills
WCC	Special Engineering Difficulty - Statutory Consultation Documentation
WCC	LGA Webinar Today. Personal safety for Councillors
Louise Murphy	West Malvern Playground Refurbishment
MHDC	Update of Community Funding Available and Reminder of Crowdfunding Work Shop Scheduled for 30th March 12noon via Zoom
WCC Highways	5 Day Notice - Road Closure - Old Hollow - 5 days commencing 7 April 2022.

61/22 Councillors' items for Report

No further matters were discussed.

62/22 Next Meeting

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 9th May 2022 in West Malvern Village Hall commencing after the Annual Parish Meeting at 7:00pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:30 pm.