

West Malvern Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 13th February 2023 in West Malvern Village Hall at 7:30pm.

Present

Cllrs. Ms C Baxter, Mrs J Burford, Mr C Rouse, Mr S Sanoon and Mr T White.

In Attendance

County & District Cllr. N McVey, Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and one member of the public.

In the absence of Cllr. Turner, the Chairman, the meeting was chaired by Cllr. Baxter. Councillors had been notified of the sad death of Cllr. Gregory since the last meeting.

15/23 Public participation

The Council invites local residents attending the meeting to make comments and suggestions, and question the Parish Council on issues on the agenda, or raise issues for future consideration: No matters were discussed.

16/23 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Cllr. Mr A Turner, approved. Also District Cllr. Prof. J Raine.

17/23 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.

18/23 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 closure of West Malvern Road had been extended by a week and the temporary shuttle bus was to be re-instated. Another emergency road closure was planned next week on Lower Road due to a water leak.

She also confirmed that, due to their protracted displacement, additional pastoral care for Ukrainian children was being sought.

Cllr. C Rouse (Malvern Hills Trust Board Member) reported that the Trust had projected a £40,000 loss this year and was looking to increase their precept by 10%.

19/23 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 9th January were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

20/23 Planning

i. To consider responses to the following applications:

Application No	From	Details
M/23/00059/HP	233 West Malvern Rd	Creation of a new driveway to provide off street parking for a single car
M/23/00038/FUL	Arden Brockhill Road	Demolition of existing house, garage and outbuilding. Construction of new replacement Dwelling and Garage with associated landscaping works.

It was agreed to return 'The Parish Council has no objection to the application' to both applications.

ii. Decisions Notified: The following decisions were noted:

M/22/01776/HP - Rosedale, Park Road – Approved

M/22/01761/HP - Beacon Lodge, 265 West Malvern Road – Approved

21/23 Website and Emails

Update: A local resident had offered to maintain the Parish Council website. This was welcomed and he was to liaise with Cllrs. White and Baxter.

22/23 Playing Fields and Open Spaces

Update on playground improvements: The new development on Broadlands Drive was still unoccupied.

23/23 Allotments & Community Woodland

The Clerk confirmed that the majority of this year's rental invoices were being paid by bank transfers.

24/23 Highways & Footpaths

An abandoned vehicle on Blackheath Way was to be reported.

25/23 Finance

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

From/Due to	Date	Amount	*	Details
JR Burford	31/01	£96.00	CH	Village Handyman (Jan)
Water Plus	03/02	£26.47	BT	Allotment Water Supply (7001575881)
Water Plus	03/02	£41.26	BT	Allotment Water Supply (7002255602)
British Gas	09/01	£674.04	BT	Gas Lamp Supply
DA Sharp	13/02	£390.65	BT	Clerk's Fees (Gross £488.25 SP17)
St. James PCC	13/02	£250.00	BT	Compost Bins
	Total	£1,478.42		

* CH – Cheque payment. BT – Bank transfer

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

Savings Account B/F	£14,589.83	Community Account B/F	£10,001.47
		HMRC Vat Refund	£1,713.38
		Allotment Rents	£432.70
		February Payments	-£1,478.42
Savings Account C/F	£14,589.83	Community Account C/F	£10,669.13

26/23 Correspondence

To consider the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	SUBJECT
WCC	First Notice of Order - Road Closure West Malvern Rd.
WCC	Worcestershire County Council Budget 2023/24
MHDC	January Malvern Hills Business e-Bulletin
Clerk	Councillor Recruitment
St James's Church ⁽ⁱ⁾	Request for support with compost bins
CALC	Investments
MHDC	Election Nomination Packs

⁽ⁱ⁾ It was agreed to support the initiative with a £250 donation.

27/23 Councillors' items for Report

No matters were discussed.

28/23 Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting would be held at 7.30pm on Monday 13th March 2023 in West Malvern Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:40 pm.