

# West Malvern Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 in West Malvern Village Hall at 7:30pm.

### Present

Cllrs. Mr A Turner (Chair), Ms C Baxter, Mrs J Burford, Mr C Rouse, Mr S Sanoon and Mr T White.

### In Attendance

County & District Cllr. N McVey, District Cllr. Prof. J Raine.

### 43/23 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.

### 44/23 Apologies

*To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors:* Mr D Sharp (Clerk)

### 45/23 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.

### 46/23 Reports from other representatives

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

**County & District Cllr. Natalie McVey** confirmed that there would be no County Council meetings until May. There had been a Highway closure on West Malvern Road which was now resolved. Similarly there were no District Council or Planning meetings until May, but she did confirm a commemorative bench for the Falklands conflict had been funded. She was to enquire over the future of the 'Theatre of Small Convenience' following a fire at its Edith Walk premises.

**District Cllr. Prof John Raine** thanked the Parish Council for their support during his past tenure on the District Council. He also reported that the changes to the ward boundaries would be implemented in time for next October's Malvern Hills Trust elections.

**Cllr. Chris Rouse (Malvern Hills Trust Board Member)** reported that extra staff were being employed.

### 47/23 Minutes

*To consider for adoption the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting:* The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

### 48/23 Planning

*i. To consider responses to the following applications:*

Application No	From	Details
M/23/00336/HP	Vernon Lodge Harcourt Road	Single storey rear extension with roof terrace to replace existing conservatory. Balcony railing removed and replacement window at Second floor glazed door. Replace existing windows at Kitchen with new glazed doors.

Cllr. McVey was to check that the appropriate consultees had been contacted.

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

*ii. Decisions Notified:* The following decision was noted:

M/22/01493/FUL – The Old Vicarage, 230 West Malvern Rd – Approved

### 49/23 Playing Fields and Open Spaces

**Update on playground improvements:** Wicksteed to be contacted for quotation just to replace the climbing frame. Cllr. McVey indicated there may be some funding available from her ward budget.

Playground safety report had highlighted the need to replace swing connectors.

Several tree branches had fallen during poor weather.

Reports had been made of moped users in the Bluebell field.

**50/23 Allotments & Community Woodland**

Details of grants available to Allotment Associations for improvements had been passed on to the Chair of the Allotment Association.

**51/23 Highways & Footpaths**

A water leak had been reported on Park Road. Blocked gullies on Westminster Bank and Croft Bank were to be reported.

**52/23 Finance**

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

From/Due to	Date	Amount		Details
JR Burford	31/03	£120.00	CH	Village Handyman (Feb)
Playsafety Ltd	28/03	£106.80	BT	Playground Safety Report
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£293.00	BT	PAYE (Feb-Apr)
DA Sharp	06/04	£390.65	BT	Clerk's Fees (Gross £488.25 SP17)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£910.45</b>		

\* CH – Cheque payment. BT – Bank transfer

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

<b>Savings Account B/F</b>	<b>£14,589.83</b>	<b>Community Account B/F</b>	<b>£11,105.52</b>
		April Payments	-£910.45
<b>Savings Account C/F</b>	<b>£14,589.83</b>	<b>Community Account C/F</b>	<b>£10,195.07</b>

**53/23 Correspondence**

*To consider the following correspondence previously circulated:*

FROM	SUBJECT
MHDC	March Malvern Hills Business e-Bulletin
WCC	Road Closures Harcourt Road, Blackheath Way, De Walden Road, Park Road.
Playsafety	Playground Report
WCC	Illegal Works on the Worcestershire Highway

**54/23 Councillors' items for Report**

No further matters were discussed.

**55/23 Next Meeting**

The Annual Parish Council Meeting would be held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 in West Malvern Village Hall after The Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:10 pm.