

# West Malvern Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 in West Malvern Village Hall at 7:30pm.

### Present

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

### In Attendance

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

### 83/23 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.

### 84/23 Apologies

**To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors:** Cllr. Mr S Sanoon(accepted).

### 85/23 Interests

**i. Councillors Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) and Other Disclosable Interests (ODI) regarding items on the agenda:** Cllr. Turner declared a ODI on agenda item 11i (Finance) considering a grant to the local Primary School since his wife was on the Governing Body.

**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:** Cllr. Turner was granted a dispensation to discuss but not to vote on agenda item 11i, considering a grant to the local Primary School. This would last until the next ordinary election.

### 86/23 Reports from other representatives

**To receive reports from County and District Councillors, and other representatives:**

**Mr Charles Penn (Malvern Hills Trust)** reported that there would be elections for new trustees in October and that recent boundary commission ward changes were causing some charging issues. The Trust was working towards a 74 provision so that they could spend funds on changing the constitution. He also confirmed that ash dieback was not as prevalent as first expected.

**District & County Cllr. Natalie McVey** reported that she was looking at ways to stop newly installed street lights on Lamb Bank from shining directly into properties. There was also an issue with 'excessive' strimming in this area. She confirmed that the newly elected District Council had started to hold meetings and planning meetings were to start this month. Finally she reported on two planned road closures of West Malvern Road.

**District Cllr. Prof. John Raine** had nothing to add Cllr. McVeys report.

### 87/23 Minutes

**To consider for adoption the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting:** The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

### 88/23 Planning

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

Application No	From	Details
M/23/00811/HP	The Porthole 202 West Malvern Rd	Removal of existing hedge row and erection and installation of two fences, to include hurdle panels

The following comment was agreed: "The Parish Council has concerns that the 'patchwork' nature of differing fencing styles would adversely affect the local street scene. Also the removal of the hedgerow would impact the local biodiversity."

The following decisions were noted:

M/23/00336/HP – Vernon Lodge, Harcourt Road – Approved

M/23/00171/HP – Orchard Cottage, ParkRoad - Approved

**89/23 Playing Fields and Open Spaces****Update on playground improvements:**

The Clerk confirmed that he had ordered three new seats for the round-a-bout. The main climbing frame was to be painted on 23<sup>rd</sup> July while funds for a replacement were sought. It was noted that building work has resumed on the Broadlands Drive development.

A request to hold a fete on the upper field on 3<sup>rd</sup> September was approved in principle, but further details were to be requested.

**90/23 Allotments & Community Woodland**

The Clerk reported that several gate posts needed replacing although he had temporarily secured them.

**91/23 Highways & Footpaths**

The gas lamp at the top of Harcourt Road was out and was to be reported.

**92/23 Finance**

*i. To consider funding application from West Malvern Primary School:* It was agreed to grant the school £500 to help pay for replacement windows.

*ii. To consider payment of invoices presented:*

The following payments were approved:

From/Due to	Date	Amount		Details
JR Burford	30/06	£140.00	CH	Village Handyman (June)
Water Plus	-	£37.15	BT	Allotment Water Supply (7002255602)
Sight Designs	09/07	£411.96	BT	Gas Lamp Maintenance
Go Greener	07/07	£270.00	BT	Allotment Skip
Next Day Paint	25/06	£78.28	BT	Playground Paint
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£195.20	BT	PAYE (April-June)
DA Sharp	12/06	£390.65	BT	Clerk's Fees (Gross £488.25 SP17)
<b>Total</b>		<b>£1,523.24</b>		

BT – Bank Transfer

CH - Cheque

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

<b>Savings Account B/F</b>	<b>£14,742.10</b>	<b>Community Account B/F</b>	<b>£14,344.40</b>
Interest	£82.90	Bank Charges	-£18.00
		July Payments	-£1,523.24
<b>Savings Account C/F</b>	<b>£14,825.00</b>	<b>Community Account C/F</b>	<b>£12,803.16</b>

**93/23 Correspondence***i. To consider the following correspondence previously circulated:*

FROM	SUBJECT
MHDC	June Business e-Bulletin
West Mercia Police	Summer Rural Beat Newsletter
West Mercia Police	Town and Parish Council survey 2023
Wicksteed	Playground Quote
Clerk	Bench Quote(i)
MHDC	School Uniform Banks
WCC	5 Day Notice - Road Closure - West Malvern Rd - 22/07
West Malvern Club	Defibrillator Installation

(i) – Two memorial benches were to be ordered for past Cllrs. Shearer and Gregory.

**94/23 Councillors' items for Report**

A village appraisal questionnaire had been delivered to all houses in the parish and the responses were to be returned by 31<sup>st</sup> July. District Cllr. John Raine was to collate.

**95/23 Next Meeting**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 in West Malvern Village Hall commencing at 7:30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:15 pm.