

West Malvern Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th October 2023 in West Malvern Village Hall at 7:30pm.

Present

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

In Attendance

District & County Cllr. N McVey, District Cllr. Prof. J Raine and Mr D Sharp (Clerk).

110/23 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.

111/23 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Cllr. Mr C Rouse (Accepted).

112/23 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.

113/23 Co-Option

To consider applications for co-option onto the Parish Council: There were none.

114/23 Reports from other representatives

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

District Cllrs. Natalie McVey and Prof. John Raine confirmed that there was now an enforcement notice for the removal of a storage container positioned off Lower Road. There was also ongoing negotiations about an area of decking at a property in Blackheath Way. There had also been a spillage of concrete and paint on Harcourt Road that MHDC were dealing with.

They also reported that the number of rough sleepers was increasing as was the number of domestic violence cases.

Finally many of the 400 Ukrainian refugees originally living with host families were now moving to their own accommodation.

County Cllr. Natalie McVey reported that the new kerb stones installed on Ebrington Road, following its resurfacing, would be no higher than those that were removed. Work on DeWalden Road had also been completed.

Finally she confirmed that part of her ward budget was to be given to the Primary School to restock the library.

115/23 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 11th September were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

116/23 Planning

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

117/23 Playing Fields and Open Spaces

Update on playground improvements: There was no progress in the sale of the Broadlands Drive development. The climbing frame had been vandalised and was to be mended this week.

Local policing team to be notified and occasional patrols to be requested.

Positioning of the two memorial benches was agreed.

Revised quotes for pump track to be obtained.

118/23 Allotments & Community Woodland

No matters were discussed.

119/23 Highways & Footpaths

Several gas lamps reported as not working. Sight Designs to be notified.

120/23 Village Appraisal

Further update next month.

121/23 Finance**To consider payment of invoices presented:**

The following payment was made between meetings and requires ratification:

From/Due to	Date	Amount		Details
MHDC	-	£50.00	CH	Uncontested Election Charge
	Total	£50.00		

The following payments require approval:

From/Due to	Date	Amount		Details
JR Burford	-	£140.00	CH	Village Handyman (Sep)
CPRE	-	£60.00	CH	Annual Donation
Malvern Town Council	15/09	£594.00	BT	Grass Cutting/Rubbish Collection
B&Q	04/10	£51.85	BT	Timber for Playground Repair
Engraving Studio	-	£30.85	BT	Memorial Plaques
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£293.00	BT	PAYE Jul-Sep
DA Sharp	09/10	£390.65	BT	Clerk's Fees (Gross £488.25 SP17)
	Total	£1,560.35		

BT – Bank Transfer

CH - Cheque

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

Savings Account B/F	£14,825.00	Community Account B/F	£9,881.10
		MHDC Precept	£8,874.00
		National Grid Wayleave	£17.14
		Service Charge	-£18.00
Interest	£100.69	Water Plus (DD)	-£41.10
		Water Plus (DD)	-£26.30
		Pre Payments	-£50.00
		October Payments	-£1,560.35
Savings Account C/F	£14,925.69	Community Account C/F	£17,076.49

122/23 Correspondence**To consider the responses to the following correspondence previously circulated:**

FROM	SUBJECT
Malvern Hills Trust	Notice of Election
WCC	Road Closure De Walden Rd 2/10 for 12 days
WCC	Road Closure Harcourt Rd 25/10 for 1 day
CPRE	AGM
MHDC	SWDPR submitted for independent examination
MHDC	Polling district, polling place and polling station review
CPRE	Countryside Voices

123/23 Councillors' items for Report

It was noted that there was a Story Telling Festival for children in Great Malvern from 24th to 29th October.

124/23 Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 13th November 2023 in West Malvern Village Hall commencing at 7:30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:15 pm.