

MADRESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 223rd PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT MADRESFIELD CLUB
ON MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2023 AT 6:00 PM

PRESENT

Cllrs. Mr M Johnson (Chair), Mr C Eden and Mrs K Wells.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr D Sharp (Clerk).

1. 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.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: There were none.

3. INTERESTS

- i. *Councillors Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Disclosable Interests 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.

4. CO-OPTION

To consider applications for co-option onto the Parish Council: None had been received.

5. MINUTES

To consider for approval the minutes of the 222nd Parish Council Meeting held on 13th September 2023: These were accepted as an accurate record and they were to be signed by the Chair.

6. PROGRESS REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES

No matters were discussed.

7. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

County Cllr. Tom Wells and District Cllr. Kathy Wells had previously circulated a report for December. In addition District Cllr. Kathy Wells confirmed that the SWDPR had now been submitted for inspection and a new head of planning was starting in February.

8. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

To consider the viability and positioning of village gateways: The Chair and Clerk had met with the WCC liaison officer who had approved the positioning of the gates at the 30mph signs which WCC would install.

A quotation for £665 + Vat from Vinyl Fencing was approved and funding options were to be investigated.

Correspondence from Madresfield Estate regarding amendments to speed limits in the village were discussed and a request was to be sent to WCC for an interim speed limit of 40mph to be installed on the main road, similar to what was already in place along North End Lane.

Furthermore a speed survey was to be requested.

9. BIODIVERSITY

i. *Note what action in respect of biodiversity is already taking place locally:* It was noted that biodiversity was considered when commenting on all planning applications. The reduced verge cutting and maintenance of the pond opposite Madresfield Club were also cited.

ii. *Agree what further steps to take at this stage:* It was agreed to investigate a biodiversity policy.

10. PLANNING**To consider responses to any late submitted applications:**

No applications had been received.

11. FINANCE

i. To consider grant funding to local organisations: It was agreed to donate £100 to South Worcestershire CAB.

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

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	-	£320.00	Lengthman Fees (Sep-Nov)
Glasdon	30/11	£180.60	Litter Bin
MHDC	31/08	£50.00	Uncontested Election Cost
Madresfield Club	04/12	£10.00	Hire Charge
D Sharp	04/12	£70.00	Clerk's Expenses 23/24
South Worcs CAB	-	£100.00	Donation
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£32.80	PAYE (Oct-Dec)
D Sharp	04/12	£131.84	Clerks fees (3 months @ 1hr/week SCP7 £164.64)
	Total	£895.24	

After these payments are made accounts will be as follows

Premium Account B/F	£735.47	Current Community Account B/F	-£201.63
Interest	£1.97	WCC Lengthman	£384.00
		MHDC Precept	£925.00
		December Payments	-£895.24
Premium Account C/F	£737.44	Community Account C/F	£212.13

iii. To consider budget for 2024/25 and set a precept: The budget was approved and a precept of £1,950 was to be requested.

12. CORRESPONDENCE.**To consider any responses to the following correspondence received:**

FROM	SUBJECT
CALC	Updates
CALC	Training
NALC	CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BULLETIN
NALC	Newsletters
District & County Cllrs.	Monthly Reports
MHDC	Malvern Hills Business e-Bulletin
CPRE	AGM
MHDC	SWDPR submitted for independent examination
MHDC	Polling district, polling place and polling station review
Malvern Hills AONB	Invitation to a webinar - 28/11/23 at 7pm
MHDC	Request for a free copy of the full register of electors
West Mercia Police	Town and Parish Council Survey Results - Worcestershire
MHDC	School Uniform Banks
Clerk	Village Gates

13. COUNCILLOR'S ITEMS FOR REPORT OR FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION.

Councillors signed the transfer agreement to open the Unity Trust Bank account..

14. NEXT MEETING.

The next Parish Council meeting was to be held on Monday 5th February 2023 at 6pm in the Madresfield Club.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.20 pm.