

West Malvern Parish Council

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

Before the meeting two residents relayed an issue they were having with Worcestershire County Council over replacing a fence bordering a bridleway that ran adjacent to their property and the

Present

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

In Attendance

District Cllr. Prof. J Raine and Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and two members of the public.

125/23 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.

126/23 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors:

District & County Cllr. N McVey.

127/23 Interests

i. Councillors Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) and Other Disclosable Interests (ODI) regarding items on the agenda: Cllr. Turner declared an ODI in planning application M/23/01537/HP since he was a neighbour.

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 vote on planning application M/23/01537/HP. This would last until the next ordinary election.

128/23 Co-Option

To consider applications for co-option onto the Parish Council: Mr Glen Harnden was unanimously elected onto the Parish Council and was to complete his 'acceptance of office' at the earliest opportunity.

129/23 Reports from other representatives

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

District Cllr. Prof. John Raine reported that the Council was currently assessing its priorities and next year's budget was being prepared. The first southern area planning committee meeting since August was to take place later this week.

County Cllr. Natalie McVey had forwarded her report to councillors.

130/23 Minutes

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

131/23 Planning

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

Application No	At	Details
M/23/01537/HP	The Glade Blackheath Way	Front extension of two-storey to replace existing porch and rear extension of one and two-storey (Retrospective). This is made subsequent to 19/01232/HP and represents a reduced development.

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

132/23 Playing Fields and Open Spaces

Update on playground improvements: Although work was continuing on the Broadlands Drive development it was unclear when S106 funds would be available.

The Clerk reported that he had patched the climbing frame floor which had been damaged. Installation of the two memorial benches was to be finalised. Football nets to be installed.

133/23 Allotments & Community Woodland

No matters were discussed.

134/23 Highways & Footpaths

The Clerk had noted that 10 out of the 25 gas lamps were not working and had notified Sight Designs.

135/23 Village Appraisal

- i. **Review of responses:** The 'key findings' were discussed and the main suggestions from residents were: A 20mph speed limit; better bus service; improved playground; more comprehensively stocked shop.
It was agreed that 100 copies should be printed and displayed in the shop, church and village hall.
- ii. **To consider improvements to communications including website and newsletter:** The website was to be updated and include councillors' information and the publication of a newsletter was to be investigated.
- iii. **To consider how the Parish Council can support the village archives:** It was agreed that the village archives should be owned and maintained by the village hall

136/23 Finance**To consider payment of invoices presented:**

The following payments were approved:

From/Due to	Date	Amount		Details
JR Burford	-	£112.00	CH	Village Handyman (Oct)
British Gas	6/11	£674.04	BT	Gas Lamp Supply
DA Sharp	13/11	£586.65	BT	Clerk's Fees (Gross £523.25 SP17+ £210 May-Oct)
	Total	£1,372.69		

BT – Bank Transfer

CH - Cheque

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

Savings Account B/F	£14,925.69	Community Account B/F	£17,076.49
		Water Plus (DD)	-£39.00
		Water Plus (DD)	-£26.05
		ICO (DD)	-£35.00
		Charges	-£18.00
		November Payments	-£1,372.69
Savings Account C/F	£14,925.69	Community Account C/F	£15,585.75

It was further agreed to make the following donations to local organisations:

£250 – St James Church

£500 – South Worcestershire CAB

£350 – Malvern Hills AONB

137/23 Correspondence**To consider the responses to the following correspondence previously circulated:**

FROM	SUBJECT
Malvern Hills AONB	Invitation to a webinar - 28/11/23 at 7pm
	Balloon Request
MHDC	October Malvern Hills Business e-Bulletin
Malvern Hills AONB	Annual Review 2022/23 & funding request
MHDC	Electoral Register
J Raine	Village Survey
Clerk	Example Newsletter

138/23 Councillors' items for Report

Nothing further was discussed.

139/23 Next Meeting

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

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