

West Malvern Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 8th January 2024 in West Malvern Village Hall at 7:30pm.

Present

Cllrs. Mr A Turner (Chair), Ms C Baxter, Mr G Harnden, Mr S Sanoon.

In Attendance

District & County Cllr. N McVey and Mr D Sharp (Clerk).

01/24 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.

02/24 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Cllrs. Mrs J Burford and Mr C Rouse (accepted). Also District Cllr. Prof. J Raine and Mr C Penn (Malvern Hills Trust).

03/24 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.

04/24 Co-Option

To consider applications for co-option onto the Parish Council: No applications had been received.

05/24 Reports from other representatives

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

District & County Cllr. N McVey reported that several blocked gullies had been highlighted following the recent heavy rain. She also mentioned the ongoing public consultation into the Fire and Rescue Service's Resource Review which was proposing that the second fire appliance be removed from Malvern station. No progress had been made on the future of local bus services and all WCC council meetings were being held at Wychavon due to the ongoing WRAC issue at County Hall in Worcester. Finally she confirmed that she had donated some of her ward budget to the primary school library and that the District Council 5 year plan was to be considered at committee next week.

06/24 Minutes

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

07/24 Planning

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

Application No	At	Details
M/23/01723/HP	Moorecroft 212A West Malvern Rd.	Refurbishment and upgrading works to the property including extending the garage and rebuilding the roof.

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

ii. Decisions Notified

M/23/01537/HP – The Glade, Blackheath Way – Approved

M/23/01592/HP – St Christophers, 2 Croft Bank - Approved

08/24 Playing Fields and Open Spaces

To consider for approval S106 application for playground funding: Before submission it was agreed to review pricing with the addition of two trampolines and a section of at least 3m x 3m wet pour with no equipment installed.

One memorial bench had been installed at the junction of Camp Hill and West Malvern Road. The second was to be fitted on the playing fields below the playground area.

Matt Scriven had reviewed the state of the area of ash trees on the playing fields and had found no evidence of disease. The area was to be monitored.

09/24 Allotments & Community Woodland

The Allotment Association AGM was taking place on Thursday 11th January. The Clerk confirmed he would be attending.

10/24 Highways & Footpaths

Several blocked gullies were to be reported.

11/24 Finance

i. To consider budget for 2024/25 and set a precept: The budget was approved and a precept of £18,280.00 was to be requested.

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

From/Due to	Date	Amount		Details
JR Burford	31/12	£140.00	CH	Village Handyman (Dec)
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£349.00		PAYE (Oct-Dec)
DA Sharp	08/01	£418.65	BT	Clerk's Fees (Gross £523.25 SP17)
Total		£907.65		

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	£12,788.06
		Water Plus (DD)	-£39.00
		Water Plus (DD)	-£26.05
		January Payments	-£907.65
Savings Account C/F	£14,925.69	Community Account C/F	£11,815.36

12/24 Correspondence

To consider correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	SUBJECT
Resident (i)	Bluebell Field Rubbish
MHDC	S106 Funding
Wicksteed	Playground Quote
MHDC	December Malvern Hills Business e-Bulletin
West Mercia PCC	December Newsletter
Matt Scriven	Playing Field Ash Trees
Wicksteed	Playground Quote

(i) – Furniture left in the bluebell field was to be removed when circumstances allowed.

13/24 Councillors' items for Report

The Clerk was to enquire if any CiL or S106 funding was due to become available from The Lamb Inn development or Adelaide House.

14/24 Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 12th February 2024 in West Malvern Village Hall commencing at 7:30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:25 pm.