

# **MADRESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE 226<sup>th</sup> PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

### **HELD AT MADRESFIELD CLUB**

### **ON THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2024 AT 7:45 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 225<sup>th</sup> and Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024:* These were accepted as an accurate record and they were 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**

District Cllr. Kathy Wells had circulated a monthly report earlier. In it she had highlighted The Great Malvern Festival of Stories for Children which was to take place from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> 27 October. Also the Street Tag App, created to encourage parents and students to enjoy the stunning views of the Malvern Hills, boost fitness, and collect tags along the way. Malvern Hills District Council were pleased to have supported 24 rural businesses and provided more than £400,000 in funding as part of the Malvern Hills Rural Fund. Finally a newly formed group had taken over the Theatre of Small Convenience on Edith Walk, Great Malvern.

**8. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

Enquiries were to be made over the prolonged closure of Rectory Lane due to work on the bridge over Whiteacres Brook. The closure had not caused any serious access problems and the reduction in through traffic had been welcomed by residents. A request was to be made to WCC whether any vehicle access restriction could be put in place once the road re opened.

**9. PLANNING**

*To consider responses to any late submitted applications:*

No applications had been received.

**10. FINANCE**

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

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	-	£720.00	Lengthman Fees (May-Aug)
Madresfield Club	03/10	£10.00	Hire Charge (Cheque)
Anthem UK Ltd	01/05	£50.00	Internal Audit Fee (Cheque)
CPRE	-	£36.00	Annual Subscription
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£33.00	PAYE (Jul-Sep)
D Sharp	03/10	£131.64	Clerks fees (3 months @ 1hr/week SCP7 £164.64)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£980.64</b>	

After these payments are made accounts will be as follows:

**UNITY TRUST BANK**

<b>Instant Access Account B/F</b>	<b>£835.89</b>	<b>Current Account B/F</b>	<b>£389.08</b>
		Lengthman Scheme	£63.00
Interest	£5.81		£288.00
	£2.58		£144.00
			£144.00
		Service Charge	-£18.00
			-£18.00
		October Payments	-£980.64
<b>Instant Access Account C/F</b>	<b>£844.28</b>	<b>Current Account C/F</b>	<b>£11.44</b>

The Clerk noted that it was unusual for the precept not to be paid at the end of September and was to make enquiries of MHDC.

**ii. To receive internal auditor's report:** The report had been circulated and accepted and no issues had been raised for attention.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE.**

*To consider any responses to the following correspondence received:*

<b>FROM</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>
CALC	Updates
NALC	Chief Executive's Bulletin
NALC	Newsletters
District & County Cllrs.	Monthly Reports
WCC	Waste and recycling information
WCC	Town and Parish Councils Conference - 12/6 6 - 9pm
MHDC	Malvern Hills Business e-Bulletin
WCC	Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure
Malvern Hills National Landscape	Annual Review 2023/24
West Mercia	Rural Newsbeat
West Mercia	Fraud Bulletin
Malvern Town Council	Invitation from the Mayor of Malvern to Chairs
Misc.	Rectory Lane Road Closure

**12. COUNCILLOR'S ITEMS FOR REPORT OR FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION.**

Enquiries were to be made over the possible grouping of Newland and Madresfield Parish Councils.

**13. NEXT MEETING.**

The next Parish Council meeting was to be held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 7:45pm in the Madresfield Club.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.