

West Malvern Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th September 2024 in West Malvern Village Hall at 7:30pm.

Present

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

In Attendance

County and District Cllr. N McVey, District Cllr. Prof. J Raine, Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and nineteen members of the public.

106/24 Public participation

To receive a report regarding contractual issues between Severn Trent Water and a group of residents:

The majority of the public at the meeting voiced their concerns over Severn Trent Water's efforts to remove a long standing 'Danzell Spring Agreement' dating from 1905 which currently about 24 households were benefiting from reduced water charges due to the diversion of the spring which originally fed the houses. The group were going to take legal advice and thanked the Parish Council for being given the opportunity to raise their concerns.

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:

A member of the public asked for help in tracing the owner of an unoccupied property which he wished to purchase. Several sources of information were suggested.

107/24 Co-option

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

108/24 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Charles Penn (Malvern Hills Trust).

109/24 Interests

i. Councillors Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) and Other Disclosable Interests (ODI) regarding items on the agenda: Cllr. Glen Harnden declared a DPI on matters relating to the 'Danzell Spring Agreement' since he owned a property that was subject to the agreement.

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.

110/24 Reports from other representatives

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

County and District Cllr. Natalie McVey reported about ongoing roadworks on Broadlands Drive and the recent RTC at the Redan Bend. She was to contact Madresfield Estate over the overgrown hedge bordering Old Hollow. A report had been made to the enforcement department at MHDC over development at the junction of Lower Road and Old Hollow. She had also been contacted regarding funding for a dehumidifier at the West Malvern Club. Finally there were a series of pending Road Closures in North Malvern that would affect residents.

111/24 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 8th July were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

112/24 Progress Reports

Updates on matters not included on the agenda: No issues were reported.

113/24 Planning***i. To consider responses to the following and any late submitted applications:***

Application No	At	Details
M/24/01079/HP	180 West Malvern Rd	Construction of a detached double garage for secure off-road car and bike storage.
M/24/01096/HP	109 West Malvern Rd	Proposed single-storey extensions to front and rear, plus enclosing of driveway
M/24/00867/HP	61 West Malvern Rd	Single storey front extension with roof terrace, side extension with external alterations, new separate double garage with annex for ancillary purposes above.

It was agreed to return the following comments:

M/24/01079/HP - "The Parish Council has no objection to the application."

M/24/01096/HP - "The Parish Council has no objection to the extensions however the enclosed driveway would greatly alter and be to the detriment of the street scene. Hence the Parish Council objects to the application."

M/24/00867/HP - "The Parish Council has no objection to the application"

ii. Decisions Notified

M/24/00552/FUL – Raglan House, Westminster Bank – Approved

114/24 Playing Fields and Open Spaces

Update on playground installation: Work was planned to start Tuesday 10th September.

115/24 Allotments & Community Woodland

To consider general maintenance of allotment gardens and review fencing and gates: A quotation to remove a sycamore tree and willow tree on the allotments were accepted. Replacement fence posts were to be investigated.

116/24 Highways & Footpaths

Clerk to write to a resident whose land borders West Malvern Road to trim back hedge which is obstructing the footway.

117/24 Finance***To consider payment of invoices presented:***

The following payments were made between meetings and were ratified:

From/Due to	Date	Amount		Details
Malvern Town Council	30/06	£732.00	BT	Grass Cutting/Rubbish Removal
British Gas	22/07	£674.04	BT	Gas Lamp Supply
DA Sharp	12/08	£418.65	BT	Clerk's Fees (Gross £523.25 SP17)
Total		£1,824.69		

The following payments were approved:

From/Due to	Date	Amount		Details
JR Burford	31/07	£112.00	CH	Village Handyman (July)
JR Burford	31/07	£140.00	CH	Village Handyman (August)
Aspect Design	28/08	£260.00	BT	Hills Echo Print Costs (Sept)
Aspect Design	04/09	£20.00	BT	Extra Hills Echo Print Costs (Sept)
Anthem (UK) Ltd	09/06	£50.00	CH	Internal Audit Fee
DA Sharp	08/07	£418.65	BT	Clerk's Fees (Gross £523.25 SP17)
Total		£1,000.65		

BT – Bank Transfer

CH - Cheque

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

Savings Account B/F	£15,236.44	Community Account B/F	£106,433.24
		Prepayments	-£1,824.69
		September Payments	-£1,000.65
Savings Account C/F	£15,236.44	Community Account C/F	£103,607.90

118/24 Correspondence***To consider correspondence previously circulated.***

FROM	SUBJECT
WCC	Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure
Malvern Hills National Landscape	Annual Review 2023/24
MHDC	July Malvern Hills Business e-Bulletin
Clerk	PRoW – Croft Bank Farm
MHDC	August Malvern Hills Business e-Bulletin
West Mercia Police	Rural Newsbeat Summer 2024
West Mercia Police	Fraud Advice
Misc	Danzell spring agreement
Resident	Bluebell Field
Resident	235 West Malvern Road
Wicksteed	Playground Installation

119/24 Councillors' items for Report

No matters were discussed.

120/24 Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 14th October 2024 in West Malvern Village Hall commencing at 7:30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:45 pm.