

West Malvern Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14th October 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 two members of the public.

121/24 Public participation

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

Two residents attended the meeting and put forward plans to stage an operatic performance of Wagner's Ring cycle on August 25th next year. They asked if any funding would be available from the Parish Council. This would be considered at the November meeting.

122/24 Co-option

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

123/24 Apologies

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

124/24 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.

125/24 Reports from other representatives

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

County and District Cllr. Natalie McVey reported that recently advertised road closures had been cancelled and were to be rescheduled. She had also been liaising with WCC highways over the repositioning of a lamppost. The hedge on Lower Road was still to be cut and the container on Lower Road that had been the subject of planning enforcement was to be removed this month. There was a planning application for up to 200 houses at Cales Farm (Off Sayers Avenue) in North Malvern to be considered at the planning committee meeting on 16th October. Finally it was believed that the empty property on Nabs Pitch, West Malvern Road had been put up for sale.

District Cllr. John Raine had not further information to add.

126/24 Minutes

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

127/24 Progress Reports

Updates on matters not included on the agenda: It was reported that a solicitor had been commissioned to write a letter of objection to Severn Trent Water regarding their plan to cancel the 'Danzell Spring Agreement'.

128/24 Planning

To consider responses to any late submitted applications: None had been received.

ii. Decisions Notified

M/24/00293/FUL – Malvern Hills Outdoor Education Centre – Approved.

M/24/01096/FUL – 109 West Malvern Road – Refused.

M/24/00640/FUL – Brewers Arms – Approved

M/24/00727/FUL – Coachman's Cottage, Blackheath Way – Approved

129/24 Playing Fields and Open Spaces

Update on playground installation: Work had been delayed but was to start tomorrow 15th October. The Clerk was to enquire of MHDC over the status of CIL and S106 payments pertaining to the development of Adelaide House.

130/24 Allotments & Community Woodland

The Clerk was to liaise with the village handyman over the installation of replacement fence posts on the allotments. The Clerk confirmed that he had arranged for a willow tree to be removed on 5th December. The logs and chippings would be stacked for residents to use.

The Clerk confirmed that he had sprayed a hornet's nest near the playground.

131/24 Highways & Footpaths

No matters were discussed.

132/24 Finance**To consider payment of invoices presented:**

The following payments were made between meetings and were ratified:

From/Due to	Date	Amount		Details
Aspect Design	01/10	£280.00	BT	Hills Echo Print Costs (Oct)
	Total	£280.00		

The following payments were approved:

From/Due to	Date	Amount		Details
JR Burford	30/09	£112.00	CH	Village Handyman (Sept)
Malvern Town Council	30/09	£522.00	BT	Grass Cutting / Rubbish Removal
CPRE	-	£60.00	CH	Annual Subscription
HMRC	-	£314.00	BT	PAYE (Jul-Sep)
DA Sharp	14/10	£418.65	BT	Clerk's Fees (Gross £523.25 SP17)
	Total	£1,426.65		

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	£103,607.90
Interest	105.61	MHDC Precept	£9,140.00
		Allotment Rent	£57.00
		Service Charge	-£18.00
		Prepayments	-£280.00
		October Payments	-£1,426.65
Transfer	£80,000.00	Transfer	-£80,000
Savings Account C/F	£95,342.05	Community Account C/F	£31,080.25

It was agreed to transfer £80,000 from the Community Account to the Savings Account until it was required to pay for the new playground equipment.

133/24 Correspondence**To consider correspondence previously circulated.**

FROM	SUBJECT
Wicksteed	Playground Installation
Neil MacRae (Malvern Rotary)	(i)Bluebell Field Maintenance
Mayor of Malvern	Invitation
WCC	Road Closure - Harcourt Road 3 days from 18 /11
MHDC	September Malvern Hills Business e-Bulletin

(i) Clerk to reply inviting ideas.

134/24 Councillors' items for Report

To consider appointment of new Clerk: The Clerk had made known his plan to retire after the current year end and plans were to be put in place to find a replacement.

135/24 Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 11th November 2024 in West Malvern Village Hall commencing at 7:30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:00 pm.