

West Malvern Parish Council

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

Present

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

In Attendance

County and District Cllr. N McVey, District Cllr. Prof. J Raine, and Mr D Sharp (Clerk).

151/24 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.

The poor state of the 'book share' telephone box by the village hall was discussed and a resident offered to repair and repaint. He was to prepare costings.

152/24 Co-option

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

153/24 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Cllr. Mrs J Burford (Accepted). Also Charles Penn (Malvern Hills Trust).

154/24 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.

155/24 Reports from other representatives

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

County and District Cllr. Natalie McVey confirmed that the local roads had been gritted during the snowy weather but that an emergency road closure had caused problems with local buses. She also reported that 'Boundless Outdoors' were to close a permissive path over safeguarding issues. MHDC now had a new leader and executive committee and finally the shipping container situated on Lower Road that was the subject of a planning enforcement order had been removed.

156/24 Minutes

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

157/24 Progress Reports

Updates on matters not included on the agenda: No matters were discussed.

158/24 Planning

To consider responses to any late submitted applications:

Application No	At	Details
M/24/01454/FUL	Old Orchard 230B West Malvern Road	Proposed single storey self-build dwelling.

It was agreed to submit the following comment:

"The Parish Council has concerns over the size of the development when compared to the size of the site and also the possible overlooking towards neighbouring properties."

ii. Decisions Notified

M/24/00907/HP – Westwood Lodge – Refused

159/24 Playing Fields and Open Spaces

Update on playground installation and consider improvements to access track: Installation had been completed but there were a few snags that needed to be addressed. The Clerk and Cllr. Baxter were to meet with the installation manager on Thursday to discuss the issues. A contractor was to be sought to top dress the path to improve ease of access.

A report on an oak tree by the playground had recommended a crown reduction of 20% and a contractor was to be sought.

160/24 Allotments & Community Woodland

The willow tree on the allotments had been removed. The logs had been stacked and the chippings used on the allotments. The path through the glade required weeding and to remove encroaching grass growth. This would be undertaken in the spring. The allotment water supply had been disconnected for the winter period.

161/24 Highways & Footpaths

Several faulty gas lamps were to be reported to Sight Designs.

162/24 Finance

To consider payment of invoices presented:

The following payments were approved:

From/Due to	Date	Amount		Details
JR Burford	30/11	£140.00	CH	Village Handyman (Oct)
West Malvern Primary School	-	£500.00	BT	Donation
Aspect Design	28/11	£335.00	BT	Hills Echo Print Costs (Dec)
Branchworks	04/12	£660.00	BT	Allotment Tree Works
DA Sharp	11/11	£436.30	BT	Clerk's Fees(Gross £545.30 SP17)
	Total	£2,071.30		

The following payment was to be made once snags had been corrected.

Wicksteed Leisure	28/11	£103,042.28	BT	Playground Installation
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BT – Bank Transfer

CH - Cheque

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

Savings Account B/F	£95,342.05	Community Account B/F	£30,140.64
		J Little (Hills Echo)	£30.00
		Service Charge	-£6.00
		December Payments	-£2,071.30
Savings Account C/F	£95,342.05	Community Account C/F	£28,093.34

163/24 Correspondence

To consider correspondence previously circulated.

FROM	SUBJECT
MHDC	November Business Bulletin

164/24 Councillors' items for Report

The Clerk's job description was to be finalised and advertisements put in the Hills Echo and Facebook.

165/24 Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 13th January 2025 in West Malvern Village Hall commencing at 7:30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:50 pm.