

# **MADRESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE 227<sup>th</sup> PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

### **HELD AT MADRESFIELD CLUB**

### **ON MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025 AT 7:30 PM**

#### **PRESENT**

Cllrs. Mr M Johnson (Chair), Mr C Eden and Mrs K Wells.

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr D Sharp (Clerk).

#### **1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**i. To receive a report from Deborah Fox, CEO of Malvern Hills Trust:** *Deborah Fox had previously submitted a report. In it she confirmed that the private bill had been submitted to parliament after public consultations closed in July last year. Trustees had voted 17-2 to submit the bill. The main amendment to the constitution of the Trust would reduce the number of trustees down from 29 to 12 comprising 6 elected and 6 nominated members. The bill would have to pass through both houses of parliament and was expected to take up to 2 years.*

**ii. 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 226<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 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. Since the last Parish Council meeting the government white paper had been published that would see the removal of District Councils and the creation of Unitary Authorities. She was unsure what area the Unitary Authority here would cover but in the mean time the WCC elections planned for May may be cancelled. She also reported on the current examination of the SWDPR which she hoped would be adopted towards the end of the year.

#### **8. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

It was noted that Rectory Lane had reopened.

#### **9. PLANNING**

**To consider responses to any late submitted applications:**

No applications had been received.

#### **10. FINANCE**

**i. To consider grant funding to local organisations:** It was agreed to donate £100 each to St Mary Church and South Worcestershire CAB.

**ii. To consider CIL expenditure:** It was agreed to purchase a new noticeboard.

**iii. Approval of Payments due:**

The following payments were made between meetings and were ratified:

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	-	£504.00	Lengthman Fees (Sep-Nov)
Madresfield Club	13/12	£10.00	Hire Charge (Cheque)
ICO	-	£40.00	Data Protection Fee
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£34.60	PAYE (Oct-Dec)
D Sharp	13/12	£138.25	Clerks fees (3 months @ 1hr/week SCP7 £172.85)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£726.85</b>	(New pay rate)

The following payments were approved:

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	-	£216.00	Lengthman Fees (Dec-Jan)
Madresfield Club	27/01	£10.00	Hire Charge (Cheque)
South Worcestershire CAB	-	£100.00	Donation
St Mary Church	-	£100.00	Donation
D Sharp	27/01	£70.00	Clerks Annual Expenses
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£496.00</b>	

After these payments are made accounts will be as follows:

<b>Instant Access Account B/F</b>	<b>£844.28</b>	<b>Current Account B/F</b>	<b>£11.44</b>
		MHDC Precept	£975.00
Interest	5.65	MHDC CiL	£754.49
		WCC Lengthman	£792.00
		Service Charges	-£17.40
		Pre Payments	-£726.85
		January Payments	-£496.00
<b>Instant Access Account C/F</b>	<b>£849.93</b>	<b>Current Account C/F</b>	<b>£1,292.68</b>

**iv. To consider budget for 2025/26 and set a precept:** The budget was approved and a precept of £2010 was to be requested.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE.**

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

FROM	SUBJECT
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.**

The Chair was to consult with the Chair of Newland Parish Council over a possible Parish Council grouping

**13. NEXT MEETING.**

The next Parish Council meeting was to be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7:30pm in the Madresfield Club.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:40 pm.