

West Malvern Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10th February 2025 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 one member of the public.

15/25 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.

A resident suggested that a larger waste bin should be provided at the entrance to the track down to the playing fields. Clerk to investigate costs. He also suggested that a sign warning of pedestrians would help reduce vehicle speeds.

16/25 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: There were none.

17/25 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.

18/25 Reports from other representatives

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

County and District Cllr. Natalie McVey reported that the WCC elections planned for May would continue as normal. Plans for the creation of a unitary authority were to be submitted by WCC to central government by August.

Finally she had received some complaints over inconsiderate parking on West Malvern Road and had referred these to West Mercia Police

19/245 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 13th January were approved and were signed by the Chair.

20/25 Progress Reports

To ratify Malvern Hills Bill petition submission by Clerk: The submission made by the Clerk between meetings was approved.

21/25 Planning

i. To consider responses to any late submitted applications:

Application No	At	Details
M/25/00098/HP	61 West Malvern Road	Proposed first floor extension with internal and external alterations.

It was agreed to submit the following comment:

'The Parish Council has no objection to the application'.

ii. Decisions Notified

There were none.

22/25 Playing Fields and Open Spaces

Update on playground installation and to agree improvements to access track: New sign still to be made for playground. The Clerk was to inspect the pedestrian gate by the upper field which was broken. More specific quotations to re tarmac the track were to be sought. A quotation from Wicksteed for £1800 to repair the bobbin swing was considered excessive and that by Ecoscapes for £295 was preferred with the additional cost of replacing chain shackles.

23/25 Allotments & Community Woodland

No matters were discussed.

24/25 Highways & Footpaths

No matters were discussed.

25/25 Finance***To consider payment of invoices presented:***

The following payments were approved:

From/Due to	Date	Amount		Details
JR Burford	01/02	£140.00	CH	Village Handyman (Jan)
Aspect Design	29/01	£335.00	BT	Hills Echo Printing
West Malvern Village Hall	29/01	£180.00	BT	Hall Hire 2024
West Malvern Allotment Ass.	-	£104.00	BT	Allotments
D Sharp	10/02	£436.10	BT	Clerk's Fees(Gross £545.30 SP17)
Total		£1,195.10		

BT – Bank Transfer

CH - Cheque

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

Savings Account B/F	£95,902.22	Community Account B/F	£25,770.67
		Transfer	£80,000.00
		HMRC VAT	£1,064.43
		Wicksteed Leisure	-£103,042.28
Interest		Water Plus (DD)	-£28.96
		Water Plus (DD)	-£15.63
Transfer to Community	-£80,000.00	Service Charge	-£6.00
		February Payments	-£1,195.10
Savings Account C/F	£15,902.22	Community Account C/F	£2,547.13

26/25 Correspondence***To consider correspondence previously circulated.***

FROM	SUBJECT
MHDC	January Malvern Hills Business e-Bulletin
West Fete	Request for 28 th June
Misc	Resurfacing
Wicksteed	Quotation
Misc	Malvern Hills Bill Petition
Leevo Productions (i)	West Malvern May Festival
CAB	Thanks
Anna Briggs (ii)	Clerk's Position

(i) – A request to hold a music festival in May was to be considered next month after further information from the organisers had been received. Councillors were initially in favour of such an event.

(ii) – The Chair was to meet later this week with an applicant for the position.

27/25 Councillors' items for Report

The official opening of the playground would occur over the Easter holidays and include an Easter egg hunt.

28/25 Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 10th March 2025 in West Malvern Village Hall commencing at 7:30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:45 pm.