

MALVERN WELLS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Malvern Wells Parish Council duly convened and held in
The Village Hall, Wells Road on Wednesday 7th December, 2011 commencing at
7.50pm

Present:

Councillors:	K Wagstaff (Chairman)
A Hull	Mrs C O'Donnell
B J Knibb	P Buchanan
Mrs A Cheeseman	Mrs H Burrage
J Black	
S Freeman	

In attendance: County Cllr S Brown & District Cllr C Cheeseman
D M Taverner (Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer)

129/11 Apologies noted: Malvern Policing Team, Cllrs Mrs A Bradshaw, N Johnson,
M Victory and R Mills

130/11 Declarations of Interest for the meeting and any changes to be notified for the Registers of Interests and Gifts & Hospitality:

Declarations of interest were as previously recorded – no changes were necessary to the registers.

131/11 Closure of the Meeting to allow Parishioners Present to speak on any Matter on the agenda

There were no questions from parishioners.

132/11 Policing Report

Due to operational reasons the Policing team had presented their apologies for being unable to attend the meeting.

133/11 Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd November, 2011 were unanimously **approved** by Members and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of that meeting.

134/11 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising that were not covered elsewhere on the agenda for the meeting.

135/11 Action undertaken since the previous Council meeting (Held 28th September).

The Clerk circulated a paper summarising the following actions that had been undertaken since the previous meeting on 2nd November:-

Replacement larger capacity rubbish bin for siting opposite Daniel's Garage, Wells Road	Bin Received and sited 9th November
Additional salt and grit bins	Bins delivered and sited 11th November
Assarts Road play area possible extension	Initial meeting held with consultants - funding discussions with District Council to be progressed
Neighbourhood plan working Group	initial meeting of group held 30th November
Gas lamps Refurbishment project	19 lamps out of 48 now completed

This report was noted and accepted by the Council.

136/11 Report of the Planning Committee held on 10th November

Cllr P Buchanan presented the report of the Planning Committee which had been held on 10th November. The report, and the recommendations contained therein, were noted and **accepted** by the Council

137/11 Gas Lamps Refurbishment project

Cllr Black gave an update report on the ongoing refurbishments project. Most of the Windsor type lamps were due to be back on their posts by the end of November. There were ongoing problems with the repair work on the older Foster & Pullen lamps and this was having a knock on effect on the slippage of the programmed refurbishment schedule.

It was noted that, whilst there had been many compliments paid by local residents on the effectiveness of the completed refurbished lamps, there were some issues with certain lamps on the Wells Road which were remaining illuminated during daylight hours. The Clerk had reported these issues to the contractor for attention.

The Clerk also advised that he had now submitted the first invoices for completed refurbishment works so to the District Council and that the first grant payment of £27k was now awaited.

The District Council had been asked to send revised invoices for the gas supplied since 1st April. Discussions would now need to be held with suppliers to negotiate a firm contract for the ongoing supply of gas once the refurbishment project had been completed.

138/11 Provision of new Parish Amenities

The Clerk reported that he, the Chairman and Cllr O' Donnell had recently met informally with representatives from a playground equipment supplier who had agreed to draw up indicative plans for the refurbishment and development of the Assarts Road play area. They would also be advising on draft suggested schemes for other play facilities within the

Parish. The company would be providing indicative costings for the supply of new equipment and further investigations would now be undertaken to identify areas of land within the Parish where such facilities might be extended and developed.

Further discussions were due to be held with the District Council regarding the release of section 106 funds which could be used to finance suitable schemes within the Parish once they had been identified.

A meeting of the play and open spaces working group would be called early in the new year to formulate plans for future play developments and update reports would be made to future meetings of the Council.

139/11 Community Events

- (a) Christmas Celebrations** -Cllr Mrs. Burrage reported that preparations for the "Sing a Song of Christmas" evening at the Village Hall on 16th December were well in hand. The event was being widely advertised on notice boards throughout the Parish and on the Parish and County Council websites. Funding would be made available from within the approved community events budget to pay for light refreshments for those attending the event.
- (b) Summer Fete 2012** - Cllr Mrs Cheeseman confirmed that the date of the Parish Summer Fete had been set as Sunday 15th July on the Village Green. Additional help would be needed from Members and from within the local community with respect to the organisation of the 2012 event. Members would be called upon to assist with this as and when required. It was hoped that additional volunteers from within the Parish would come forward to help with preparations and letters were being sent to local community groups to spread the request for assistance.
- (c) The Queens Jubilee and Olympic Torch procession**-it was agreed that Members should consider whether the Parish should promote events to celebrate both the Queens Jubilee and the Olympic torch procession that was due to pass through Malvern Wells . In order to assist with the planning of these events the Chairman requested that any such proposals should be brought before the next meeting of the Parish Council so that suitable arrangements could be put in place.

140/11 Reports of representatives o other bodies

- (a) Worcestershire County Council** – Cllr Brown mentioned that the 2012/13 budget consultation process was about to start at the County Council. Those parishes who had ordered additional grit bins should see deliveries being completed by mid-December
- (b) Malvern Hills District Council** – Cllr C Cheeseman that the District Council would be making arrangements to allow free car parking in the week before Christmas. The Malvern Hills AONB Board had informed the District Council of their strong objections to the two preferred development option sites that had been included in the draft South Worcestershire Development plan

140/11 Cemetery matters

The Clerk reported that some repair works to some sunken graves been undertaken and some of the older stone grave tops had been refurbished with new gravel. A tree survey report was now due to be undertaken in the cemetery and a report on findings would be made to the next available meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

141/11 Payment of Accounts: The under mentioned accounts were approved for payment:

2863	David Taverner	Clerks Salary & Expenses-November	1,489.36
2864	Martin Thomas	Outdoor Works - November	443.20
2865	Steve Maund	Outdoor Works - November	687.98

Signed

Chairman

25th January, 2012