

West Malvern Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14th July 2014 in the Village Hall.

Present

Cllrs. Mr W Shearer (Chairman), Mr S Allison, Mrs J Burford, Mrs E Harnden, Mrs S Rouse
Mr A Turner, Mr L Unsworth

In Attendance

County and District Cllr. Prof. J Raine & District Cllr. Mr J Roskams. , Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and four members of the public.

Before the meeting Mr David Hannon, Mr Kim Fu (Rooftop Housing) and Tracy Simpson (Heritage Care) updated the meeting on the proposed plans for Adelaide House. Redevelopment would take place over the next year and a neighbourhood charter had been drafted as a guide for construction work. Residents were asked to review and comment on the proposals and a final charter would be prepared.

Tracy Simpson confirmed that two staff would be on site at any one time and the 10 residents would stay for a maximum of 12 weeks. She stressed that this was not a secure unit and each individual would have a support package tailored to their needs. If the centre was successful an extension would be planned to house a gym, cafeteria and offices.

Finally a local resident who happened to be an ex serviceman with PTSD gave his insight into the signs and symptoms of the condition and asked residents to support the initiative.

84/14 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors:

Mr C Rouse (Malvern Hills Conservators)

85/14 Interests

- i. ***Councillors Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) and Other Disclosable Interests (ODI) regarding items on the agenda:*** Cllr. Turner declared a DPI in planning application 14/00502/HOU since he was a near neighbour.
- 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.*** It was agreed to grant the following dispensation:
Cllr. Turner to discuss and vote on application 14/00502/HOU. To last until the next ordinary election.

86/14 Reports from other representatives

To receive reports from County and District Councillors, Malvern Hills Conservators, Tree and Footpaths Wardens and other representatives:

District and County Cllr. John Raine reported that he had met with Gerry Brienza from WCC Highways to discuss local issues and had pointed out a number of complaints. Mark Coulson, the new head of lighting had met with Brian Harper to discuss the introduction of electric 'gas lights' in the county. WCC had already upgraded lights on Wyche Road to LEDs although there were no plans to extend into West Malvern.

District Cllr. Julian Roskams confirmed that MHDC and Wychavon DC were to share a chief executive, although the details regarding the appointment had not been finalised.

87/14 Minutes

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

88/14 Progress Reports and other matters arising from the minutes

The new waste bin had been installed outside the village hall.

As yet there had been no applicants to take over as footpaths warden.

Concerns were raised over the derelict 'Lamb Inn' pub sign. Although the Clerk had notified the agents for the property nothing had been done to make it safe.

89/14 Planning

The following applications were considered:

Application No	From	Details
14/00502/HOU	Mr & Mrs Dawkins 3 Lamb Bank	Erection of two storey side extension.
14/00565/HOU	Mr C Hollier Kandersteg, 10 Park Road	Refurbishment of existing house to include the removal of poor quality porch and utility extensions and addition of new lower ground and first floor extensions.
14/00751/HOU	Mr & Mrs McKinlay 142 West Malvern Road	Rear extension to form kitchen/dinning room.

The following responses were agreed:

14/00502/HOU - 'The Parish Council has no objection. However we would like to point out that there is no direct vehicular access to the site and deliveries via Lamb Bank or Ebrington Road will require careful consideration'.

14/00565/HOU - 'The Parish Council wishes to object. The first floor extension is out of keeping with the main dwelling'.

14/00751/HOU - 'The Parish Council recommends approval'.

90/14 Playing Fields

A new bollard was to be installed at the entrance to the playing fields tomorrow.

It was noted that the tap by the old pavilion had been left on and the Clerk was to investigate getting it capped.

91/14 Allotments & Community Woodland

i. To consider removal of ash trees from the allotment site : The estimated cost was £800 and since the work was not considered to be a priority a decision if and when to start was deferred.

ii. To consider quotation for flattening a 'glade' area in the community woodland: Both local District Councillors had agreed in principle to pay half the expected £800 cost for flattening and sowing the area, as well as purchasing a brush cutter for future maintenance. It was hoped that work would commence later in the month with seeding taking place in September.

92/14 Highways & Footpaths

The Clerk was to check whether all the yellow line markings had been correctly replaced following top dressing on West Malvern Road.

Another review of the highways was to be made next month by councillors. Cllr. Turner to arrange.

93/14 Finance

To consider payment of invoices presented: The following payments were approved

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	03/07	£236.00	Lengthman Fees (Jun)
SF Creamer	30/06	£40.00	Bus Shelter Cleaning (Jun)
Malvern Town Council	25/06	£162.44	Grass Cutting
Severn Trent Water	16/06	£226.56	Allotment Water Charges
Simon Close	26/06	£120.00	Strimming Woodland and Playing Fields
Anthem Uk Ltd	18/06	£60.00	Internal Audit Fee
West Malvern Village Hall	01/07	£36.00	Village Hall Hire
Autobars	09/07	£39.70	Barrier Post for Playing Fields
B&Q	14/07	£6.72	Concrete for Barrier
B&Q	09/07	£21.48	Fittings for Waste Bin
Malvern Springs	24/06	£15.00	Diesel for Woodland
J Mart	30/06	£6.99	Weedkiller for Woodland
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£237.20	PAYE (Apr-Jun)
DA Sharp	14/07	£316.36	Clerk's Fees (£395.36 gross SP25)
Total		£1,524.45	

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

Savings Account B/F	£4,460.71
Interest	£0.42
Interest	£0.22
Savings Account C/F	£14,461.35

Community Account B/F	£6,941.93
July Payments	-£1,524.45
Community Account C/F	£5,417.48

94/14 Correspondence

To consider the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
MHDC	*	Parish and Town Council Conference 23 October
WCC	*	Draft Planning Validation Document
Rural Services Network	*	Parish views sought on rural housing
South Worcestershire CAB	*	Invitation to AGM - Wednesday 16th July 7.00pm till 9.00pm - Wychavon District Council
Brian Harper	*	Gas Lamps
WCC	*	Worcestershire Minerals Local Plan: CALL FOR SITES

95/14 Councillors' items for Report

It was noted that no further progress had been made with the diocese regarding the Village Hall.

96/14 Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Monday 8th September 2014 in the Fisher Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.25 pm.