

West Malvern Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th October 2015 in The Fisher Hall.

Present

Cllrs. Mr W Shearer (Chairman), Mrs C Bower, Mrs J Burford, Mrs E Harnden, Mr C Rouse, Ms S Rouse, Mr A Turner.

In Attendance

County and District Cllr. Prof J Raine; District Cllr. Mr J Roskams; Mr D Sharp (Clerk).

113/15 Apologies

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

114/15 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. (Written requests to be with the clerk at least 4 clear days prior to a meeting.):** There were none.

115/15 Reports from other representatives

To receive reports from County and District Councillors, Malvern Hills Conservators, Tree and Footpath Wardens:

County Cllr. J Raine reported that he was meeting the chief engineer from the Highways department to review the positioning of yellow lines on stretches of West Malvern Road.

District Cllr. J Roskams reported that there was likely to be a merging of senior officers in Malvern Hills and Wychaven District Councils. Also the Council was looking to devolve more powers.

Mr C Rouse confirmed that elections for representatives to the Malvern Hills Conservators were to be held on 22nd October.

116/15 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th September were approved and signed by the Chairman.

117/15 Progress Reports and other matters arising from the minutes

No matters were discussed.

118/15 Planning

To consider responses to any late submitted applications: No applications had been received.

119/15 Gas Lamps

Update on reinstatement of Lower Dingle lamp damaged by fire: The Clerk reported that the lantern had been removed by Sight Design and he was liaising with National Grid over their liability to pay for its refurbishment.

120/15 Playing Fields

The Clerk was to contact Mr M Jewell regarding the grass cutting of the bank next year.

Cllr. Turner reported that he had repaired some equipment.

The Clerk confirmed that no licence was required for weed spraying if performed on a non commercial basis.

The Clerk was to circulate a risk register to be approved at the next meeting.

121/15 Allotments & Community Woodland

The Allotment Association AGM was to be held on 3rd November. Chairman and Clerk to undertake an inspection with Mr Tom Dutton during the previous week. Mr M White had distributed a newsletter to plot holders and hoped this would be a regular publication.

The Chairman and Clerk had removed several more trees to improve the view from the glade. The concrete pads had been installed and the benches would be installed in the spring.

122/15 Highways & Footpaths

An abandoned car on Old Hollow was to be reported to the District Council for removal. The Clerk had written to some households regarding hedges overhanging the highway. County Cllr. John Raine was to request that yellow lines be placed on the junction of Old Hollow and the Outdoor Centre track when he meets with WCC Highways.

123/15 Finance

Approval of payments due:

The following payments were approved.

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	06/08	£118.00	Lengthman (Jul Underpayment)
J Moore	02/10	£118.00	Lengthman (Sep)
SF Creamer	30/09	£50.00	Bus Shelter Cleaning (Sep)
Malvern Hills Decking & Fencing	23/09	£650.00	Concrete Pads & Bench Fitting
John Ingles	-	£380.00	Bus Shelter Maintenance
West Malvern Village Hall	05/10	£24.00	Hire Charges
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£242.40	PAYE (Jul-Sep)
DA Sharp	12/10	£323.28	Clerk's Fees (£404.08 gross SP25)
Total		£1,905.68	

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

Savings Account B/F	£14,471.48
Interest	£2.55
Savings Account C/F	£14,474.03

Community Account B/F	£5,546.97
MHDC Precept	£8,700.00
WCC Lengthman	£236.00
Western Power Wayleave	£17.13
October Payments	-£1,905.68
Community Account C/F	£12,594.42

124/15 Correspondence

To consider the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
MHDC	*	SWDP - presentation to Parish/Town Councils 10th September 2015
WCC	*	Free Winter Prepared Training
MHDC	*	Speed Reduction Wheelie Bin Stickers
MHDC	*	MHDC Standards Committee - Chairman's Introduction
MHDC	*	Community Services E-Newsletter
MHDC	*	Parish and Town Council Conference, Mon 5th October, 6-8.30 pm at the Council Chamber
MHDC	*	Gambling Act 2005 - Consultation on Revised Statement of Principles
MHDC	*	MHDC Standards Committee - Monday 12th October 5:00p.m.
AONB	*	MHAONB E-bulletin October 2015
MHDC	*	Parish Conference - S106 and CIL Presentation and Hand-out
MHDC	*	Consultation on Main Modifications to the Submitted South Worcestershire Development Plan (2006- 2030)
Worcestershire Partnership		Newsletter 9 October 2015
Madresfield Estate		Bluebell Field Agreement
HSBC		FATCA Declaration

125/15 Councillors' items for Report

Concerns were raised over the thoroughness and frequency of the bus shelter cleaning. Clerk to make enquiries and ask for visits to be indicated on future invoices.

The terminus bus shelter had been repaired and painted.

Cllr. S Rouse to undertake spraying of dog fouling.

126/15 Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Monday 9th November 2015 in the Fisher Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.