

West Malvern Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14th December 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

Mr C Penn (Malvern Hills Conservators); Mr D Sharp (Clerk).

141/15 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: County and District Cllr. Prof J Raine; District Cllr. Mr J Roskams.

142/15 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.

143/15 Reports from other representatives

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

Mr Charles Penn reported that the new board of the Malvern Hills Conservators had met and elected Mr Roger Hall Jones as Chairman. Mr Duncan Bridges had been appointed as new Director and was expected to take up office from 1st February 2016, in the mean time Susan Satchell was acting in his place. The new finance committee had met and agreed an increase in precept of approximately £1.50 per household.

Cllr. S Rouse presented the District Councillors' report. All senior managers would now be shared with Wychavon District Council as well as legal services. It was expected that planning services would be merged in May 2016. A strategic review was still to be undertaken and further devolution planned, such as waste services.

144/15 Minutes

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

145/15 Progress Reports and other matters arising from the minutes

No matters were discussed.

146/15 Planning

To consider responses to any late submitted applications:

No applications were presented.

147/15 Gas Lamps

Update on reinstatement of Lower Dingle lamp damaged by fire: National Grid had agreed to pay half of the reinstatement costs of the lamp and this was approved by the Council. It was hoped it could be installed by Christmas.

148/15 Playing Fields

The Clerk reported that the padlock on the bollard leading to the playing fields had been vandalised and removed on two recent occasions. There was evidence to suggest that a vehicle had gained access to the top field although no noticeable damage had been caused. He had replaced the locks and would monitor the situation.

149/15 Allotments & Community Woodland

The Clerk had obtained a quotation for two wooded picnic benches of £450 each. The Local District Councillors had indicated that funds would be available from their allowances and it was planned they should be installed in March.

150/15 Highways & Footpaths

Concerns were raised over overhanging vegetation on local roads, particularly at the bottom of Blackheath Way and the poor state of the footway on DeWalden Road. Both were to be reported to WCC.

151/15 Finance

Approval of payments due:

The following payments were approved:

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	26/11	£236.00	Lengthman Fees (Nov)
SF Creamer	30/11	£40.00	Bus Shelter Cleaning (Nov)
Screwfix		£24.95	2 x Combi Padlocks
CPRE	-	£36.00	Annual Subscription
St James Church	-	£350.00	Donation
South Worcestershire CAB	-	£150.00	Donation
DA Sharp	14/12	£323.28	Clerk's Fees (£404.08 gross SP25)
	Total	£1,160.23	

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

Savings Account B/F	£14,474.03
Savings Account C/F	£14,474.03

Community Account B/F	£10,622.66
WCC Lengthman	£236.00
December Payments	-£1,160.23
Community Account C/F	£9,698.43

152/15 Correspondence

To consider the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
Sight Designs	*	Transition Malvern Hills November Events
WCC	*	Notification of the Next Parish Conference 24 th Feb 2016
Andy Norman	*	Couch 25k Running Programme
MHDC	*	Parish Conference Workshop Feedback
WCC	*	Clean for The Queen 2016
Tesco	*	Local Community Grants
MHDC	*	Neighbourhood Planning Workshops 25/28 January
WCC	*	Worcestershire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Consultation
Elim Cafe	*(i)	Resurfacing
CPRE		Membership and Countryside Voice
MHDC	(ii)	Precept and Tax Base

(i) Clerk to write requesting further information before a decision can be made whether Parish Council to make a contribution.

(ii) Clerk with Cllrs. Shearer, S Rouse and Turner to prepare draft budget for discussion at the next meeting.

153/15 Councillors' items for Report

The Chairman reported that he and the Clerk were to meet with a representative from Admiral Taverns to discuss the future of the Brewers Arms.

154/15 Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Monday 11th January 2016.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.