

# West Malvern Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 in the Fisher Hall.

### Present

Cllrs. Mr W Shearer (Chairman), Mrs C Bower, Mrs J Burford, Mr C Rouse, Mr A Turner, Mr T White.

### In Attendance

District & County Cllr. Prof. J Raine, Mr C Penn (Malvern Hills Conservators), Mr D Sharp (Clerk) & eight members of the public.

Before the meeting several members of the public expressed their opposition to two planning applications on West Malvern Road.

### 01/17 Apologies

#### **To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors:**

There were none.

### 02/17 Interests

**i. Councillors Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) and Other Disclosable Interests (ODI) regarding items on the agenda:** Cllr. Shearer declared an ODI relating to planning application 16/01641/FUL 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:** Cllr. Shearer to discuss planning application 16/01641/FUL: This was agreed and the dispensation would last until the next ordinary election.

### 03/17 Reports from other representatives

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

**Mr Charles Penn (Malvern Hills Conservators)** clarified information regarding a car that had become stuck in Black Hill car park. He also confirmed that a review of the governance and branding of the Conservators would be subject to public consultation later in the year.

**County and District Cllr. John Raine's** confirmed that next year's budget was being finalised and that the decision whether to contract out waste collection would be made soon.

The County Council was considering a return to the committee system rather than cabinet system currently in place.

### 04/17 Minutes

**To consider for adoption the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting:** The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### 05/17 Progress Reports and other matters arising from the minutes

The Clerk confirmed that no further news had been received about the council's application to adopt the two kiosks in the village.

### 06/17 Planning

#### **To consider responses to the following applications:**

Application No.	From	Details
16/01712/FUL	Old Orchard, 230B West Malvern Rd	The construction of a three bedroom dwelling (to mobility standards) car parking spaces and associated works.
16/01641/FUL	232 West Malvern Rd	Demolition of part of end wall of 232 and making good of wall. Conversion and extension of existing garage to dwelling
16/01607/FUL	Lyra, Brockhill Road	Amendments to planning approval (Ref 13/00580/FUL) for a "Replacement dwelling and garage with associated landscaping" to include amendments to basement to create habitable accommodation; fire exit; bridge and garden store access and associated changes. (Part Retrospective).

The following responses were agreed:

16/01712/FUL - The Parish Council recommends refusal:

There does not appear to be sufficient space for safe ingress and egress of vehicles and although 2 off road parking spaces are planned there will be the loss of at least one on road space.

The size and positioning of the building will overlook and dominate those fronting DeWalden Road.

The plain timber clad side elevations are in particular out of keeping with the neighbouring properties.

16/01641/FUL - The Parish Council recommends refusal:

The provision of car parking on the opposite side of West Malvern Road to the proposed property is impractical, both for not being in the vicinity of the dwelling but also the restricted access caused by the four garages that are currently in place. Furthermore 2 garage car parking spaces have been removed due to their demolition so there is no net increase in car parking provision for the new dwelling.

The proposed new dwelling will overlook and be overbearing to the properties below.

No suitable drainage scheme has been proposed to ensure that neighbouring properties are not adversely affected by run off.

16/01607/FUL - The Parish Council has no objection.

### 07/17 Playing Fields

The Clerk reported that a new seat for the round-a-bout had been delivered and would be installed when the weather allowed.

### 08/17 Allotments & Community Woodland

The Clerk reported that this years rental demands had been distributed. Several new fence posts had been temporarily installed on the allotment fence bordering the woodland and would be properly secured when the weather allowed.

### 09/17 Highways & Footpaths

It was noted that some of the cats eyes on West Malvern Road had not been refitted following resurfacing. Clerk to enquire.

### 10/17 Finance

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

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	24/12	£236.00	Lengthman Fees (December)
Michael Barrett	-	£86.20	Bus Shelters (December)
West Malvern Village Hall	03/01	£27.00	Village Hall Hire
Severn Trent Water	29/12	£165.12	Allotment Water Charges
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£247.40	PAYE (Oct-Dec)
DA Sharp	09/01	£329.80	Clerk's Fees (£412.20 SP25)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,091.52</b>	

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

<b>Savings Account B/F</b>	<b>£14,484.15</b>
Interest	£1.46
<b>Savings Account C/F</b>	<b>£14,485.61</b>

<b>Community Account B/F</b>	<b>£10,011.29</b>
HMRC Vat	£1,366.87
WCC Lengthman	£236.00
January Payments	-£1,091.52
<b>Community Account C/F</b>	<b>£10,522.64</b>

*ii. To consider the budget for 2017/18 and set a precept:* The budget was considered and agreed and a precept of £17,400 (including parish grant) was to be requested.

### 11/17 Correspondence

*To consider the following correspondence previously circulated:*

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
AONB	*	E-bulletin December 2016
WCC	*	Local Transport Plan Consultation
MHDC	*	Consultation on dog fouling
AONB	*	Would you like to work with the Malvern Hills AONB in 2017/18?
S Worcs CAB		Letter of thanks

### 12/17 Councillors' items for Report

Nothing further was discussed.

### 13/17 Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.