

West Malvern Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10th April 2017 in the Fisher Hall.

Present

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

In Attendance

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

40/17 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors:

Cllr. Mrs E Harnden (accepted).

41/17 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: There were none.

42/17 Reports from other representatives

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

Charles Penn (Malvern Hills Conservators) reported that the annual precept had been increased by 11% in part due to the loss of EU funding but also due to the freezing of the precept for the last few years. He also briefed the council on the re-branding of the organisation which would now be referred to as **Malvern Hills Trust**. The reason for the change had been deemed appropriate since it emphasised the charitable status of the organisation and also the word 'conservators' was confusing to some members of the public. The re-branding had involved new signage and logo at a cost of between £30,000 - £40,000. A governance review was ongoing.

County and District Cllr. John Raine mentioned that there were to be WCC elections in May. In the District the future of the Tourist Information Centre was being debated and the refurbishment of the Council House was ongoing as other buildings were being sold off.

43/17 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 13th March were approved and signed by the Chairman.

44/17 Progress Reports and other matters arising from the minutes

The CEO of Malvern Hills Conservators was to attend the Annual Parish Meeting next month.

45/17 Planning

To consider responses to the following and any late submitted applications:

Application No.	From	Details
17/00469/HP	Mr Paul Farrer The Bank House, Westminster Bank	Single story extension and decking area to front elevation.

It was agreed to return 'No Objection' to the application.

46/17 Playing Fields

The Clerk confirmed that grass cutting had commenced and he had met with Mike Comlay who was to undertake a tree survey. Following receipt of the RoSPA safety report a shackle was to be replaced on one of the swing chains.

WestFest was to be held on 1st July.

47/17 Allotments & Community Woodland

The insurance claim for damage to a greenhouse adjacent to the allotments was progressing.

The Chairman and Clerk had removed a number of trees adjacent to the glade to improve vistas.

48/17 Highways & Footpaths

It was agreed not to renew the Lengthman contract with Mr J Moore. Any such work would be undertaken by Mr M Barrett on an issue by issue basis, once he had undertaken the appropriate training at WCC.

A metal road cover was missing near the entrance to Elim. Clerk to investigate.

49/17 Finance

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

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	23/03	£118.00	Lengthman Fees (March)
Michael Barrett	01/04	£86.20	Bus Shelters (March)
The Madresfield Estate	16/03	£60.00	Bluebell Field Rent
Playsafety Ltd	07/04	£105.00	Playground Report
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£247.40	PAYE (Jan-Mar)
DA Sharp	10/04	£329.60	Clerk's Fees (£412.20 SP25)
	Total	£946.20	

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

Savings Account B/F	£14,485.61
Savings Account C/F	£14,485.61

Community Account B/F	£9,916.63
Allotment Rents	£119.55
WCC Lengthman	£236.00
April Payments	-£946.20
Community Account C/F	£9,325.98

50/17 Correspondence

To consider the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
AONB	*	Contribution
MHDC	*	Parish and Town Council Forum - Mon 24 April 2017, 6-8.30 pm
MHDC	*	Five year plan consultation
David Butler	*	Goats
MHDC	*	Community Housing Fund
Jenny Close	*	Village Hall
Playsafety	*	Playground Report
Grant Thornton		External Audit

51/17 Councillors' items for Report

It was noted that some building work was being undertaken at Adelaide House.

52/17 Next Meeting

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 8th May 2017 in the Village Hall following the Annual Parish Meeting which starts at 7.45pm.

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