

West Malvern Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th February 2018 in the Fisher Hall.

Present

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

In Attendance

County & District Cllr. Prof. J Raine, District Cllr. Mrs N McVey, Mr C Penn (Malvern Hills Trust) Mr D Sharp (Clerk).

14/18 Apologies

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

15/18 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.

16/18 Reports from other representatives

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

County & District Cllr. Prof. John Raine reported that both WCC and MHDC were currently setting budgets for 2018/19; alternative waste and recycling collections were to start in April; the planning application for 4 houses on West Malvern Road just outside the parish had been approved on appeal; and finally the footway near the Dingle was to be resurfaced in the Spring.

Mr Charles Penn (Malvern Hills Trust) confirmed that the St Anne's Well cafe had reopened and there had been a considerable amount of wind damage to trees recently which had proved costly. The 'Good Neighbour Guide' had been distributed to households; plans to open a period of consultation regarding proposed changes to the governance of the organisation was in hand and representatives were to attend the West Malvern Annual Parish Meeting in May; funding to support maintenance costs of the Hills following the UK's exit from the EU were looking positive. Finally he accepted that mountain bikes were causing a considerable amount of damage to certain bridleways but as yet there was no restriction that could be imposed.

17/18 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 8th January were approved and signed by the Chairman.

18/18 Progress Reports and other matters arising from the minutes: No matters were discussed.

19/18 Planning

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

Application No.	From	Details
18/00126/HP	Mrs Katie Watson 157 Old Hollow	Demolition of single storey extension and construction of new entrance porch, replacement single storey side extension, external deck area above a new garage and the provision of new off street parking provision.

The following response was agreed: "The Parish Council has no objection to this application".

20/18 Playing Fields & Open Spaces

The Clerk asked councillors to view the Glade within the community woodland to determine whether it would be advisable to install a rough path along the route pedestrians took to mitigate against wear.

21/18 Allotments & Community Woodland

The Clerk reported that he had replaced a tap that was leaking. He had also applied for a new account with 'Water Plus' who were taking over billing from Severn Trent. A large vehicle had damaged the fence bordering Old Hollow by reversing and had been witnessed by a plot holder. The Clerk confirmed he was in contact with the company and hoped that they would admit liability and pay for repairs. A quotation was being sought.

22/18 Highways & Footpaths

Update on Phone Box renovation: The painting of the kiosk had been delayed by poor weather. As soon as it was completed the new glass would be installed. Malvern Hills AONB had offered to produce a local information map for the kiosk at the Dingle and this was gratefully accepted.

23/18 Finance

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

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
Michael Barrett	31/01	£86.20	Bus Shelters (Jan)
British Gas	03/01	£674.04	Gas Lamp Supply
M Jewell	10/01	£82.00	Grass Cutting
X2 Connect	08/02	£336.00	Telephone Kiosk Glass
J Mart	31/01	£9.99	Allotment tap
DA Sharp	12/02	£329.80	Clerk's Fees (Gross £412.20 SP25)
Total		£1,518.03	

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

Savings Account B/F	£14,491.76
Savings Account C/F	£14,491.76

Community Account B/F	£11,485.82
Allotment Rents	£820.40
February Payments	-£1,518.03
Community Account C/F	£10,788.19

ii. To consider setting up a Direct Debit for future water usage invoices: This was agreed and the form was completed and signed by Cllrs. Shearer and Burford.

24/18 Correspondence

The following correspondence was considered:

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
MHDC	*	Invitation to take part in the Joint MHDC & Wychavon DC Peer Review. 11.30am on Tuesday 6 March 2018
AONB	*	Working with the Malvern Hills AONB Partnership in 2018/19
Misc	*	Bus Shelter Cleaning
MHDC	*	Parish News Update
WCC	*	Spring Parish Conference 6th March - Market Place from 5pm - Council Chamber, County Hall
MHDC	*	Hidden gems - potential project
AONB	*	Map for Kiosk
Malvern Hills Trust	*	Malvern Hills Trust to attend May meeting
MHDC	*	Notification of Consultation on Supplementary Planning Documents
St James Church		Costs

25/18 Councillors' items for Report

The date for WestFest this year was confirmed as Saturday 7th July.

The Royal Horticultural Society Open Weekend at Ardenale was confirmed as 26/27 May.

26/18 Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 12th March 2018 in the Fisher Hall.

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