

West Malvern Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th September 2019 in West Malvern Village Hall.

Present

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

In Attendance

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

97/19 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Cllr. Mr A Turner (accepted). Also District Cllr. N McVey.

98/19 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.

99/19 Reports from other representatives

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

Charles Penn (Malvern Hills Trust) reported that District Cllr. Mick Davies had been elected chairman of the Trust following the resignation of Mr Simon Freeman. He would hold the position until the forthcoming elections. He confirmed that the make up of the Trust board following these elections would be governed by the current system. Consultations were well underway regarding proposed changes to the way the Trust was governed. This would close on 13th October.

Following his report Mr Penn left the meeting.

District & County Cllr. Prof J Raine reported that a full meeting of the County Council would take place on Thursday. The District Council was currently analysing its priorities and had recently released a leisure strategy. The Splash sports complex was now 30 years old and would be targeted for refurbishment. Finally the Council Chamber refurbishment had been completed and would host the meeting of the Council next week.

100/19 Minutes

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

101/19 Progress Reports and other matters arising from the minutes

The Clerk reported that he had received a request to install a defibrillator in the phone box at the terminus. This would be considered next month.

Cllr. Gregory was to meet with a representative of Platform Housing (formerly Fortis Housing) to discuss social housing in the parish and also parking arrangements for Boundless Outdoors (formerly Outdoor Elements).

102/19 Planning

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

Application No	Location	Details
19/01023/FUL	Two Shires, Brockhill Rd.	To demolish the existing dwelling and replace with new dwelling
19/01143/HP	Foxhole, West Malvern Rd.	Modifications to existing elevations including new facing materials and new window and door configurations
19/01255/HP	Harcourt Cottage 252 West Malvern Road	Balcony and sun terrace to rear, new windows to front / rear and new roof light.

Application 19/01023/FUL had already been approved by Malvern Hills District Council.

The following responses were agreed:

19/01143/HP, 19/01255/HP – "The Parish Council has no objection to the application."

103/19 Playing Fields

The Clerk was to inspect the bank below the lower field for Japanese knotweed and Cllr. Rouse had offered to cut the banked area.

104/19 Allotments & Community Woodland

The two backless benches had been installed in the glade. The paths through the woodland were to be reviewed for maintenance.

105/19 Highways & Footpaths

The Clerk was to investigate ownership of the triangle of land adjacent to 1 Lower Road and Old Hollow.

106/19 Malvern Hills Trust

To consider a submission to the recent consultation regarding constitutional changes: The response was delegated to the Clerk, in consultation with councillors. Once submitted councillors would be free to submit their own response. Similarly if a response from the Parish Council could not be agreed.

107/19 Finance**To consider payment of invoices presented:**

The following payments were made between meetings from the main account and require ratification:

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
Bob Burford	08/07	£126.00	Telephone box repairs/painting
British Gas	18/07	£674.04	Gas Lamp Supply
D Sharp	12/08	£336.22	Clerk's Fee (Gross £420.42 SP25)
	Total	£1,136.26	

The following payments were approved:

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
Bob Burford	09/09	£86.20	Village Handyman (August)
MHDC	29/07	£36.00	Election Charges
DA Sharp	08/07	£336.42	Clerk's Fees (Gross £420.42 SP25)
	Total	£458.62	

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

Savings Account B/F	£14,522.60
Savings Account C/F	£14,522.60

Community Account B/F	£17,263.55
Payments	-£1,136.26
	-£458.62
Community Account C/F	£15,668.67

108/19 Correspondence**To consider the following correspondence previously circulated:**

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
WCC	*	Road Traffic Waiting Restrictions and Street Parking Places
MHDC	*	Malvern Solemates Walk Programme
MHDC	*	Polling station survey
CAB	*	AGM: - Tuesday, 17 September 2019
CPRE	*	Information
CPRE		Countryside Voice
ICO		Data Protection Renewal

109/19 Councillors' items for Report

It was noted that the Brewers Arms pub was again closed and the brewery, Admiral Taverns, was currently looking for a new landlord. Clerk to write to area manager requesting the Parish Council be kept informed of developments.

110/19 Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 14th October 2019 in the Fisher Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.