

West Malvern Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14th October 2019 in West Malvern Village Hall.

Present

Cllrs. Mr A Turner (Vice Chairman), Mrs C Bower, Mrs J Burford, Mr L Gregory, Mr C Rouse,.

In Attendance

District & County Cllr. Prof J Raine, Mr D Sharp (Clerk).

111/19 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Cllrs. Mr W Shearer and Mr T White (accepted). Also District Cllr. N McVey and Mr C Penn (Malvern Hills Trust).

112/19 Interests

i. Councillors Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) and Other Disclosable Interests (ODI) regarding items on the agenda: Cllr. Turner declared an ODI regarding planning application 19/01232/HP - The Glade, Blackheath Way, since he was a 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. Turner to discuss planning application 19/01232/HP - The Glade, Blackheath Way: This was approved and would last until the next ordinary election.

113/19 Reports from other representatives

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

The Clerk reported on the resignation of John Nixon from his position of Tree Warden and he had sent him a letter of thanks for all he had done in tenure.

District & County Cllr. Prof J Raine reported on several issues he had discussed with Hannah Davies, Highways Liaison Officer, including repairs to the footway by the village hall and improvements to drainage at the Blackheath Way/Park Road Junction.

The District Council was currently analysing its priorities which would be subject to public consultation and he was to look at the feasibility of running a pilot recycling collection from public litter bins, possibly in West Malvern.

114/19 Minutes

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

115/19 Progress Reports and other matters arising from the minutes

The request to install a defibrillator in the phone box at the terminus would be considered next month. Cllr. Gregory was making progress arranging a meeting with Platform Housing regarding parking arrangements for Boundless Outdoors (formerly Outdoor Elements).

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

No further news had been received over the future opening of The Brewers Arms.

116/19 Planning

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

Application No	Location	Details
19/01399/HP	119 West Malvern Rd	Retrospective planning permission for the retention of altered ground levels including extension of existing patio area by 1m, retention of patio to top of garden, retention of sleepers and steps.
19/01445/HP	169A West Malvern Rd	Garage Conversion and new raised parking bay
19/01421/HP	8 Lower Montpelier Rd	Extension of off road parking space and access way and existing timber deck
19/00994/HP	1 De Walden Rd	Loft conversion with Front and rear dormers
19/01232/HP	The Glade Blackheath Way	Erection of 2-storey rear and front extensions to replace existing flat roof extensions

The following responses were agreed: 19/01399/HP, 19/01445/HP, 19/01421/HP, 19/00994/HP, 19/01232/HP – "The Parish Council has no objection to the application."

117/19 Playing Fields

The bank above the playing fields had been cut and the Clerk had lopped several low branches from a walkway.

A replacement part was still being sought for the seesaw and the rope climb net had been removed. Some of the safety matting had become dislodged under the round-a-bout.

Cllr. Turner was still reviewing resident's suggestions for improvements to the playing fields facilities.

118/19 Allotments & Community Woodland

No Matters were discussed.

119/19 Highways & Footpaths

Concerns were raised over a homeless person using the Dingle car park. County Cllr. John Raine to notify appropriate bodies.

It was noted that a Brockhill Road residents association had been set up and was to look at resurfacing of the road.

120/19 Finance

To consider payment of invoices presented:

The following payments were approved:

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
Bob Burford	01/10	£168.64	Village Handyman (Sept) + Insurance
CPRE	-	£36.00	Annual Subscription
West Malvern Village Hall	02/10	£15.00	Hire Charges
Sight Design	13/10	£1,370.52	Annual Gas Lamp Maintenance
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£252.20	PAYE Jul-Sep
DA Sharp	14/10	£336.42	Clerk's Fees (Gross £420.42 SP25)
Total		£2,178.78	

It was agreed to pay the Information Commissioner by Direct Debit for GDPR initially set at £35. After these payments are made bank balances will be as follows:

Savings Account B/F	£14,522.60	Community Account B/F	£15,668.67
Interest	£7.32	MHDC Precept	£8,700.00
		October Payments	-£2,178.78
Savings Account C/F	£14,529.92	Community Account C/F	£22,189.89

121/19 Correspondence

To consider the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
WCC	*	Parish Conference Thur 17 October 2019 5pm for 6pm
MHDC	*(i)	Parish & Town Council Forum - Monday 21 October at 5.30pm
MHDC	*	SWDP Review 6/11 2pm or 6pm
WCC	*	Snow Contractors
MHDC	*	Malvern Hills and Wychavon Neighbourhood Watch Together Event on Wed 25 Sept, 5-8pm - Leigh and Bransford Memorial Hall
Clerk	*	Brewers Arms
MHDC	*	District Town and Parish Councillor Planning Training 2019/20
MHDC	*	Ticket to Ride – Fri 11 October, 9:30am-1pm - Council Chamber

(i) – Cllr. Gregory to attend.

122/19 Councillors' items for Report

The Ivy on the Lamb Inn bus shelter was to be trimmed back.

Concerns were raised over the progressive closure of High Street Banks.

It was noted that a free Christmas Day meal was to be provided to 20 residents.

123/19 Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 11th November 2019 in the Fisher Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.