

West Malvern Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11th November 2019 in West Malvern Village Hall.

Before the meeting Mr Tom Dutton proposed that a defibrillator be installed in the phone box at the terminus. This would be paid for from funds raised from the monthly quiz night at the Social Club. This was approved by the meeting and he was to liaise with the clerk.

Present

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

In Attendance

District & County Cllr. Prof J Raine, Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and one member of the public.

124/19 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: District Cllr. N McVey and Mr C Penn (Malvern Hills Trust).

125/19 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.

126/19 Reports from other representatives

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

District & County Cllr. Prof J Raine reported on the SWDP review which was currently out for public consultation. He also confirmed that a street light near St James Crescent had been adapted so that it did not shine directly into properties. The pilot recycling scheme for public waste bins was still being planned and he confirmed that he would be pleased to attend a meeting between Platform Housing and Boundless Outdoors to discuss coach parking.

127/19 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 14th October were approved and signed by the Chairman.

128/19 Progress Reports and other matters arising from the minutes

No matters were discussed.

129/19 Planning

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

Application No	Location	Details
19/01456/HP	The White Cottage 259 West Malvern Road	Installation of a detached timber garden room, to directly replace an existing building
19/01365/HP	Harwyn Lower Dingle	Demolition of existing lean-to extension, construction of extension to include new kitchen and dining, 2no bedrooms, external terrace and rendering of existing property.

The following late submitted application was also considered.

Application No	Location	Details
19/01672/HP	1 De Walden Road	Installation of dormer and skylights to facilitate loft conversion

It was agreed to submit the following response to all three applications:

"The Parish Council has no objection to the application."

130/19 Playing Fields

Cllr. Turner reported difficulties getting a spare part for the broken seesaw in the playground and was to supply the Clerk with details.

131/19 Allotments & Community Woodland

No Matters were discussed.

132/19 Highways & Footpaths

The Clerk was still trying to broker a meeting between Platform Housing and Boundless Outdoors to discuss the possible installation of a coach parking bay on the land bordering Old Hollow owned by the housing association. It was agreed that, as soon as a proposal had been agreed by the two parties, local residents would be consulted

Parking issues outside the primary school had been reported to the neighbourhood policing team who had recently visited the area and spoken to parents.

The Clerk confirmed that nine of the gas lamps were not working and would be reported to Sight Designs.

The Clerk was to enquire of Madresfield Estate when the hedge bordering Old Hollow was to be cut.

The Clerk was to investigate ownership of the verge adjacent to the Runnings Park entrance.

Cllr. Rouse was able to confirm that the parking area at the terminus was owned by Malvern Hills Trust.

133/19 Finance

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

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
Bob Burford	01/11	£86.20	Village Handyman (Oct)
British Gas Trading Ltd.	-	£674.04	Gas Lamp Supply
DA Sharp	11/11	£336.22	Clerk's Fees (Gross £420.42 SP25)
	Total	£1,096.46	

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

Savings Account B/F	£14,529.92	Community Account B/F	£22,189.89
		VAT Rebate	£1,260.90
		Western Power Wayleave	£17.14
		Information Commissioner	-£35.00
		November Payments	-£1,096.46
Savings Account C/F	£14,529.92	Community Account C/F	£22,336.47

134/19 Correspondence

To consider the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
WCC	*	Parish Conference Thur 17 October 2019 5pm for 6pm
WCC	*	Information on Make Our Roads Safer/ Operation SNAP and Adult Services
MHDC	*	Protect Your Business, Protect Your Staff Event
Paul Esrich	*	Publication of the national Landscapes Review (including Malvern Hills AONB)
West Mercia	*	West Mercia PCC's Rural Crime Strategy Consultation
MHDC	*	District, Town and Parish Councillor Training Programme
MHDC	*	South Worcestershire Development Plan Consultation Review Briefing 6 th November
WCC	*	Launch Event Worcestershire Community Rail Partnership 10.30am Friday 8 November 2019
MHDC	*	Planning Training Wednesday 13 November 6.30pm in the Council Chamber
MHDC	*	Parish and Town Council Update

135/19 Councillors' items for Report

It was noted that maintenance work was being undertaken at the Brewers Arms with the hope it could re open by the end of the month.

136/19 Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 9th December 2019 in the Fisher Hall at 7.30pm.

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