

West Malvern Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13th January 2019 in West Malvern Village Hall.

Present

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

In Attendance

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

01/20 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Cllr. Mr C Rouse (accepted).

02/20 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.

03/20 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 that both District and County Councils were currently assessing next years budgets. The local car club was seeking to have designated parking bays for its vehicles. The proposed Malvern Hills climate change action plan was to be published next week and would be considered by full council at the end of the month.

Mr Charles Penn reported that following elections in October, 6 of the 11 elected members and 5 of the appointed 11 were new to the organisation. The proposed changes to the charitable status had been delayed, but the responses to the public consultation were being analysed and would be published soon.

04/20 Minutes

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

05/20 Progress Reports and other matters arising from the minutes

It was noted that a 'Men's Shed' organised by Community First was to soon open on Newtown Road. This was to be a centre for all members of the community to use for mending and making things.

06/20 Planning

To consider responses to any late submitted applications:

The following late submitted application was considered.

Application No	Location	Details
19/01928/HP	26 Lower Road	Erection of single storey extension and rear balcony

It was agreed to submit the following response:

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

07/20 Playing Fields

The Clerk confirmed that he had removed the remaining part of the seesaw above ground level. Its replacement would be included with the improvements planned with S106 funding from the Broadlands Drive development hopefully later this year.

A bench still required to be installed below the top field.

A tree survey was due in the next financial year.

08/20 Allotments & Community Woodland

The Clerk confirmed that annual invoices to plot holders had been distributed.

09/20 Highways & Footpaths

The viability of creating a walkway on the Lower Dingle to aid access to The Brewers Arms was to be investigated.

10/20 Finance

i. To consider the budget for 2020/21 and set a precept: The budget was considered and approved and a precept of £17,400 was to be requested.

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

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
Bob Burford	01/01	£86.20	Village Handyman (Oct)
British Gas	30/12	£674.04	Gas Supply (Lamps)
West Malvern Allotment Association	-	£175.00	NSALG Supplement
Water Plus	-	£465.09	Allotment Water Charges
West Malvern Village Hall	03/01	£26.00	Hire Charges
Malvern Town Council	-	£552.00	Grass Cutting/Rubbish
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£252.20	PAYE (Oct-Dec)
DA Sharp	13/01	£336.22	Clerk's Fees (Gross £420.42 SP25)
Total		£2,566.75	

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

Savings Account B/F	£14,529.92
Savings Account C/F	£14,529.92

Community Account B/F	£18,837.77
January Payments	-£2,566.75
Community Account C/F	£16,271.02

11/20 Correspondence

To consider the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
MHDC	*	Invitation to visit Envirosort recycling facility
Clerk	*	See Saw
MHDC	*	Ticket to Ride – Report Next Meeting Wed 22 Jan 9:30am-1pm - Council Chamber
WCC	*	Funding For Communities – ‘Open for Communities’ funding portal
MHDC	*	District, Town and Parish Councillor Training Programme Wed 15 Jan 2020 – 6.30pm Highways – Manual for Streets Introduction to WCC Highways Design Guide
WCC	*	Budget Briefing 29 January 2020 – 6.30pm
Malvern Town Council	*	The Mayors Leap Year Gala – 28 Feb
CAB		Letter of Thanks
St James Church		Letter of Thanks
AONB		Letter of Thanks

12/20 Councillors' items for Report

The West Malvern sign at the Redan bend was overgrown and was to be reported.

The April meeting was to be rearranged due to Easter and provisionally it was planned for 6th April commencing at 6:30pm.

13/20 Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 10th February 2020 in the Fisher Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.