

West Malvern Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8th March 2021 Online.

Due to Covid 19 restrictions this meeting was held online. The public and local county and district councillors were able to access the meeting if they wished.

Present

Cllrs. Mr A Turner (Chair), Ms C Baxter, Mrs C Bower, Mrs J Burford, Mr L Gregory, Mr C Rouse, Mr T White.

In Attendance

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

27/21 Apologies

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

28/21 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.

29/21 Reports from other representatives

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

District & County Cllr. Prof John Raine reported that WCC had agreed next years budget. He was to meet with Hannah Davies, the Highways Liaison Officer, and would discuss the inappropriate parking at St James Close and it was agreed that the Clerk should write to highlight the issue. A site visit to Adelaide House had been arranged for 15th March and it was expected the planning application would be considered at the Southern Area Planning Committee Meeting on 24th March.

No further information had been received regarding the derelict house on Nabs Pitch and the enforcement team was attempting to contact the contractor at the Lamb Inn site.

He had also met with Herefordshire County Council and the Malvern Hills Trust to discuss parking at the Wyche. It had been agreed to encourage parking at West of England quarry to ease congestion on the highway.

Charles Penn, Malvern Hills Trust reported that there had been an extension to car parking passes until end May. The Trust had also noted an increase in walkers on the hills during the latest 'lock down'. He also confirmed there was a vacancy for a trustee from Priory Ward and also for a new warden due to retirement.

30/21 Minutes

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

31/21 Progress Reports and other matters arising from the minutes

It had been noted that the free standing weather veins in West Malvern were vents to underground water courses and sewers.

32/21 Planning

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

Application No	Location	Details
20/01304/FUL	Adelaide House Park Road	Adelaide House change of use from residential institution to 8 apartments with associated car parking space.

Revised plans had been received but concerns over parking arrangements still remained. The Chairman was to speak at the Southern Area Planning Committee Meeting on 24th March.

33/21 Playing Fields

i. To review consultation on provision of new playground equipment: Cllr. Crawford reviewed feedback over what type of multiplay system to install and the Clerk was to liaise with the current supplier.

ii. To review information on provision of off road bike track: A lot of interest had been generated on the West Malvern Facebook group and costings and options were being considered before wider consultations took place. Correspondence had also been received expressing opposition to any bike track installation.

34/21 Allotments & Community Woodland

The Clerk confirmed that all allotment plots were now occupied and the new allotment fencing was still to be installed.

35/21 Highways & Footpaths

The gas lamp on The Dingle outside 'Wayfarers' had been damaged and was to be reported to Sight Designs.

36/21 Finance

To consider payment of invoices presented:

The following payments were approved:

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
J Burford	28/02	£96.00	Village Handyman (Feb)
Branchworks	23/02	£685.00	Playing Fields Tree Works
Water Plus	03/03	£62.61	Allotment Water Charges
DA Sharp	08/02	£355.35	Clerk's Fees 35hrs (Gross £444.15 SP17)
Total		£1,198.96	

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

Savings Account B/F	£14,550.14	Community Account B/F	£16,167.66
		Allotment Rents	£387.00
		HMRC Vat	£1,653.06
		March Payments	-£1,198.96
Savings Account C/F	£14,550.14	Community Account C/F	£17,008.76

37/21 Correspondence

To consider the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
Misc	*	Covid 19 Information and advice
MHDC	*	Covid-19 Business e-Bulletin
WCC	*	Invitation to the Natural Networks Event
MHDC	*	Update for town and parish councils
Misc	*	Off Road Bikers
SWDPR	*	Event for Town and Parish Councils - Monday 1 March 2021, 6pm
SWDPR	*	Parish and Town Council Newsletter February 2021
SWDPR	*	Sustainability Appraisal Consultation, 1 March to 19 April 2021
WCC	*	5 Day Notice Road Closure – Ebrington Road - 3 rd March
WCC	*	5 Day Notice Road Closure – Old Hollow - 5 th March
MHDC	*	Southern Area Planning Site Visit - Monday 15 March 2021 at 2pm

38/21 Councillors' items for Report

Nothing further was discussed.

39/21 Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held online on Monday 12th April 2021 at 7.30pm following the Annual Parish Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.