

West Malvern Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th April 2021 Online following the Annual Parish Meeting.

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. Ms C Baxter, Mrs J Burford, Mr L Gregory, Mr C Rouse, Mr T White.

In Attendance

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

In the absence of Cllr. Turner, the Parish Council chairman, Cllr. C Rouse chaired the meeting

40/21 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Cllr. Mr A Turner (accepted), also Mr C Penn Malvern Hills Trust.

41/21 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.

42/21 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 confirmed that the experiment to encourage parking at West of England quarry to alleviate congestion at the Wyche had been a success.

He had been contacted by The vice chair of the board of governors of the local primary school regarding their search for funds to aid the repair of a leaking roof. The Clerk was to invite the vice chair to the next meeting to brief the parish council who might consider whether funds could be allocated.

He confirmed that Malvern Hills Trust were to review maintenance of the footpath leading from the Lower Dingle to Blackheath Way and finally that he was to meet with the Highways liaison officer later in the week and one matter to be discussed was the change in status of the chevrons on the highway outside the school.

District Cllr. Natalie McVey added that the Adelaide House application had been approved and there was likely to be some S106 funding available. She was also to contact the Community Support Team after she had reports of some residents putting parking cones on the road and obstructing the highway.

43/21 Minutes

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

44/21 Progress Reports and other matters arising from the minutes

It was further noted that the Adelaide House planning application had been approved.

45/21 Planning

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

Application No	Location	Details
21/00485/HP	The Bank House Westminster Bank	Erection of canopy over patio (retrospective)
21/00333/HP	107 West Malvern Rd	Demolition of single storey extension to rear and erection of replacement single storey extension
21/00482/HP	201 West Malvern Rd	Rear ground floor flat roof extension and a new first floor space above existing first floor flat roof.

The following responses were agreed:

[21/00485/HP](#) - "The Parish Council has no objection to the application."

[21/00333/HP](#) - "The Parish Council has no objection to the principle of development but would ask that measures be put in place, if necessary, to ensure that the new extension does not overlook 109 West Malvern Road."

[21/00482/HP](#) - "The Parish Council has no objection to the application."

46/21 Playing Fields

Update on provision of new playground equipment: Cllr. Crawford and the Clerk had met with a representative of Creative Play and were awaiting another quotation.

The Clerk was to inspect the fittings that had been highlighted in the recent safety report and replace as necessary.

47/21 Allotments & Community Woodland

The new allotment fencing was still to be installed.

48/21 Highways & Footpaths

Clerk to source paint for telephone box.

49/21 Finance**To consider payment of invoices presented:**

The following payments were approved:

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
J Burford	30/03	£96.00	Village Handyman (Mar)
Madresfield Estate	06/03	£60.00	Bluebell Field Rent
Go Greener	01/04	£240.00	Allotment Skip Hire
Playsafety Ltd	30/03	£99.00	Playground Inspection
Malvern Town Council	31/03	£156.00	Litter Collections Jan-Mar
DA Sharp	12/04	£355.35	Clerk's Fees 35hrs (Gross £444.15 SP17)
	Total	£1,006.35	

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

Savings Account B/F	£14,550.14	Community Account B/F	£17,008.76
Interest	£0.36	Allotment Rents	£225.55
		April Payments	-£1,006.35
Savings Account C/F	£14,550.50	Community Account C/F	£16,227.96

50/21 Correspondence**To consider the following correspondence previously circulated:**

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
Misc	*	Covid 19 Information and advice
MHDC	*	Parish News Update
Live & Local	*	Community Arts during Lockdown and Subsidised Outdoor Performances
WCC	*	5 Day Notice - Road Closure – Harcourt Rd - 10 th May
SWDPR	*	Parish and Town Council Newsletter March 2021
MHDC	*	Bird flu update
Play Safety	*	Playground Report
WCC	*	5 Day Notice - Road Closure – Ebrington Rd - 17 th May
Rural Crime Officer	*	Rural Beat
MHDC	*(i)	Empty Property – 235 West Malvern Road
British Legion	(ii)	'Tommies'

(i) – The Clerk was to respond offering any support available in order to resolve the issue of this dilapidated dwelling.

(ii) – Details of statues to be sent to Cllr. J Raine.

51/21 Councillors' items for Report

Nothing further was discussed.

52/21 Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 10th May 2021 at 7.30pm. Due to the withdrawal of the allowance to hold meetings online after 6th May a new venue was to be sourced.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:05 pm.