

West Malvern Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 11th October 2021 in West Malvern Village Hall at 8:00pm.

Present

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

In Attendance

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

108/21 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Cllr. Ms C Baxter(accepted). Also Mr C Penn (Malvern Hills Trust)

109/21 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.

110/21 Co-option

To consider applicants for co-option onto the Parish Council: No applications had been received.

111/21 Reports from other representatives

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

District & County Cllr. Natalie McVey reported that there had been further road closures on West Malvern with poor advanced information and she had lodged a complaint with WCC. The hedge on Old Hollow had been cut for most of its length although the bottom section was not owned by Madresfield Estate and still needed attention. There was an enforcement appeal ongoing over an extension to a property on Lamb Bank.

As for District Council, she expected that Admiral Taverns would soon put The Brewers Arms up for sale and the issue with the derelict property on Nabs Pitch was ongoing.

District Cllr. John Raine reported on the ongoing MHDC Covid recovery plan and although a meeting had taken place with the owner of a derelict property on Nabs Pitch the issue was still not resolved.

112/21 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 13th September were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

113/21 Progress Reports and other matters arising from the minutes

To consider procuring generic web address and email addresses for councillors and clerk: This was ongoing.

114/21 Planning

To consider responses to any late submitted applications:

One late submitted application was considered:

Application No	Location	Details
21/01815/HP	3A Camp Hill	Single storey extension to front with balcony over

The following response was agreed:

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

It was also agreed not to make any further comment on the enforcement appeal ENF/21/0258 concerning the development at 5 Lamb Bank.

The Chairman reported on the 'Planning Peer Review' that had recently been held at MHDC, which involved a review of the planning process and enforcement.

115/21 Playing Fields and Open Spaces

Update on Playground Improvements: Further quotations were being sought.

The Clerk reported that he had been liaising with a resident over the installation of a memorial bench and would circulate details of the scheme for approval when available.

The bank below the top field had been cut but there were some broken tree branches that required removal.

Clerk to source a section of marine plywood to fit to the climbing frame.

116/21 Allotments & Community Woodland

No matters were discussed.

117/21 Highways & Footpaths

A broken street lamp on West Malvern Road was to be reported. Also a blocked gully at the top of Park Road. The Clerk confirmed he had reported the underground leak at the bottom of Croft Bank and was to chase this up.

118/21 Finance

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

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
J Burford	-	£87.97	Insurance
J Burford	30/09	£96.00	Village Handyman (September)
Malvern Town Council	28/09	£510.00	Grass Cutting/Litter Collection
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£266.40	PAYE (Jul-Sep)
DA Sharp	11/10	£355.15	Clerk's Fees 35hrs (Gross £444.15 SP17)
	Total	£1,315.52	

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

Savings Account B/F	£14,550.86
Interest	£0.37
Savings Account C/F	£14,551.23

Community Account B/F	£14,699.86
MHDC Precept	£8,700.00
October Payments	-£1,315.52
Community Account C/F	£22,084.34

119/21 Correspondence

To consider the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
MHDC	*	The Platinum Jubilee – The Queen's Green Canopy
WCC	*	21 Day Notice - Road Closure - West Malvern
MHDC	*	Invitation to a Planning Peer Review - Wednesday, 6 October at 3:45pm
MHDC	*	Notification of Consultation - Local List Supplementary Planning Document – Local Listed Buildings
MHDC	*	Business Bulletin
MHDC	*	Housing Needs Survey Workshop Tue 12 October, 6 – 7pm on Zoom
MHDC	*	Connected Communities Consultation
SWDPR	*	Parish and Town Council Newsletter September 2021
CPRE	*	Worcestershire AGM 18th October
MHDC	*	Tackling the climate emergency (Mon 15 Nov, 5-6.30pm) - online

120/21 Councillors' items for Report

Reports had been received of a damaged bench at St James Crescent. Clerk to investigate and try to determine ownership.

It was agreed to discuss at the next meeting what courses of action the Parish Council could take to rectify the poor state of the 'Lamb Inn' development site.

121/21 Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 11th October 2021 in the main village hall commencing at 8:00pm.

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