

West Malvern Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13th December 2021 in West Malvern Village Hall at 8:00pm.

Present

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

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair Cllr. Burford was elected to chair the meeting.

In Attendance

District Cllr. Prof. J Raine, and Mr D Sharp (Clerk).

136/21 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Cllrs. Mr L Gregory and Mr A Turner (accepted). Also District & County Cllr. N McVey and Mr C Penn (Malvern Hills Trust).

137/21 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.

138/21 Co-option

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

139/21 Reports from other representatives

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

County and District Cllr. Natalie McVey had circulated her report previously. Local issues she commented on included her efforts to have the disused street lamp at the top of Brockhill Road adopted by WCC; the removal of a street light from Lamb Bank; re-painting of 'Slow' markings on Cowleigh Road; and the completion of hedge cutting on Old Hollow. Finally, she had reported that a 14 seater minibus had been arranged whilst West Malvern Road was closed for gas repairs. It was hoped this work would be completed by the end of the year.

District Cllr. John Raine also reported on the latest closure of West Malvern Road and that although residents were aware of the diversion, it was still causing problems for visitors.

140/21 Minutes

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

141/21 Progress Reports and other matters arising from the minutes

It was agreed for Cllr. White to proceed and get quotations for consider procuring a generic web address and email addresses for councillors and clerk.

142/21 Planning

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

Application No	From	Details
21/02189/HP	34 Montpelier Road	Demolition of first floor balcony and construction of single storey extension with new balcony to rear.
21/01340/FUL	Brewers Arms Lower Dingle	Retrospective application to regularise existing ground works, including new steps and ground level changes, to create new levelled lawned area for garden.

The following response was agreed for both applications:

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

143/21 Playing Fields and Open Spaces

Update on Playground Improvements: The Clerk was to meet with two further suppliers prior to the next meeting.

144/21 Allotments & Community Woodland

The Clerk confirmed that the annual invoices were to be distributed at the end of the month.

145/21 Highways & Footpaths

To review the use of WCC unadopted street lighting: Further to the report of County Cllr. McVey regarding unadopted street light M12 on West Malvern Road. It was agreed to review this matter after a definitive decision had been made by WCC.

146/21 Finance

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

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
JR Burford	30/11	£96.00	Village Handyman (Nov)
Malvern Town Council	01/12	£156.00	Rubbish Collection
South Worcs. CAB	-	£500.00	Annual Donation
St James Church	-	£250.00	Annual Donation
AONB	-	£350.00	Annual Donation
DA Sharp	-	£100.00	Clerk's First ½ Year Expenses 21/22
DA Sharp	13/12	£355.35	Clerk's Fees 35hrs (Gross £444.15 SP17)
	Total	£1,807.35	

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

Savings Account B/F	£14,551.23
Savings Account C/F	£14,551.23

Community Account B/F	£20,336.58
December Payments	-£1,807.35
Community Account C/F	£18,529.23

147/21 Correspondence

To consider the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
J Raine	*	235 West Malvern Road Update
MHDC	*	Consultation on Draft Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy
Malvern Hills Trust	*	Trail Hunting
WCC	*	Recruitment Information for Lay Member of the West Mercia Police and Crime Panel
Malvern Hills AONB	*	Partnership Annual Review 2020/21
MHDC	*	Dog Control PSPO Consultation
CPRE		Countryside Voices

148/21 Councillors' items for Report

Nothing further was discussed.

149/21 Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 10th January 2022 in the main village hall commencing at 8:00pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:00 pm.