

West Malvern Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 9th January 2023 in West Malvern Village Hall at 7:30pm.

Present

Cllrs. Mr A Turner (Chair), Ms C Baxter, Mrs J Burford, Mr C Rouse, Mr S Sanoon and Mr T White.

In Attendance

District Cllr. Prof. J Raine, PC Luke Prew (Malvern SNT) and Mr D Sharp (Clerk).

01/23 Public participation

The Council invites local residents attending the meeting to make comments and suggestions, and question the Parish Council on issues on the agenda, or raise issues for future consideration: PC Luke Prew introduced himself to councillors. He had taken up his position with the Malvern Safer Neighbourhood Team in September and a discussion took place regarding local issues.

02/23 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Cllrs. Mr L Gregory, approved. Also County & District Cllr. N McVey.

03/23 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.

04/23 Reports from other representatives

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

District Cllr. Prof John Raine reported that as usual over the Christmas period little of note had occurred. The Council was now in the process of fixing its budget for 2023/24.

Cllr. C Rouse (Malvern Hills Trust Board Member) confirmed that the Trust was looking to increase their precept by 10%.

05/23 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 12th December were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

06/22 Planning

i. To consider responses to the following applications:

Application No	From	Details
M/22/01776/HP	Rosedale Park Road	Replace existing single storey extension and create new first floor bedroom windows to create new car port and form new garden room
M/22/01822/FUL	Malvern Hills Outdoor Education Centre	The demolition of an existing temporary classroom block and the erection of a new purpose-built dining hall, kitchen and associated facilities.

It was agreed to return 'The Parish Council has no objection to the application' to both applications.

ii. Decisions Notified: The following decision was noted:

M/22/01396/HP – 5 Lamb Bank – Approved

07/23 Website and Emails

Update: Cllr. White requested councillors submit biographical information for the website. Management of the website was to be sought locally.

08/23 Playing Fields and Open Spaces

Update on playground improvements: The new development on Broadlands Drive was still unoccupied and enquiries were to be made regarding the reasons for the delay. In the mean time it was considered prudent to dismantle the climbing frame in the playground due to concerns over its safety.

09/23 Allotments & Community Woodland

The Clerk confirmed that this year's rental invoices were currently being dispatched.

10/23 Highways & Footpaths

County Cllr. McVey had requested the Parish Council consider footway maintenance priorities. It was agreed to recommend that works to Ebrington Road were undertaken prior to those on West Malvern Road.

It was noted that there was a good deal of surface water on Lower Road and this may be due to subsurface streams following recent prolonged heavy rain.

11/23 Finance

i. To consider the budget for 2023/24 and set a precept: The budget was approved and an unchanged precept of £17,748 was to be requested.

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

From/Due to	Date	Amount	*	Details
JR Burford	30/12	£120.00	CH	Village Handyman (Dec)
Water Plus	03/01	£141.47	BT	Allotment Water Supply (7001575881)
Water Plus	03/01	£126.68	BT	Allotment Water Supply (7002255602)
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£328.00	BT	PAYE (Oct-Dec)
DA Sharp	09/01	£390.65	BT	Clerk's Fees (Gross £488.25 SP17)
	Total	£1,106.80		

* CH – Cheque payment. BT – Bank transfer

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

Savings Account B/F	£14,558.88	Community Account B/F	£11,140.27
		Final HSBC Bank Charges	-£14.00
Interest	£30.95	Bank Charges	-£18.00
		January Payments	-£1,106.80
Savings Account C/F	£14,589.83	Community Account C/F	£10,001.47

12/23 Correspondence

To consider the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	SUBJECT
MHDC	December Malvern Hills Business e-Bulletin
Malvern Hills AONB Partnership	Annual Review 2021/22
MHDC	West Worcestershire Bus Task Force 16/12 10:00
Local Policing Team	SNT Newsletter
Local Policing Team	Parish Charter
MHDC	Community Builder in Malvern Hills District
MHDC	New £3m Platinum Jubilee Village Halls Fund
J Raine	PCC Amalgamation
WCC	West Malvern Footway Works
WCC	West Malvern Road Closures
Malvern Hills AONB	Letter of Thanks
CAB	Letter of Thanks
St James Church	Letter of Thanks

13/23 Councillors' items for Report

No matters were discussed.

14/23 Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting would be held at 7.30pm on Monday 13th February 2023 in West Malvern Village Hall.

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