

West Malvern Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13th March 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, Mr C Penn (Malvern Hills Trust) and Mr D Sharp (Clerk).

29/23 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: No matters were discussed.

30/23 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: County & District Cllr. N McVey.

31/23 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.

32/23 Reports from other representatives

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

Charles Penn (Malvern Hills Trust Board Member) reported that the Trust had agreed to increase their precept by 9.5% for year 23/24. The Trust had also purchased a piece of ground, 'Colwall Coppice' that was sited just off Brockhill Road. Finally he mentioned that there were ongoing issues concerning the new Boundary Commission ward boundaries and consequent precept levies.

District Cllr. Prof John Raine reported that few decisions would be implemented before the May elections apart from the Biodiversity policy which had been agreed.

Finally he commented on the 'Village Appraisal' he had been working on with Cllrs. Burford and White, which would be presented to the new Parish Council in May for approval and distribution to households.

33/23 Minutes

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

34/23 Planning

i. To consider responses to the following applications:

Application No	From	Details
M/23/00306/FUL	Tarff Brockhill Road	Demolish existing detached dwelling and replace with new dwelling (Re-submission within 12 months)

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

ii. Decisions Notified: The following decisions were noted:

M/23/00133HP – Moorecroft, 212A West Malvern Rd – Approved

M/22/01822/FUL – Malvern Hills Outdoor Education Centre - Approved

35/23 Website and Emails

Maintenance of the Parish Council website had been transferred to James Slater.

36/23 Playing Fields and Open Spaces

Update on playground improvements: The new development on Broadlands Drive was still unoccupied. Other funding streams were to be sought.

37/23 Allotments & Community Woodland

The Clerk confirmed that the majority of this year's rental invoices were being paid by bank transfers.

38/23 Highways & Footpaths

It was noted that there was currently an emergency closure of West Malvern Road for water main repairs at the junction with Croft Bank. This was expected to last for 3 days.

39/23 Finance

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

From/Due to	Date	Amount	*	Details
JR Burford	31/02	£96.00	CH	Village Handyman (Feb)
Water Plus	04/03	£24.17	BT	Allotment Water Supply (7001575881)
Water Plus	04/03	£37.32	BT	Allotment Water Supply (7002255602)
Madresfield Estate	27/02	£60.00	BT	Bluebell Field Rent
DA Sharp	13/02	£390.45	BT	Clerk's Fees (Gross £488.25 SP17)
	Total	£607.94		

* CH – Cheque payment. BT – Bank transfer

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

Savings Account B/F	£14,589.83	Community Account B/F	£10,669.13
		Allotment Rents (Cheque)	£204.80
		Allotment Rents	£839.53
		March Payments	-£607.94
Savings Account C/F	£14,589.83	Community Account C/F	£11,105.52

ii. To consider new contractual rate for village handyman commencing April 2023: It was agreed to increase the rate from £12/hr to £14/hr.

40/23 Correspondence

To consider the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	SUBJECT
MHDC	February Malvern Hills Business e-Bulletin
Clerk	20's Plenty For Worcestershire
Brewers Arms	Noticeboard
District Cllr Raine	Village Appraisal Survey form

41/23 Councillors' items for Report

It was agreed to look at purchasing memorial benches for past Councillors Shearer and Gregory, who had died recently.

42/23 Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting would be held at 7.30pm on Monday 3rd April 2023 in West Malvern Village Hall. The Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council Meetings would both be held on 22nd May.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:40 pm.