West Malvern Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th February 2015 in the Fisher Hall.

Present

Cllrs. Mrs J Burford, Mrs E Harnden, Mrs S Rouse, Mr A Turner.

In Attendance

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

In the absence of Cllr. Shearer the meeting was chaired by Cllr. Harnden.

15/15 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Cllrs. Mr S Alison, Mr W Shearer & Mr L Unsworth (accepted). Also Mr C Rouse (Malvern Hills Conservators).

16/15 Interests

- i. Councillors Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) and Other Disclosable Interests (ODI) regarding items on the agenda: Cllr. Turner declared an ODI on Agenda Item 6 which was to include a discussion on the consideration of 14/01410/FUL at MHDC Southern Area Management Committee on 18th February, since he was a neighbour to the site.
- 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: Cllr. Turner was granted a dispensation on 10th November concerning application 14/01410/FUL.

17/15 Reports from other representatives

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

District Cllrs. J Roskams and J Raine were to attend a site meeting at the Lamb Inn concerning planning application 14/01410/FUL. It was also reported that the running of the 'hub' had been transferred to a private company.

County Cllr. J Raine also reported that there was a WCC budget meeting later this week. He was also considering purchasing a VAS from his ward budget that would be rotated around the Malvern Trinity Division.

18/15 Minutes

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

19/15 Progress Reports and other matters arising from the minutes

The Clerk reported that he had been in contact with Mark Haslam from CAMRA who was part of the group supporting the Brewers Arms. The group had prepared an application for ACV status which was to be submitted to MHDC. The Clerk had forwarded a letter supporting the application.

20/15 Planning

No applications were considered, however notification had been received that planning application 14/01410/FUL was to be considered by MHDC Southern Area Management Committee on 18th February. Unfortunately no councillors present were available to speak on the evening. The Clerk was to notify the Chaiman when he returned from holiday.

21/15 Playing Fields

A quotation of £270 from Peter O'Boyle was approved to clear the bank above the football pitch. It was hoped the work would be completed before the growing season, weather permitting. The Clerk was to contact Gerry Ross, an arborist, to arrange a survey of trees on Parish Council land.

Cllr. Rouse reported that the amount of dog fouling had declined.

22/15 Allotments & Community Woodland

The Clerk reported that most allotment holders had paid for the forthcoming year. A meeting had been arranged with Robert Eyre, parish tree warden, on Sunday 18th January to discuss clearing trees from around the glade to provide vistas of the hills.

23/15 Highways & Footpaths

The Clerk reported that Ron Evans from MHDC had indicated that they may be able to help remove grass and weeds from the DeWalden Road footway. All the gas lamps were operating.

24/15 Finance

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

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	30/01	£118.00	Lengthman Fees (Jan)
SF Creamer	31/01	£40.00	Bus Shelter Cleaning (Jan)
Greenland Seeds	09/02	£29.50	Glade Grass Seed
British Gas	08/01	£674.04	Gas Lamp Supply
Sight Designs	08/02	£232.20	Gas Lamp Maintenance
DA Sharp	09/02	£323.28	Clerk's Fees Oct (£404.08 gross SP25)
	Total	£1,417.02	

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

Savings Account B/F	£14,463.90	
Interest	£2.55	A
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Savings Account C/F	£14,466.45	

Community Account B/F	£4,133.72
Allotment Rents	£866.93
WCC Lengthman	£354.00
February Payments	-£1,417.02
Community Account C/F	£3,937.63

25/15 Correspondence

To consider the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
MHDC	*	Candidate Briefing for May 7th Elections (02/03 6.30pm)
MHDC	*	Committee Notification – 14-01410-FUL (18/02 7pm)

26/15 Councillors' items for Report

No further matters were discussed.

27/15 Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Monday 9th March 2015 in the Fisher Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.