

West Malvern Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11th April 2016 in The Fisher Hall.

Present

Cllrs. Mr W Shearer (Chairman), Mrs C Bower, Mrs J Burford, Mrs E Harnden, Mr C Rouse, Mr A Turner

In Attendance

County and District Cllr. Prof J Raine, District Cllr. J Roskams, Mr C Penn (Malvern Hills Conservators) & Mr D Sharp (Clerk).

43/16 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Cllr. Ms S Rouse(accepted).

44/16 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. (Written requests to be with the clerk at least 4 clear days prior to a meeting.):** There were none.

45/16 Reports from other representatives

To receive reports from County and District Councillors, Malvern Hills Conservators, Tree and Footpath Wardens:

District Cllr. J Roskams confirmed that Mr Ivor Pumphrey the current head of community services was to leave later this month and the post would be shared with Wychavon District Council.

County & District Cllr. Prof J Raine confirmed that he had requested an extension of the yellow lines by the Lamb Inn to reduce congestion. He was also supporting the positioning of lines on Old Hollow by the Outdoor Centre to make access for coaches easier; this application was currently out for consultation.

Mr C Penn (Malvern Hills Conservators) reported that the Land Management Plan had been accepted.

46/16 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th March were approved and signed by the Chairman.

47/16 Progress Reports and other matters arising from the minutes

No matters were arising.

48/15 Planning

To consider a response to the following application:

Application No	From	Details
16/00340/HOU	EON Energy Solutions 17 Lower Road	Installation of external wall insulation to all elevations of the property in a neutral colour (white/cream/grey).
16/00342/HOU	EON Energy Solutions Pear Tree Cottage 130 West Malvern	Installation of external wall insulation to all elevations of the property in a neutral colour (white/cream/grey).
16/00406/HOU	Mr M Wilson 19 Croft Bank	Two storey side extension and replacement detached garage

The following responses were agreed:

16/00340/HOU - 'The Parish Council has no objection'.

16/00342/HOU - 'The Parish Council has no objection'.

16/00406/HOU - 'The Parish Council has concerns over the size and dominance of the extension over the existing building. Furthermore the finish of the extension is not in keeping with surrounding properties.'

49/16 Bus Shelters

To confirm appointment of contractor for regular cleaning/maintenance: Michael Barrett was confirmed as the new contractor and the Clerk was to draw up a contract.

50/16 Brewers Arms

To receive reports on the future of the pub and to consider any actions that the Council might take to ensure its future: Concerns were expressed over the future of the pub which was now closed again, the new tenants having left. A group of residents had indicated that it would be worth pursuing the possibility of a community buy out and a public meeting had been arranged for 14th April. The council agreed to cover the cost of hall hire for the event.

51/16 Playing Fields

The Rospa report had been received and had flagged up an issue with a swing shackle which the Clerk was rectifying.

A reports had been received from a resident concerning overnight camping and the situation was to be monitored. The Clerk had advised that if a nuisance was being caused then the police should be contacted.

The grass cutting schedule had been started.

52/16 Allotments & Community Woodland

The Clerk reported that a further two allotment plots had been allocated to new tenants from the waiting list.

The Clerk reported that investigations were in progress to identify a possible water leak on the allotments.

More trees were to be felled adjacent to the glade once the weather improved.

53/16 Highways & Footpaths

A damaged section of footway on Blackheath Way, opposite Glen Brook was to be reported.

54/16 Finance

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

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	23/03	£118.00	Lengthman Fees (Mar)
West Malvern Village Hall	01/04	£36.00	Hall Hire
Playsafety Limited	04/04	£109.20	Playground Report
Madresfield Estate	21/03	£60.00	Bluebell Field Rent
Malvern Town Council	15/03	£156.00	Grass Cutting/Rubbish Removal
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£252.40	PAYE (Jan-Mar)
DA Sharp	08/02	£339.28	Clerk's Fees (£404.08 SP25 + £20 VAS)
	Total	£1,070.88	

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

Savings Account B/F	£14,476.58
Interest	£2.53
Savings Account C/F	£14,479.11

Community Account B/F	£7,573.96
Allotment Rents	£227.85
National Grid (Gas Lamp Repair)	£435.00
April Payments	-£1,070.88
Community Account C/F	£7,165.93

55/16 Correspondence**To consider the following correspondence previously circulated:**

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
MHDC	*	Child Sexual Exploitation - MHDC helping to raise awareness within the District
MHDC	*	Site Visit Broadlands Drive
WCC	*	Worcestershire Minerals and Waste Annual Monitoring Report 2014-2015
Pete Clement	*	Defib Photoshoot for the Gazette
MHDC	*	Street Naming & Numbering Guidance
WCC	*	Improve Public Services Survey
WCC	*	Old Hollow West Malvern-Proposed prohibition of waiting at any time TRO
MHDC	*	Notification of SWDP related Consultations
WCC	*	Community Infrastructure Levy Briefing 25/04
MHDC	*	Malvern Hills Community Award Scheme
MHDC	*	SWDP and 5 Yr Plan to be discussed at Parish and Town Council Conference - 18 April, 6-8.30 pm at the Council Chamber
WCC	*	SWDP Briefing - Tues 12 April, 7pm at Worcestershire County Hall
Grant Thornton		External Audit
CPRE		Countryside Voice
Playsafety	(i)	Playground Inspection

(i) Cllr. Turner was to review the report.

56/16 Councillors' items for Report

Nothing further was discussed.

57/16 Next Meeting

The Annual Parish Council Meeting would be held on Monday 9th May 2016 following the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.45pm.

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