

West Malvern Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13th June 2016 in the Fisher Hall.

Present

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

In Attendance

Mr C Penn (Malvern Hills Conservators) and Mr D Sharp (Clerk).

73/16 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors:

Cllr. Mr A Turner (accepted). Also County and District Cllr. Prof. J Raine, District Cllr. Mr J Roskams.

74/16 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.

75/16 Co-option

To consider applications for co-option to the Parish Council: No applications had been received

76/15 Reports from other representatives

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

Mr Charles Penn (Malvern Hills Conservators) reported that there was a pilot scheme being undertaken involving a landrover ferrying those with limited mobility to the Worcestershire Beacon. There was also an off road mobility scooter available for hire at the Wyche café.

A tender process was under way for the refurbishment of St Ann's Well café.

The Conservators were currently reviewing their pension fund and were investigating a possible rebranding.

Finally councillors expressed concern that many cyclists were straying from bridleways and Mr Penn agreed.

District Cllr. Julian Roskams had forwarded a report to the Clerk. It had been proposed by the district councils of Wychavon, Worcester, and Malvern Hills) to put the Joint Waste Procurement out for tender and several expressions of interest had already been received. However, following the May elections, the control of Worcester has changed and they have now withdrawn from the tender process. Malvern and Wychavon will continue the process alone.

77/16 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 9th May were approved and signed by the Chairman.

78/16 Progress Reports and other matters arising from the minutes

A second public meeting to discuss the future of the Brewers Arms had been held on 19th May. A new tenant had been appointed by the brewery and had attended the meeting where she was assured that residents would support her endeavours to make the pub a success. It was decided never the less to continue with plans for a buyout and the Steering Group had been tasked with preparing a business plan and to apply for grants to fund the group.

79/16 Planning

To consider responses to the following applications:

Application No	From	Details
16/00710/HOU	EON Energy Solutions 107 West Malvern Rd	Installation of external wall insulation to all elevations of the property in a neutral colour (white/grey/cream).
16/00406/HOU	Mr M Wilson 19 Croft Bank	Two storey side extension and replacement detached garage

It was agreed to respond 'no objection' to both applications.

80/16 Playing Fields

The Japanese Knotweed on the playing fields had been sprayed and the bank adjoining the playing fields had been cut. The main field was to be mowed before WestFest on 2nd July. A request had been received from a cycle club to hold an event on the bottom field. There were to be asked to send details to the Clerk.

81/16 Allotments & Community Woodland

The picnic benches in the woodland had been installed.

A vehicle delivering to Malvern Outdoor Element had damaged the fence bordering the allotments. The Clerk was liaising with the company to get it repaired.

82/16 Highways & Footpaths

It was noted that the Malvern Hills Conservators were investigating the efficiency of drainage gullies, particularly on Westminster Bank.

A resident had experienced a flood in their property due in part to blocked gullies on WestMalvern Road and Old Hollow. The Chairman and Clerk were to inspect and report the WCC Highways.

The Clerk confirmed that he had reported the broken stile near Blackheath Way, which was sited on the Herefordshire boundary.

83/16 Finance

i. Completion of 'Annual Governance Statement': This was completed and signed by the Chairman and Clerk

ii. To Consider Approval of Annual Accounts: These were approved and the Annual Return was signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

iii. To consider payment of invoices presented:

The following payment was made between meetings and was ratified:

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
Stan Wall & Sons Ltd	02/06	£1,080.00	2 x Picnic Benches

The following payments were approved:

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	01/06	£236.00	Lengthman Fees (May)
Michael Barrett	31/05	£113.78	Bus Shelters/Allotments
Zurich Munciple	25/05	£1,098.50	Insurance Premium
DA Sharp	08/02	£329.72	Clerk's Fees (£412.12 SP25)
	Total	£1,778.00	

A donation to Elim College for £500.00 to help fund the outside paving to the cafe was approved. The Clerk had requested to whom the funds were to be made and was awaiting a response.

Savings Account B/F	£14,479.11
Savings Account C/F	£14,479.11

Community Account B/F	£14,362.70
Allotment Rents	£3.50
June Payments	-£2,858.00
Community Account C/F	£11,508.20

84/16 Correspondence

To consider the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
WCC	*	Celebrating Volunteering Event 9th June at The Hive Worcester
Hamish Campbell	*	Aerial Video of West Malvern
MHDC	*	5 Year Strategy
WCC	*	Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations
Malvern Hills AONB	*	Public Consultation on Colour Guidance in new developments
Elim	*	Cafe Paving
West Mercia Police	*	Police and Crime Commissioner Consultation
Jim Nisbet	*	Flooding
MHDC	*	Planning Training Monday 13th June re SWDP - POSTPONED
CPRE		Annual Report

85/16 Councillors' items for Report

The Clerk was to chase up the enquiry about S106 funding for the playing fields.

86/16 Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Monday 11th July 2016 in the Fisher Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.