

West Malvern Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th September 2016 in the Fisher Hall.

Present

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

In Attendance

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

100/16 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors:

Cllr. Mr A Turner (accepted). Also District Cllr. Mr J Roskams.

101/16 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: There were none.

102/15 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 due to the economic climate the Conservators pension fund was in deficit like many similar schemes nationwide. Additional funding was being transferred and access to the fund by new applicants was being restricted.

There was ongoing concern over the use of drones over the Malvern Hills and although current byelaws did restrict access new policies were being put in place allowing approved users to fly.

County and District Cllr. John Raine reported that he had completed his sponsored walk in aid of mental health charities and had raised £2000 so far. Plans were being drawn up to extend MHDC council offices, incorporating the council chamber. Finally the Malvern Vale Primary School planning application was currently being considered.

103/16 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 11th July were approved and signed by the Chairman.

104/16 Progress Reports and other matters arising from the minutes

No matters were discussed.

105/16 Planning

To consider responses to the following applications:

Application No	From	Details
16/01161/HOU	18 Lower Rd	Proposed side extension to provide en-suite and single storey rear extension with balcony over and alterations to patio and steps in rear garden
16/01154/HOU	Mrs R Plumstead 155a Old Hollow	Retrospective application for retention of raised decking area and fencing in garden
16/01125/HOU	Mr & Mrs Park Mount Pleasant Westminster Bank	Partial demolition of existing single storey extension to north elevation, 1st floor cedar clad extension, alterations to fenestration and creation of dormer windows and porch conservatory to south elevation and enlarged detached garage
16/01066/HOU	Mr R Raymond Lyra, Brockhill Rd	Conversion of basement to habitable accommodation, alterations to side porch and fenestration to front and rear elevations, garden store below void to existing detached garage, closing up existing vehicle access and landscaping works.
16/00688/FUL	Mr & Mrs Wilkinson 72 West Malvern Rd	Erecting additional (2nd) floor and 3 storey rear extension.

The following responses were agreed:

16/01161/HOU - 'The Parish Council has no objection provided there is no loss of privacy to neighbouring properties.'

16/01154/HOU, 16/01125/HOU, 16/01066/HOU, 16/00688/FUL – 'The Parish Council has no objection'.

106/16 Playing Fields

Some damaged had occurred to the 'springer' in the playground. It was agreed to order a replacement part.

107/16 Allotments & Community Woodland

The Clerk reported that NPower were currently working within the allotments cutting back foliage which was interfering with power cables.

Clerk and Chairman were to join Tom Dutton (Allotment Association Chairman) for an inspection on 11th September.

The picnic benches in the glade had now been fixed to the concrete bases. If members of the public wished to sponsor either and install a plaque the cost was agreed to be £150.

108/16 Highways & Footpaths

The Clerk reported that the blocked gullies on Westminster Bank had been cleared. Cllr. Rouse confirmed that Malvern Hills Conservators were to fill in the potholes on Westminster Bank.

The Clerk was to chase up progress on the damaged stile on a footpath off Blackheath Way.

109/16 Finance

To consider payment of invoices presented:

The following payments were made between meetings and were ratified:

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
DA Sharp	04/08	£329.80	Clerk's Fees (£412.20 SP25)
Michael Barrett	04/08	£86.20	Bus Shelter Maintenance
	Total	£416.00	

The following payments were approved:

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	29/07 25/08	£236.00	Lengthman Fees (July/August)
Michael Barrett	30/08	£86.20	Bus Shelter Maintenance
Wilkinsons	31/08	£14.00	Weedkiller
Sight Designs	11/09	£2,295.36	Gas Lamp Maintenance
AONB	-	£300.00	Donation
DA Sharp	12/09	£329.80	Clerk's Fees (£412.20 SP25)
	Total	£3,261.36	

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

Savings Account B/F	£14,481.64
Savings Account C/F	£14,481.64

Community Account B/F	£8,537.52
WCC Lengthman	£590.00
August Payments	-£416.00
September Payments	-£3,261.36
Community Account C/F	£5,450.16

110/16 Correspondence

To consider the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
MHDC	*	Parish/Town Council News Update - July 2016
MHDC	*	Parish / Town Council Briefing - 28 July 2016 Dealing with development proposals beyond SWDP2 development boundaries
WCC	*	B4232 WEST MALVERN ROAD, WEST MALVERN-PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF WAITING AT ANY TIME & PROPOSED REVOCAION OF PROHIBITED WAITING TRO (Initial Consultation)
MHDC	*	Parish and Town Council Conference - 17 October, 6-8.30 pm
MHDC	*	Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Regulation 19 Stage Submission for Examination (2016) and consultation on the statement of modifications to the CIL Draft Charging Schedule Regulation 19(4)
MHDC	*	MHDC Quality Tour 2016 - Provisional 12 October - Nominations requested for sites and attendees by 31 August please
AONB	*	2016-17 contributions to Malvern Hills AONB
West Mercia Police	*	Safer West Mercia Plan Consultation
MHDC	*	Postponement of planning training on "Affordable Housing" - 12th September 2016
MHDC	*(i)	Broadlands Drive S106

(i) It was noted that MHDC and Malvern Town Council supported the Parish's application for funding, however since the S106 agreement had already been completed it was suggested that a letter of variation could be added when the reserved matters application was submitted.

111/16 Councillors' items for Report

No further matters were discussed.

112/16 Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Monday 10th October 2016.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.