

West Malvern Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13th February 2017 in the Fisher Hall.

Present

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

In Attendance

District & County Cllr. Prof. J Raine, Mr D Sharp (Clerk).

14/17 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors:

Cllr. Mr C Rouse (Accepted). Also Mr C Penn (Malvern Hills Conservators).

15/17 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.

16/17 Reports from other representatives

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

County and District Cllr. John Raine reported that the electric street lights on Brockhill Road were likely to be unadopted by WCC. Lower Road was to be closed for 3 weeks for repairs and although the drainage issue caused by a blocked gully had been temporarily fixed further work was required.

17/17 Minutes

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

18/17 Progress Reports and other matters arising from the minutes

The Clerk confirmed that no further news had been received about the council's application to adopt the two kiosks in the village.

Clerk to contact Natural England, Malvern Hills AONB and the CPRE regarding advice on bluebell maintenance.

19/17 Planning

To consider responses to any late submitted applications: No applications had been received.

20/17 Playing Fields

The Clerk reported that the new seat for the round-a-bout had been installed.

21/17 Allotments & Community Woodland

The Clerk reported that two new tenants had rented allotment plots so far this year. The Garden and Nature Club had requested that a memorial tree to Lionel Shorestone be planted on the edge of the Glade and the Clerk had met with representatives and designated a spot.

A working party would be arranged in early March to fell more trees in the woodland to provide views from the Glade.

22/17 Highways & Footpaths

It was noted that a section of newly laid footway at the top of Croft Bank had started to sink. Clerk to view and report as necessary..

23/17 Finance

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

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
Sight Design	09/01	£72.00	Gas Lamp maintenance
J Moore	25/01	£118.00	Lengthman Fees (January)
Michael Barrett	-	£86.20	Bus Shelters (December)
British Gas	04/01	£674.04	Gas Supply
CPRE	-	£36.00	Annual Fee
DA Sharp	09/01	£329.80	Clerk's Fees (£412.20 SP25)
	Total	£1,316.04	

A discussion took place regarding a grant request from West Malvern Baby and Toddler Group. Cllr. Turner declared an ODI since his wife was chair of the group and took no part in the discussion. It was agreed to make further enquiries before proceeding.

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

Savings Account B/F	£14,485.61	Community Account B/F	£10,522.64
		Allotment Rents	£851.08
		WCC Lengthman	£236.00
		Cllr. Raine Ward Budget	£200.00
		February Payments	-£1,316.04
Savings Account C/F	£14,485.61	Community Account C/F	£10,493.68

24/17 Correspondence

To consider the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
Naomi Turner	*	West Malvern Baby and Toddler Group
WCC	*	Broadband - Potential Future Deployment
WCC	*	Worcestershire Minerals Local Plan Third Stage Consultation
MHDC	*	New Planning IT Service
MHDC	*	Parish News Update January 2017
MHDC	*	New Planning IT Service
Clerk	*	Memorial Tree
WCC	*	Traffic Regulation Orders
Guarford PC	*	How your Council views the Malvern Hills Conservators
Duncan Bridges	*(i)	Malvern Hills Conservators
MHDC	*	Quick Guide to Skills and Young People
Worcestershire NHS	*	Future of Acute Hospital Services in Worcestershire Consultation
WCC		Worcestershire Transport Plan

(i) – It was agreed to invite representatives to the May meeting.

25/17 Councillors' items for Report

Nothing further was discussed.

26/17 Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Monday 13th March 2017.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.