

West Malvern Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14th January 2019 in West Malvern Village Hall.

Present

Cllrs. Mr W Shearer (Chairman), Mrs J Burford, Mrs E Harden, Mr T White.

In Attendance

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

01/19 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Cllr. Mr C Rouse (accepted). Also District Cllr. Mrs N McVey.

02/19 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.

03/19 Reports from other representatives

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

Mr C Penn (Malvern Hills Trust) reported that the trust would soon be inviting tenders for new car park charge machines. There had been a delay in Defra issuing stewardship payments and approximately £100,000 was outstanding. Finally the long awaited public consultation into the proposed changes in governance had been delayed due to legal issues.

District & County Cllr. Prof. J Raine reported that the local carpenter was expected to undertake the shelving of the phone kiosk next Monday. Installation of the new gully at the bottom of Blackheath Way was to be undertaken in February.

04/19

Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 10th December were approved and signed by the Chairman.

05/19 Progress Reports and other matters arising from the minutes

No matters were discussed.

06/19 Planning

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

07/19 Playing Fields

The Clerk and Chairman had removed more ash saplings from the bluebell field to improve views. The Clerk also reported that the Earth Heritage Trust were to undertake some maintenance of the outcrop of purple alluvial sandstone that was exposed on the bank above the lower field. Work on this site had first been undertaken in 2014.

08/19 Allotments & Community Woodland

To consider installing security bollards to protect allotment fence: Because of the continual damage caused to the fence bordering the allotments by large vehicles turning off Old Hollow several options were discussed: Initially County Cllr. Raine had suggested that part of the corner grassed area which belonged to Fortis Living be tarmaced, thus increasing the area available to large vehicles. It appeared that this was not being pursued by WCC Highways and the Clerk was to make further enquiries. Another option available to the Parish Council was to install bollards: This was deemed unwise since the section of verge where they would be placed was narrow and not secure and upon impact the bollards might be dislodged and fall into the allotments. The easiest and cheapest option agreed was to remove the damaged section of fence completely and install a chain. This would allow vehicles to 'overhang' the verge, making turning easier and would also provide some demarcation of the track/allotment boundary to pedestrians. This proposal was to be taken to Malvern Outdoor Elements.

09/19 Highways & Footpaths

To consider responses to proposed restricted parking proposals: The following Traffic Regulation Orders restricting parking at any time were considered:

2018-1081-1: Near 238 West Malvern Road

2018-1081-2: Near 146 West Malvern Road

2018-1081-3: Old Hollow entrance to Outdoor Elements

It was agreed that no objections would be raised.

A suggestion had been made by the Village Hall Committee to move the bench by the phone box to the waste area outside the social club. This was agreed.

10/18 Finance

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

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
Michael Barrett	01/01	£86.20	Bus Shelters (£86.20) (December)
British Gas Trading Ltd	02/01	£674.04	Gas Lamp Supply
West Malvern Village Hall	05/01	£45.00	Hire Charges
Malvern Town Council	21/12	£168.00	Grass Cutting/Rubbish Charges
West Malvern Allotment Association	-	£175.00	NSALG Payment
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£252.20	PAYE (Oct-Dec)
DA Sharp	14/01	£336.42	Clerk's Fees (Gross £420.42 SP25)
	Total	£1,736.86	

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

Savings Account B/F	£14,496.79
Interest	£11.42
Savings Account C/F	£14,508.21

Community Account B/F	£16,148.64
Allotment Rents	£41.65
January Payments	-£1,736.86
Community Account C/F	£14,453.43

ii. To agree a budget for 2019/20 and set a precept: The budget was agreed and a precept of £17,400 was to be requested.

11/19 Correspondence

To consider the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
WCC	*	WORCESTERSHIRE MINERALS LOCAL PLAN
WCC	*	Budget Briefing 23/01 6pm County Hall
MHDC	*	Planning Enforcement Summit for Parish Councils - 31 January
MHDC	*	Pride of Malvern Hills Awards

12/19 Councillors' items for Report

A request from the WestFest organisers to hold this year's event on 29th June was approved.

13/19 Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 11th February 2019 in the Fisher Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.