

West Malvern Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8th April 2019 in West Malvern Village Hall.

Present

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

In Attendance

District & County Cllr. Prof. J Raine, Mr C Penn (Malvern Hills Trust), Mr D Sharp (Clerk) & two members of the public.

41/19 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: District Cllr. Mrs N McVey.

42/19 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.

43/19 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) circulated a pamphlet that contained details of future events within the AONB. Copies were to be placed in the phone box. He confirmed that the Trust had rejected the recent application for access easement off Guarlford to a proposed development. There were currently three further easement applications being considered. The reforms to the governance of the Trust were being delayed by issues at central government. Finally he outlined plans for the renovation of historic 'donkey sheds' on Happy Valley.

District & County Cllr. Prof. J Raine reported that little was presently discussed due to the current period of purdah prior to the elections on 2nd May. He mentioned the current planning application at Adelaide House which was in a significant position. Also that the residents in the Fortis bungalows on Old Hollow were keen to extend the parking provision.

44/19 Minutes

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

45/19 Progress Reports and other matters arising from the minutes

The Village Hall Committee had responded positively to the offer of historical pictures of the village and hoped that they could be accommodated when the noticeboards in the main hall were rearranged.

The Annual Parish Meeting had been delayed until after the election and would take place on 13th May.

46/19 Planning

To consider responses to the following and any late submitted applications:

Application No	Location	Details
19/00183/FUL	Adelaide House Park Road	Proposed erection of two dwellings on land next to Adelaide House, currently unused.
19/00216/HP	126 West Malvern Road	Replacement of wooden windows with pvc, and doors with french door. Replace decking and ballustrade.

The following responses were agreed:

19/00183/FUL: The Parish Council wishes to object to this application. In principle we have no objection to moderate sympathetic development of this site but the proposed development is inappropriate in design. The Parish Council would like to reiterate the Malvern Hills AONB comments and furthermore stress the importance of section 172 of the National Planning Policy Framework which states that: 'Great weight should be given to conserving and enhancing landscape and scenic beauty in National Parks, the Broads and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, which have the highest status of protection in relation to these issues.' If development is allowed in any form then the issue of drainage of surface water from the site and the creation of suitable access onto Park Road need to be addressed.'

19/00216/HP: The Parish Council has no objection to this application.

47/19 Playing Fields

The Clerk reported that he had fixed a piece of play equipment which had become detached from its base. He saw no signs of re-emerging Japanese knot weed on the bank below the field.

It was hoped that residents would attend the Annual Parish Meeting next month to suggest improvements to the playing fields.

48/19 Allotments & Community Woodland

Update on Malvern Outdoor Elements coach parking arrangements: The Clerk reported that he had not received a response from Fortis Housing concerning the outline proposal for their consideration.

The water in the allotments had been turned back on.

49/19 Highways & Footpaths

It was noted that two road signs on Lower Road had been struck by vehicles and required realignment.

50/18 Finance

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

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
Michael Barrett	01/04	£86.20	Bus Shelters (£86.20) (March)
Malvern Town Council	14/03	£156.00	Rubbish Collections
West Malvern Village Hall	06/04	£27.00	Village Hall Rent
The Madresfield Estate	26/03	£60.00	Bluebell Field Rent
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£252.20	PAYE (Jan-Mar)
DA Sharp	-	£100.00	2 nd ½ Annual Expenses 18/19
DA Sharp	11/03	£336.42	Clerk's Fees (Gross £420.42 SP25)
	Total	£1,017.82	

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

Savings Account B/F	£14,508.21	Community Account B/F	£15,992.55
Interest	£7.15	Allotment Rents (Cheque)	£33.65
		Allotment Rents (Direct Transfers)	£83.20
		April Payments	-£1,017.82
Savings Account C/F	£14,515.36	Community Account C/F	£15,091.58

51/19 Correspondence

To consider the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
WCC	*	Traffic Regulations - West Malvern Road and Old Hollow
MHDC	*	Parish and Town Council Update
WCC	*	West Malvern Road Closure 04/04-09/04
MHDC	*	District Community Sports Awards 2019

52/19 Councillors' items for Report

The Clerk reported that there had been no response so far to the handy person position. A check of the gas lamps was to be undertaken after the meeting.

53/19 Next Meeting

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 13th May 2019 in the Village Hall following the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.45pm.

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