

MADRESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 187th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT ST MARY CHURCH MADRESFIELD
ON THURSDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2014 AT 7.00PM.

PRESENT

Cllrs. Mr D Craig (Chairman), Mr R Baldwin, Mr C Eden, Mr C Freeman, Rev S Irwin.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr D Sharp (Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: There were none.

2. INTERESTS

- i. *Councillors Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Disclosable Interests 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.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL AND 186th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 8TH MAY

These were accepted as an accurate record and they were signed by the Chairman.

4. PROGRESS REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES

It was noted that the VAS was in the village again and would be at various positions for one month out of every four.

5. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

There were none.

6. REPORTS FROM WARDENS AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES

- i. **Tree Warden:** Cllr. Craig reported that there was no sign of ash die back near Worcestershire although the position was being closely monitored.
- ii. **Footpath Warden:** Cllr. Baldwin confirmed that he was more mobile now following an injury and had been able to walk most of the paths. A bridge had been replaced over Madresfield brook on the path towards the Old Hills.
- iii. **Charities Representative:** A report would be made following the next meeting of the charities.

7. HIGHWAYS

Update on progress with speed limits and passing bays: The Clerk reported that the speed limit review for North End Lane was now under way and he would forward the results to councillors. Unfortunately the request for a passing bay on Rectory Lane had been refused since WCC would require that it be made to a full specification with tarmac, curbing and drainage. No funding was available for such a project. Originally the Parish Council had hoped that it could be of a simple hard core construction and the Clerk was to ask if there were any other options available. It was noted that a speed enforcement team had visited the village recently and the Clerk was to thank the Safer Roads Partnership.

8. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Update: No news had been received from Newland Parish Council. However Cllr. Eden agreed to write a report for the Grapevine magazine asking residents to forward their opinions on development and also ask for comments on the future of the phone box by the primary school.

9. PLANNING

The following application was considered:

Application No.	From	Details
14/00788/OUT	Worcestershire County Council Land at Townsend Way/Mayfield Road, Malvern, Worcestershire	Outline application for residential development of up to 59 dwellings. All matters reserved with the exception of access.

Although the proposed development did not lie within Madresfield its effect would be considerable and the following response was agreed:

The Parish Council is concerned over the effect the development will have on traffic in the local area, particularly the section of North End Lane through Madresfield and we have several requests.

1. We would strongly advise that access to the site should be considered from Mayfield Grove. An access road leading directly to the edge of the site is already in place and direct access onto the major section of North End Lane would be far preferable to the chaotic proposed arrangements for access via Mayfield Road.

2. If Mayfield Road access is allowed there will be an increase in traffic on the section of North End Lane through Madresfield with traffic avoiding the Newland roundabout area. North End Lane is single track for a proportion of its length and was not designed to even take the flow of traffic that it currently does. Any unnecessary extra vehicle movements could be discouraged by making this section of North End Lane 'access only'.

3. If Mayfield Road access is allowed we would also advise that a mini roundabout be installed at the Townsend Way/Mayfield Road junction to ease traffic flow.

10. CORRESPONDENCE.

The following correspondence was presented:

FROM	* Email	SUBJECT
CALC	*	Updates
MHDC	*	News Update Spring 2014
CALC	*	Effective Meetings Workshop
WCC	*	Draft Planning Validation Document
Malvern Observer	*	Safer Roads Partnership
Rural Services Network	*	Rural Housing
CALC	*	Neighbourhood plan networking event 8 th July
CAB	*	AGM 16 th July
CALC	*	Malvern Hills Area Meeting, 23rd July
CALC	*	Clerks and Councillors Gathering July 15th
WCC	*	Worcestershire Minerals Local Plan: CALL FOR SITES
CALC	*	CALC Finances
MHDC	*	Parish and Town Council Conference 23 October
WCC	*	Historic Environment Workshop for Neighbourhood Planning 17 October
MHDC	*	Parish Finances
WCC	*	Parish Conference 29th October
Mike Everitt	*	North End Lane Traffic
WCC Highways	*	North End Lane Traffic
CPRE		Countryside Voice
Grant Thornton		Audit
Andrew Phillips	(i)	Phone box Quotation

(i) – It was agreed to accept the quotation of £120 to paint the phone box. The lengthman was to be asked to cut back the hedge near it.

11. FINANCE

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

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
JP Moore	-	£590.00	Lengthman Fees (May-Aug)
Bennett Gardening Services	30/06	£17.50	VAS Charges
Anthem UK Ltd	18/06	£60.00	Internal Audit Fee
PCC	04/09	£15.00	Church Hire
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£23.40	PAYE (Jul-Sep)
DA Sharp	04/09	£94.04	Clerks fees (3 months @ SCP18 £117.44 gross)
	Total	£799.94	

After these payments are made accounts will be as follows

Premium Account B/F	£926.15	Current Community Account B/F	£474.19
		WCC Lengthman Scheme (Apr-Jun)	£354.00
Interest	0.12		
		September Payments	-£799.94
Premium Account C/F	£926.27	Current Community Account C/F	£28.25

12. COUNCILLOR'S ITEMS FOR REPORT OR FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION.

The Clerk was to get quotations for a new noticeboard which would have to be considered with the budget for 2015/16 next month.

Cllr. Baldwin agreed to investigate a water leak that had emerged on North End Lane and to liaise with Madresfield Estate if necessary.

Cllr. Craig tendered his resignation as Chairman, and a vote of thanks for all that he had done was recorded.

13. NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting was to be held on Thursday 4th December.

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