

MADRESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 204th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT MADRESFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
ON THURSDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 6.00 PM

PRESENT

Cllrs. Mr D Craig, Mr C Eden, Mr C Freeman, Mrs J Greenwood.

IN ATTENDANCE

Rev Gary Crellin and Mr D Sharp (Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Mr M Everitt (Footpath Warden).

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 203rd PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 17th MAY 2018

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

4. PROGRESS REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES

No matters were discussed.

5. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

There were none.

6. REPORTS FROM WARDENS AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES

- i. **Tree Warden:** Cllr Craig reported on significant outbreaks of Ash die back throughout the county but none yet in the parish.
- ii. **Footpaths Warden:** Mr Everitt reported no significant problems. Several finger post had been replaced and he was pleased to see paths through crops reinstated during the summer.
- iii. **Charities Representative:** A meeting was to be held soon.

7. HIGHWAYS

Update on School warning sign: The Clerk reported that the sign was to be replaced although WCC had not indicated when this would occur.

A request had been made for the Parish Council to support his request for WCC Highways to install additional bollards on the verge bordering his property to deter vehicle damage. The Parish Council did not consider themselves expert enough on highway matters to determine whether additional bollards were required and so were unable to recommend this to WCC. It was suggested that if the verge was not Highway property there is no reason why the resident could not install their own bollards where necessary.

8. TELEPHONE BOX

Update on use: Cllr. Greenwood reported that the Friends of Madresfield School may be interested in running the project.

9. VILLAGE POND

Update on maintenance: The Clerk had been unable to source barley straw to attempt to control the duck weed that had returned to the pond. The low rainfall in recent months had meant a reduced flow of water into and out of the pond allowing the weed to gather and grow. It was also noted that alterations upstream may have affected flow. The Clerk was trying to source a reasonably sized buoyant rope to help collect and remove the weed.

10. HIGH FIBRE BROADBAND

Update on proposed installation: The Clerk reported that he had received details of the proposed installation of a fibre broadband cabinet on Rectory Lane. However on contacting WCC he was advised that there were still several processes to be completed before installation could take place. He was liaising with Jeremy Hill, the new Madresfield Estate manager.

11. PLANNING

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

12. FINANCE

Approval of payments due: The following payments were approved:

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	-	£708.00	Lengthman Fees (May-Aug)
Madresfield Primary School	13/09	£10.00	Hire Charge
Anthem UK Ltd	17/06	£60.00	Internal Audit Fee
HM Revenue & Customs	13/09	£25.40	PAYE (Apr-Jun)
HM Revenue & Customs	13/09	£25.60	PAYE (Jul-Sep)
DA Sharp	13/09	£102.25	Clerks fees (3 months @ SCP18 £127.85)
	Total	£931.25	

After these payments are made accounts will be as follows

Premium Account B/F	£927.46	Current Community Account B/F	£304.00
		WCC Lengthman Scheme	£531.00
		September Payments	-£931.25
Premium Account C/F	£927.46	Current Community Account C/F	-£96.25

13. CORRESPONDENCE.

To consider any responses to the following correspondence received:

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
CALC	*	Updates
Paul Kennedy Safer Neighbourhood Officer	*	Monthly Parish Reports
WCC	*	Road verge management and pollinators
CALC	*	Malvern Hills Area meeting, 5th June
MHDC	*	Autumn Parish Conference – 6.30 pm 9 th October
CALC	*	Report to June/September Area Meetings
PCSO Martin Butcher	*	Rural Matters
Clerk	*	Local Matters
WCC	*	Elgar Archives Petition
CPRE	*	AGM 13 th September
ARC4	*	South Worcestershire Local Authorities Housing Study 2018
MHDC	*	Adoption of South Worcestershire Renewable & Low Carbon Energy Supplementary Planning Documents – 26th July 2018
MHDC	*	Enviro week - community litter picks planned across the district
MHDC	*	Consultation on Revised Statement of Principles - Gambling Act 2005
WCC	*	Worcestershire Autumn Parish Conference Tuesday 9th October 6pm
CAB	*	AGM on Monday 01 /10/18 6pm Wychavon Civic Centre
MHDC	*	Parish Council Forum 22 October
CPRE		Countryside Voice

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

The Clerk was to undertake the following:

- Report overhanging trees on North End Lane near University Wood cutting out natural light.
- Request Malvern Hills Trust to monitor build up of debris in Whiteacres Brook where it passes under North End Lane, to mitigate against possible flooding.
- Write to Guarford Parish Council expressing concern over an easement application for access over Malvern Hills Trust Land off Guarford Road to facilitate new development.

Rev Gary Crellin introduced himself to the council and gave a brief report on his appointment as vicar of Powick, Guarford & Madresfield with Newland.

15. NEXT MEETING.

The next Parish Council meeting would take place on Thursday 6th December 2018 at 6.00pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.10 pm.