

West Malvern Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11th July 2022 in West Malvern Village Hall at 7:30pm.

Present

Cllrs. Mr A Turner (Chair), Ms C Baxter, Mrs J Burford, Mr S Sanoon and Mr T White.

In Attendance

County & District Cllr. N McVey, Mr C Penn (Malvern Hills Trust), Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and one member of the public.

94/22 Public participation

The Council invites local residents attending the meeting to make comments and suggestions, and question the Parish Council on issues on the agenda, or raise issues for future consideration: No matters were discussed.

95/22 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors:

Cllrs. Mr L Gregory and Mr C Rouse. Approved. Also District Cllr. Prof. J Raine.

96/22 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.

97/22 Reports from other representatives

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

Mr C Penn (Malvern Hills Trust) reported that alterations to the District Council ward boundaries may affect the election of trustees and the final decision was awaited. The purchase of an area of land off Evendine Lane was progressing after the initial bidder backed out. There was currently a review of the car park policy and a recent survey had indicated that charges were below the average for other AONBs in the country. The Trust were currently asking for donations to help with ash dieback. A large pond on Castlemorton Common had been cleaned of an invasive weed. Grass mowing had been delayed until later in the summer. Finally councillors pointed out several paths which were overgrown. **County & District Cllr. Natalie McVey** reported that the enforcement team at MHDC had been informed of a shipping container installed at a property on Lower Road which may be infringing planning regulations. Drainage work on West Malvern Road and Lower Road had been delayed until the autumn. The poor visibility at the Lower Road/Cowley Road junction was being reviewed. Westminster Bank was to be resurfaced by Malvern Hills Trust.

98/22 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 27th June were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

99/22 Planning

i. To consider response to any late submitted applications: None had been received.

ii. Decisions Notified: None had been received.

100/22 Website and Emails

Update on dedicated web site and councillor/clerk email addresses: Further to the decision to award a £250 prize for the design of a logo it was also agreed to offer a children's prize of a family voucher for Malvern Theatres.

101/22 Playing Fields and Open Spaces

i. To consider feasibility of installing a cycle track on the playing fields: Mr Phil Roberts, a local resident and cyclist, outlined options available to the parish council. He was to recommend some local tracks that could be investigated. It was agreed that Cllrs. Crawford, Sanoon, Turner and White were to form a working party and bring recommendations to the parish council.

ii. Update on playground improvements: There was no update on progress.

102/22 Allotments & Community Woodland

No matters were discussed.

103/22 Highways & Footpaths

The permissive path in the Bluebell field had been cut. It was agreed that work should take place earlier in the season next year.

104/22 Finance

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

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
JR Burford	30/06	£96.00	Village Handyman (May)
PJ O'Boyle	-	£525.00	Blue Bell Field Path Clearance
Water Plus	16/06	£45.93	Allotment Water Supply
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£271.80	PAYE (Apr-Jun)
DA Sharp	09/05	£362.45	Clerk's Fees (Gross £453.25 SP17)
Total		£1,301.18	

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

Savings Account B/F	£14,552.41	Community Account B/F	£15,133.24
		Bank Charges	-£11.00
		July Payments	-£1,301.18
Savings Account C/F	£14,552.41	Community Account C/F	£13,821.06

105/22 Correspondence

To consider the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	SUBJECT
Malvern Hills Electoral Review	Further Draft Proposals
Brian O'Connell	Brewers Arms Update
MHDC	Code Of Conduct

106/22 Councillors' items for Report

No further matters were discussed.

107/22 Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 12th September 2022 in West Malvern Village Hall commencing at 7:30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:45 pm.