

West Malvern Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14th November 2022 in West Malvern Village Hall at 7:30pm.

Present

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

In Attendance

District Cllr. Prof. J Raine and Mr D Sharp (Clerk).

138/22 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.

139/22 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Cllrs. Mr L Gregory and Mr S Sanoon. Approved. Also County & District Cllr. N McVey and Mr C Penn (Malvern Hills Trust).

140/22 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.

141/22 Reports from other representatives

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

District Cllr. Prof. J Raine reported that the MHDC 5 year plan was currently being prepared. There were concerns over energy costs in public buildings, particularly The Splash leisure complex. Finally he suggested preparing a 'Parish Plan' to mirror the one prepared in 1992 and Cllrs. Burford, Turner and White agreed to be part of a working group to prepare it.

Cllr. C Rouse (Malvern Hills Trust Board Member) reported that District Cllr. Mick Davies had been reelected as Chair. Also work was ongoing to improve drainage on paths on the hills.

142/22 Minutes

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

143/22 Planning

i. To consider response to the following and any late submitted applications:

Application No	From	Details
M/22/01395/HP	Ardendale Old Hollow	Replacement extension and refurbishment of existing property
M/22/01355/HP	223 West Malvern Rd	Proposed single-storey rear extension with internal & external alterations
M/22/01493/FUL	The Old Vicarage 230 West Malvern Road	Erection of detached dwelling
M/22/01396/HP	5 Lamb Bank	Single Storey Side Extension

It was agreed to return 'The Parish Council has no objection to the application' to all.

ii. Decisions Notified: The following decisions were noted:

M/22/01153/FUL – 28 and 30 Mathon Road – Approved

M/22/00726/HP – Maynard House, 11 Croft Bank – Approved

M/22/01020/HP – Wayfarers, Park Road – Approved

144/22 Website and Emails

Update on dedicated web site and councillor/clerk email addresses: Cllr. White confirmed that the domain name was secured although the web site was currently inaccessible. He was making efforts to rectify the problem.

145/22 Playing Fields and Open Spaces

Update on playground improvements: The new development on Broadlands Drive was still unoccupied.

Permission to site a memorial bench near the playground was approved.

146/22 Allotments & Community Woodland

One of the bench seats in the 'Glade' had been damaged. Clerk to arrange repair.

Allotment plot rental fees to be reviewed next month.

147/22 Highways & Footpaths

The Clerk reported that all gas lamps were working.

Concerns were raised over proposed further road closures of West Malvern Road up to Christmas.

148/22 Finance**To consider payment of invoices presented:**

The following payments were approved:

From/Due to	Date	Amount	*	Details
JR Burford	30/10	£96.00	CH	Village Handyman (Oct)
Water Plus	03/11	£18.25	BT	Allotment Water Supply
Water Plus	03/11	£37.97	BT	Allotment Water Supply
British Gas	10/10	£674.04	BT	Gas Lamp Supply
West Malvern Village Hall	-	£105.00	BT	Hirs Charges (Apr-Nov)
CPRE	-	£36.00	CH	Annual Subscription
Sight Designs Ltd	15/11	£3,179.88	CH	Annual Gas Lamp Maintenance
DA Sharp	14/11	£362.45	BT	Clerk's Fees (Gross £453.25 SP17)
Total		£4,509.59		

* CH – Cheque payment. BT – Bank transfer

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

Savings Account B/F	£14,558.85	Community Account B/F	£18,558.52
Interest	£0.03	National Grid Wayleave	£17.14
		ICO (DD)	-£35.00
		November Payments	-£4,509.59
Savings Account C/F	£14,558.88	Community Account C/F	£14,031.07

149/22 Correspondence**To consider the following correspondence previously circulated:**

FROM	SUBJECT
MHDC	Winter Provision Mapping
Clerk	Memorial Bench
MHDC	Polling district and polling station review
MHDC	SWDPR briefing, 20 October 2022
MHDC	October Malvern Hills Business e-Bulletin
MHDC	SWDPR briefing, 20 October 2022 - Presentation Slides
MHDC	SWDP Review Publication Public Consultation (Regulation 19)
MHDC	Traveller and Travelling Showpeople DPD consultation
WCC	West Malvern Road Closure - 8 days from 16 December 2022

150/22 Councillors' items for Report

Village Handyman to sand and re-oil wooden benches on Lamb Alley and Camp Hill.

151/22 Next Meeting

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:40 pm.