

# West Malvern Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 in West Malvern Village Hall at 7:30pm.

### Present

Cllrs. Mr A Turner (Chair), Ms C Baxter, Mrs J Burford, Mr G Harnden, Mr C Rouse, Mr S Sanoon.

### In Attendance

County and District Cllr. N McVey, District Cllr. Prof. J Raine, PCSO Collette Carpenter, one member of the public and Mr D Sharp (Clerk).

### 45/24 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:**

PCSO Collette Carpenter introduced herself to those present and a discussion took place regarding local issues. She confirmed that the playing fields were only checked when a report had been submitted. Often these reports were several days after the event and the police were unable to act. She also accepted that there was an ongoing issue of drivers parking on the zig-zag lines outside the school.

A resident expressed a willingness to undertake the role of Parish Paths Warden following the believed retirement of Catherine Campbell. The Clerk was to recommend him and forward his details to the County Council Footpaths Officer.

### 46/24 Apologies

**To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors:** Mr C Penn (Malvern Hills Trust)

### 47/24 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.

### 48/24 Co-Option

**To consider applications for co-option onto the Parish Council:** No applications had been received.

### 49/24 Reports from other representatives

**To receive reports from County and District Councillors, and other representatives:**

**County and District Cllr. Natalie McVey** reported that the District Council's Poverty Truth Commission was still undertaking a housing condition survey. She had been appointed the Armed Forces Champion and was looking at suitable charitable projects. She also confirmed that a litter pick had been arranged for the Cowley Road area and that a Youth Club had started at Malvern Vale.

For the County Council, she confirmed that work on Ebrington Road footways had been completed and that West Malvern Road would be closed for up to three days but she hoped that the rerouted bus service would be provided. A speed survey had been requested at the Dingle and the County Council were funding a series of bike racks at the Brewers Arms.

**District Cllr. J Raine** added that there had been a complaint about a resident planting trees on a section of land between Old Hollow and Lower Road. There was a major project planned to re-roof the Splash leisure complex and install solar panels. Finally the roll out of a waste food collection was being planned.

### 50/24 Minutes

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

### 51/24 Planning

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

Application No	At	Details
<a href="#">M/24/00329/HP</a>	Orchard Cottage Park Road	Replacement porch/conservatory

It was agreed to return the following comment: 'The Council has no objection to the application'.

### ii. Decisions Notified

M/23/01723/HP – Moorecroft, 212A West Malvern Road – Approved

M/24/00091/FUL – Arden, Brockhill Road - Approved

**52/24 Net Zero Project**

**To consider applying for feasibility grant funding for a decarbonising project:** The Clerk reported on a meeting he had attended with Alex Pearson of West Midland Net Zero Hub, who managed the grant funding. A draft application was to be prepared for future consideration.

**53/24 Village Magazine**

**Update on first edition and to consider any future requirements:** The first edition was now out and being distributed. More advertisers were to be sought.

**54/24 Playing Fields and Open Spaces**

**Update on S106 application for playground funding:** The S106 group were to meet on 24<sup>th</sup> April when the application would be considered.

Remedial work on the Oak tree in the bluebell field was to be chased up.

Cllr. Turner to discuss biodiversity grant funding with representatives of Natural Networks.

**55/24 Allotments & Community Woodland**

Water now back on and a skip delivered. An allotment inspection would take place when the weather improved.

Weed suppression on the path through the Glade was to be undertaken.

**56/24 Highways & Footpaths**

Vehicle parking near the Lamb Inn development was to be monitored.

The Parish Council agreed to recommend Matthew Jordan for the post of Footpath Warden and to forward his details to the County Council Footpaths Officer.

**57/24 Finance**

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

From/Due to	Date	Amount		Details
JR Burford	31/03	£142.00	CH	Village Handyman (Mar)
Lord Beauchamp's 1963 Settlement	26/02	£60.00	BT	Bluebell Field Rent
Go Greener	27/07	£270.00	BT	Allotment Skip
Aspect Design	28/03	£280.00	BT	Hills Echo Printing Cost
HMRC	-	£313.80	BT	PAYE (Jan-Mar)
DA Sharp	11/04	£418.65	BT	Clerk's Fees (Gross £523.25 SP17)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,484.45</b>		

BT – Bank Transfer

CH - Cheque

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

Savings Account B/F	£15,029.18	Community Account B/F	£12,639.04
Interest	£103.04	Allotment Rents	£14.00
		Allotment Rents (Cheques)	£195.30
		Spillsbury Hills Echo	£30.00
		Service Charge	-£18.00
		Water Plus (DD)	-£42.45
		Water Plus (DD)	-£25.81
		April Payments	-£1,484.45
<b>Savings Account C/F</b>	<b>£15,132.22</b>	<b>Community Account C/F</b>	<b>£11,307.63</b>

**58/24 Correspondence**

**To consider correspondence previously circulated:**

FROM	SUBJECT
WCC	Road Closure – Old Hollow – 1 Day - 03/04
MHDC	March Malvern Hills Business e-Bulletin
WCC	Road Closure – Park Road – 4 Day - 07/05
PC Luke Prew	SNT Spring Newsletter
CPRE	Countryside Voices

**59/24 Councillors' items for Report**

The newly appointed Director of the Malvern Hills Trust was to be invited to the next meeting.

**60/24 Next Meeting**

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 in West Malvern Village Hall following the Annual Parish Meeting commencing at 7:30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:20 pm.