

**MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY 13th JULY 2009**

Present

Councillor Dr P E Mayner	Chairman
Councillor Mr M G Huskinson	Vice Chairman
Councillor Dr E H Jones	
Councillor Mrs J E Hadley-Roberts	
Councillor Mrs E B J Hill	
Councillor Mr A W Medcalf	
Councillor Mr M S Simpson	
Councillor Mr T Wells	MHDC/WCC
Mr R Chamings	Malvern Hills Conservators
Mr M Partridge	Public Path Warden
Mrs J Lomas	Parish Tree Warden
PC S PC Sarah Ransome-Williams	Local Police Officer
Mr J M Skinner	Clerk

1. Public Question and Answer

- 1.1. There were no members of the public present.

2. Apologies

- 2.1. The Council accepted apologies from Cllr M Huskinson, Cllr Barbara Hill and Mrs Janet Lomas for their unavoidable absence.

3. Code Of Conduct And Declarations Of Interest

- 3.1. Parish Councillors were reminded that, as required by the Parish Council Code of Conduct Order 2001, they should notify the MHDC Monitoring Officer of any changes to their Register of Interests or the receipt of any unrecorded gifts or hospitality. They should also declare any personal or prejudicial interests in any of the items of this meeting.
- 3.2. There were no declarations of personal or prejudicial interest.

4. The Race Relations And Crime And Disorder Acts

- 4.1. All of the business carried out and decisions made at this meeting have observed the requirements of the above acts.

5. Acceptance Of the Annual Parish Meeting & Council Annual Meeting Minutes

- 5.1. The minutes of the meetings above, having been circulated, were taken as read, approved by the Council as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

6. Report by Cllr T Wells, District & County Councillor

- 6.1. Cllr Tom Wells gave a detailed account of the current SWJCS housing situation, when the significant events would take place and what impact a general election might have upon decisions. He also outlined the deficiencies in the plan, the unwanted impact upon Malvern and the local environment.

7. Report by Mr M Partridge, Public Path Warden

- 7.1. Mr Partridge reported that he had now cleared a large amount of vegetation; the footbridge over the stream on Cllr A Medcalf's land has been replaced and he and Cllr Jane Hadley-Roberts agreed to meet outside the meeting to discuss problems with the path and hedges adjacent to Severnside, Clevelode

8. Report by Mrs J Lomas, Tree Warden

8.1. Mrs Lomas had previously informed the Clerk by e-mail that she had nothing to report.

9. Report by Mr R Chamings, Malvern Hills Conservators

9.1. Mr Chamings said that he had little to report this time, apart from the fact that the Conservators were building a fishing platform by the river at Clevelode.

10. Report by Mr D Hill, Chairman Village Hall Committee

10.1. Mr Hill had previously informed the Clerk by e-mail that he had nothing to report.

11. Report by Cllr Dr E Jones, Chairman Guarlford History Group

11.1. Cllr Dr Eric Jones said that there was very little to report. The Group had participated in the Hanley Village Society's History Day, which had been very interesting. The Group provided a stand and had manned it all day and had sold four Guarlford History Books. The Group's next meeting was on Wednesday this week.

12. Parish Environment

12.1. Repair of potholes in Clevelode Lane and Penny Close. The Clerk said that the potholes had now been repaired.

12.2. D Hill – Request for maintenance of Pond rails and cutting of pond's grass bank as the view of the main road was obstructed. The Chairman said that he had spoken to the Malvern Hills Conservators who had done an excellent job in cutting back the long grass on the pond bank; visibility of the main road had now been re-established.

12.3. Although the Malvern Hills Conservators would mow the pond banks at the agreed regular intervals they could not guarantee to protect the daffodils planted by Mr David Masters. Consequently, it had been agreed that the Parish Council would mow the bank verges in the spring to protect the daffodils. However, the Council was no longer able, due to the advancing years of the volunteers, to carry out this work. It was agreed that the Chairman would discuss with Mr Rob Havard, of the Malvern Hills Conservators, whether or not they would be able to resume mowing the grass throughout the season and, if possible, without damaging the daffodils. Cllr Michael Simpson said that if this were not possible he could strim around the daffodils after they had flowered. **ACTION Chairman**

12.4. It was agreed that it was unlikely that the Council would be able to muster a working party to paint the pond rails and consequently, it was agreed that the work should be put out to tender for consideration at the next meeting. **ACTION Clerk**

12.5. The Clerk reported that PC Sarah Ransome-Williams had not yet been able to arrange for speed tests through the village centre.

12.6. SWJCS Housing Plan. The Chairman and Cllr Dr Jones had attended the meeting and Cllr Dr Eric Jones summarised the discussions that had taken place, in particular there appeared to be a £350M funding gap. The Chairman said that there were plans for the three parishes to produce a joint response by October.

13. Planning

13.1. Consultation with Hanley Swan PC on its Housing Needs Survey. The Chairman was awaiting a reply from the Hanley Swan PC. Cllr Tom Wells reported that the Hanley Swan Housing Survey had now been completed and it had concluded that additional houses were required; two applications had now been received, each for about twelve houses. Whether either, neither or both of these applications should be approved was causing considerable unrest and a split in the village.

13.2. The Homestead tyres. It was reported there was some continuing activity in removing the tyres from The Homestead, however, a considerable number still remained. Cllr Tom Wells suggested that he arrange a further meeting with the MHDC Planning Department, the Council agreed and accepted the offer. **ACTION Cllr Tom Wells**

- 13.3. 09/00572/FUL – Retrospective application for the addition of a kitchen in the converted garage at Drakes Place. – Approved by MHDC with condition that it shall not be used as an independent dwelling.

14. Liaison With Other Bodies

- 14.1. Milestone Society – Mr Terry Keegan, the representative in Worcestershire of the Milestone Society, gave a brief but interesting presentation on the Society’s plans to restore the milestones on what was the Worcester Turnpike. There was only one milestone in the parish and it was still in reasonably good order with its plate intact and consequently, its restoration would be inexpensive. The Chairman thanked Mr Keegan for his presentation and said that the Parish Council agreed that it would support the restoration scheme.
- 14.2. WCC – Modification Order 2009 – The order for the addition of footpath GU-525 is now on display until the end of the public inspection period, 32/07/09.
- 14.3. MHDC - Revised churchyard Tree Preservation Order (TPO). The Clerk reported that the blanket churchyard preservation order had now been replaced with orders on specific specimen trees.
- 14.4. MHDC – Stray dogs procedure wef 6th April 2009. The Clerk reported that the police were no longer responsible for dealing with stray dogs, members of the public finding a stray dog should take it to the local dogs’ home during working hours
- 14.5. The MHDC Overview and Scrutiny Committee will meet on 14th July to discuss litter and grass cutting amongst other topics.

15. Finance

- 15.1. Cllr Dr Eric Jones, the Internal Financial Monitor, reported that he had inspected the accounts provided by the Clerk and every thing appeared to be in order.
- 15.2. Prior to the meeting the Council accepted Mr Don Hill’s offer to repair and repaint Captain Chester’s seat for £50, the cost of the materials.
- 15.3. The Council approved the donation of £200 towards the Village Hall’s running costs.
- 15.4. The Council approved the payment of £50 to Mr Hill for the now completed restoration of Captain Chester’s seat.
- 15.5. The Balances of the accounts after the above payments and transfers are:

Current Account	Deposit Account	Charity Account
£1741.94	£2685.55	£108.63

16. AOB (For Consideration At Next Meeting)

- 16.1. To consider giving a donation towards the Grapevine’s 2009 running costs.
- 16.2. Painting the pond rails.

17. Date Of Next Meeting

- 17.1. The next meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30 PM on Monday the 14th of September 2009.

J M Skinner
Clerk

Dr P Mayner
Chairman