

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL  
ON MONDAY 16 MAY 2011**

**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	
<del>Councillor Mr A W Medcalf</del>	
Councillor Mr M S Simpson	
<del>Councillor Mr T Wells</del>	MHDC/WCC
Mr R Chamings	Malvern Hills Conservators
Mr A Stock	Public Path Warden
<del>Mrs J Lomas</del>	<del>Parish Tree Warden</del>
<del>PC S Ransome-Williams</del>	<del>Local Police Officer</del>
Mr J M Skinner	Clerk

**1. Apologies**

- 1.1. Apologies for their absence were received and accepted from Cllr A Medcalf and PC Sarah Ransome-Williams.

**2. Public Question and Answer**

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

**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. Chairman's Report**

- 5.1. The Chairman's report is at Annex A

**6. Clerk's Report**

- 6.1. The Clerk gave a resume of the accounts for the 2010/11 financial year, which had been previously distributed.

J M Skinner  
Clerk  
ANNEX A

Cllr Michael Huskinson  
Chairman

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2010 – 2011**

The Parish Council met on five occasions, as scheduled, during the year. There were no extraordinary meetings.

At our meetings we have had regular reports from all our representatives, although not always in person.

On one occasion only, a parishioner attended the Question & Answer session. Mr Vivian attended to clarify local plans for land adjacent to the Plough & Harrow.

**FOOTPATH WARDEN**

Mike Partridge retired in the summer and the Council are very grateful to him for his excellent and conscientious work. As his replacement, we welcome Tony Stock, who has already done a superb job in carrying out the "Parish Footpath Survey".

TREE WARDEN - Janet Lomas

MALVERN HILLS CONSERVATORS REPRESENTATIVE - Richard Chamings

Both have kept us up to date with regular reports at our meetings.

**INTERNAL FINANCIAL MONITOR**

Cllr Dr Eric Jones has stepped down as Monitor, and we are most grateful to him for his advice over several years. Cllr Andrew Medcalf was unanimously elected to replace him .

**INTERNAL AUDITOR**

David Kuun agreed to continue his good work for us for a further year, and we are most grateful to him also.

**VILLAGE HALL**

Reports from the Village Hall Chairman Don Hill have been received regularly. Funds have again been allocated by the Parish Council.

**PRECEPT**

The Parish Council has been mindful of the prevailing economic climate and has been able to peg the precept at £3,200, so that our parishioners are still paying £300 less than in 2007 – 2008.

**PLANNING**

Only three planning applications within the parish have been considered by your planning committee. Appropriate comments have been passed to the Malvern Hills District Council.

As a result of the new Coalition Government, development to the East of our Malvern Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty is under review.

Nevertheless, proposed development at the Rose's Farm site continues to give cause for concern. Both sites are adjacent to the parish.

**PARISH ENVIRONMENT**

1) Village Pond and environment: Following three Road Traffic Accidents within a month at this site, the Worcestershire County Council Highways Department eventually substituted "Reboundable Bollards" for the railings and concrete posts.

2) Tyre depot: Although this matter was thought to have been resolved, a large number of tyres remain on site. The Local Planning Enforcement Team has been made fully aware of the situation.

3) Mayfield Cottage: Three separate vehicles have collided with this cottage. The Worcestershire County Council Highways Department, Malvern Hills Conservators and the Environment Agency are working in

conjunction. The Environment Agency is still removing soil contaminated with Central Heating Fuel. The effect on the crested newt pathway is unknown.

4) Mobile Speed Indicator: It was unanimously decided by the Council that, with our limited funds, the joint (with the Hanleys') purchase of a Mobile Speed Indicator could not be justified.

#### STANDING ORDERS

A sub-committee was set up to review the proposed new Parish Council Standing Orders.

Once again my thanks go to all Councillors for their support.

Finally, it is with great sadness that I report that our Executive Officer, Michael Skinner, is retiring. He has given more than thirty years service to the parish, and our gratitude to him for his constant diligence, expert advice and good humour is immense. We send him every good wish for a healthy retirement.

Dr P E Mayner