

Malvern Wells Parish Council

Minutes of Council Meeting held on **Wednesday 22nd January 2024 at 7.30pm** at Malvern Wells Village Hall.

Present:

- a) Cllrs. P. Stanier (Chair) [PS], J. Black [JB], R. Price [RP], C. Gates [CG], M. Birks [MB], G. Lowe [GL].
- b) **Absent:** P. Merrifield.
- c) **In Attendance** - 2 members of public (MOP's).

Public Participation:

- a) Janet Taylor (Local Planning Group) - couldn't find minutes from last PC meeting, or an agenda on the website.
- b) Tim Kidwell (Previous Secretary - NDP working Group) reported that the NDP working group had been hard at work drawing up a provisional statement.

1. Apologies for absence:

- a) Andy Pitt
- b) Chris O'Donnell
- c) Kate Howe – Clerk unwell

2. Declarations of Interest

- a) None further notified.

3. Minutes of previous Council meeting held on **29th November 2023**.

- a) Members **noted** minutes of meeting held on 29th November 2023 currently unavailable to be considered for adoption at next full meeting. Proposed PS, seconded JB, council unanimously **resolved**.
- b) **Matters Arising from above** - none notified.

4. Finance

- a) Members **received** the updated budget / precept requirement for financial year 2024/25. Members **noted** budget evidenced a precept request of £100,283.25, an increase on 2023/24 of 9%.
- b) MB proposed, CG seconded, council formally **resolved** the 9% increased precept request for 2024/25 and authorised the Clerk / Chair to send request to Malvern Hills District Council in accordance with their requirements.
- c) MB proposed, CG seconded, council **approved** the necessary use of reserves as budget notified to enable the precept increase to be kept to 9%.
- d) MB proposed, CG seconded, council **agreed** to pay all usual regular payments, providing there are no wide variations from the usual regular payments with any additional payments being brought to the next February council meeting.

5. District and County Councillor reports – none present.

6. Cemetery Committee

Council **noted** Cemetery Committee meeting scheduled January 11th did not take place due to illness of Clerk and unavoidable absence of MB. Meeting will be re-arranged. Proposed PS, seconded CG, council unanimously **approved**.

7. Future meetings

Members **noted** Chair advise council could call an additional meeting later in January / early February to resolve any outstanding items (when Clerk available to administer) legal notification dates allowing. Council to **notify** Clerk if required.

Formal meeting closed at 8.20 pm. Chair thanked councillors for their attendance.

Signed **Chair of Council** **Date**

Post meeting Informal discussion

Following council meeting members raised following items to be considered in three-year plan

- a) Condition of drains and gullies
- b) Maintenance of gas lamps / current contractors / changing lamps from gas to electric / green or Heritage Lottery grants.
- c) Speeding traffic
- d) Defibrillators – funding applications
- e) Land acquisitions (Allotment/ Play Area)
- f) Fruitlands - Playpark?
- g) Pelican crossing by Wyche School
- h) Bridleway issues
- i) Councillor co-option
- j) Parish Newsletter (insert in "All About"?)
- k) Community Orchard (Nature Recovery Strategy)
- l) Cemetery: need for formal Committee meeting / invitation to interested parties.

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