

MATHON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 4th JANUARY 2017 at 7.30 pm. in Mathon Parish Hall

Present:- Cllr S Harte (Chairman), Cllr T Ainscough, Cllr N Walker , Cllr C Green, Cllr R Lawrence

In attendance: Mrs D Taylor (Clerk), Mr David Baldwin & Mr Chris Rouse (Malvern Hills Conservators)

Apologies for absence: Cllr P Davies

DECLARATIONS OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS (DPI) or other DISCLOSABLE INTERESTS falling within the terms of para 12(4)(b) of the Code of Conduct. No requests had been received by the Clerk relating to any items on the present Agenda (Sec 33 of the Localism Act 2011).

The Chairman adjourned the Meeting for Public Question Time/Participation.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- (a) No questions
- (b) **PCSO/Police** – The Clerk had received an e-mail from PCSO Joe Barton reporting one incident of a jerry can of fuel which had been stolen from one of the sheds at West Malvern Cricket Club in November.
- (c) **Herefordshire Councillor** - No Report
- (d) **Malvern Conservators** – Mr David Baldwin & Mr Chris Rouse reported to the meeting. Mr Roger Hall-Jones had been re-elected as Chairman of the Board. Chris Rouse had been re-elected as Chairman of the Land Management Committee, with David Baldwin now sitting on the Land Management Committee and Staffing Committee and also the Recreation & Advisory Panel. The Board had recently received a presentation on the proposed winter scrub removal programme. The rebranding exercise (previously reported) was now taking shape, with a new logo incorporating a bird design, which would be used extensively throughout the Malvern Hills area on letterheads, notice boards, advertising, signs etc. The Conservators would have a new name as part of the rebranding – Malvern Hills Trust. The Malvern Hills Trust would be a charitable Trust, and the plan was to find new funding streams.

The Chairman re-opened the Meeting

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd November 2016 were approved and signed. Proposed by Cllr N Walker and seconded by Cllr C Green. The Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 7th December 2016 were approved and signed. Proposed by Cllr R Lawrence and seconded by Cllr S Harte.

1381/17 ACTIONS TAKEN FROM LAST MEETING - (all covered by the Agenda)

1382/17 FOOTPATHS/P3

The Clerk confirmed that she had applied for a BB/Hfds Co Council P3 grant for 2017/18 for £1K. The Parish Council had to fund £300 to obtain this £1K grant. Cllr T Ainscough reported that the Footpaths Maintenance Plan for 2017/18 would have to be submitted by the end of February, and he would be e-mailing these details to the Councillors and the Clerk.

1383/17 MATHON PARISH HALL

- (a) Parish Map - Cllr T Ainscough reported that the Parish map had now been removed from the wall in the hall and was now being dried out. He would be contacting a conservator to find out the best way of safeguarding the map, and it would probably need more conservation work to be done. As previously reported, an application for funding had been made to the Lottery Fund.
- (b) Parish Hall - Cllr T Ainscough reminded the Council that the AGM of the Parish Hall Committee would be held on 24th January at 7.00 pm.

1384/17 FINANCE

To consider payment of Accounts:-

- (a) Clerk's Salary - December 2016/January 2017 - £313.38 (net) - Proposed by Cllr N Walker and seconded by Cllr C Green.
- (b) Hadley Bros – Mowing & Strimming - £220.00 – Proposed by Cllr S Harte and seconded by Cllr N Walker
- (c) HMRC – PAYE Oct/Nov/Dec 2016 - £117.00 – Proposed by Cllr S Harte and seconded by Cllr C Green
- (d) Information Commissioner (ICO) Data Protection Registration £35.00 – Proposed by Cllr S Harte and seconded by Cllr R Lawrence
- (e) SLCC membership subscription renewal £67.00 – Proposed by Cllr C Green and seconded by Cllr N Walker

1385/17 PLANNING

- (a) Tree House Farm - The Clerk reported that as requested she had contacted Mr Mark Tansley (Senior Planning Officer at Herefordshire Planning) and although he was unable to attend this meeting in January he would be able to attend the next meeting in March. She had also found in some old planning files, paperwork relating to the agricultural planning permission at Tree House Farm, and had sent a copy of this to Mr Steve Davies for his information.
- (b) To consider the following planning application deferred from Planning Meeting held on 7th December 2016 :-
 - App No: 163643 Full Householder & App No 163634 Listed Building Consent
 - Site: Little Southend, Southend Lane, Mathon WR13 5PB
 - Description: Works involved with changing storage area to studio space and Shower room
 - Applicant: Mr Adrian Shiel
 - Grid Ref: OS 373925,244769
 - App Type: Full Householder & Listed building consentThe Council considered this application and had no objections to it.
To consider the following planning application:-
- (c) App No: 163784
 - Site: Land at Bank Farm, Croft Bank, West Malvern
 - Description: Construction of 1 Eco Tree House to provide small scales self Contained holiday accommodation for two adults
 - Applicant: Mr Mervyn Franklyn
 - Grid Ref: OS 375183,246424
 - App Type: Planning PermissionThe Council held a lengthy discussion on this application, and the Clerk was asked to send the following comments to Herefordshire Planning :-

Mathon Parish Council strongly **objects** to this application, which is in effect a two storey dwelling on the edge of woodland, and well outside the curtilage of any existing building. This is a new dwelling on stilts and not a tree house. There is no access or service provision, and it is sited on open countryside.

1386/17 HIGHWAYS

The Clerk was asked to log the following complaints to BB/Herefordshire Council

- (a) Water flowing across the road and not getting away, round through the bends on the C117 past Wheatcroft.
- (b) Potholes by the entrance to Rooks View, Moored Cross
- (c) Verge becoming potholed along the edge of the road, creating a hazard for drivers by the warning posts between Netherley & Overley Drives.

1387/17 CORRESPONDENCE - all relevant correspondence had been e-mailed to Cllrs.

1388/17 NEXT MEETING DATE - Wednesday 1st March 2017 at 7.30 pm.

..... Chairman

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