

MATHON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 6th SEPTEMBER 2022 at 7.30 pm. In Mathon Parish Hall

Present:- Cllr S Harte, Cllr C Green, Cllr P Davies

In attendance: Mrs D Taylor (Clerk), Co Cllr T Johnson, Mr K Pieri (aide to Co Cllr T Johnson).
Mr D Baldwin (Malvern Hills Trust)

Apologies for absence Cllr M Malsbury, Cllr K Perkins, Cllr N Walker

Cllrs were reminded of the need to update/complete their Register of Interests form.

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 Declarations made.

Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) - No requests had been received by the Clerk relating to any items on the present Agenda

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

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- (a) Public questions – none
- (b) **PCSO/Police** – No crime to report in the Mathon area.
- (c) **Herefordshire Councillor** - Co Cllr T Johnson reported to the meeting. Co Cllr T Johnson introduced Mr Keith Pieri who was helping him in his parish work whilst his health recovered. The County Council Budget was being prepared, so any applications for Parish financial assistance/grants should be sent in as soon as possible. Decision making for the County Council was difficult as there was no overall group in control. This would remain the case until the elections next year. Issues being raised at Council level included - shutting off traffic from the centre of the city – electric powered public transport - pollution of the River Wye and its tributaries – lack of house building due to the revised plans for the Hereford Bye-pass and the impact of the river/run off pollution of the land.
- (d) **Malvern Hills Trust** - David Baldwin reported to the meeting. A lot of Trust Meetings were now hybrid meetings including workshops style via Zoom. A review of car parking arrangements was under way. There had been a huge increase in car parking use/fees during the pandemic, but this had now dropped off considerably. Finance – the first quarter accounts had shown escalating costs. Governance – the Trust had been looking at the Acts which governed the Trust. The Boundary Commission report was having an impact on the wording of the Acts, which would need to be changed at a high level of cost. Malvern Link Common – this covered 60 acres of land, and the Trust was looking into the general management of this area. The Trust had recently been able to purchase some more land (which included woodland) in Evendine Lane in Colwall

The Chairman re-opened the Meeting

51/22 FOOTPATHS - No report

52/22 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th July 2022 were approved and signed. Proposed by Cllr S Harte and seconded by Cllr C Green. The Minutes of the Council Planning Meeting held on 21st July 2022 were approved and signed. Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr C Green. The Minutes of the Council Planning Meeting held on 9th August 2022 were approved and signed. Proposed by Cllr S Harte and seconded by Cllr P Davies.

53/22 MATHON PARISH HALL

Nothing to report at the moment.

54/22 PLANNING

The Council considered the following Planning Applications:-

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| Planning Apps Nos | 222464/222465/222466/222467/222497 |
| Location: | Hollings Hill Farm, Cradley, Hfds WR13 5LY |
| Proposal: | Erection of cover over silage clamps (1-5) |
| App Type: | Planning Permission |
| Grid Ref: | OS 371720,245709 |

The Council discussed this application, and the Clerk was asked to send the following comments to Herefordshire Planning :

Mathon Parish Council support this Application. The Council has no objections to this application.

55/22 FINANCE

The following payment of Accounts as per cheque list signed by the Chairman (attached to the Minutes) was approved. Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr C Green :-

- (a) D W Taylor - Clerk's Salary - August/September 2022 - £583.40 (PAYE deducted)
- (b) Rotary Printers Ltd – website update July 2022 - £24.00 + Annual Hosting & Renewal - £165.50
total - £189.59
- (c) HMRC – PAYE – July/August/ September 2022 - £123.80
- (d) D W Taylor – Clerk's Office – April-September 2022 - £70.00

56/22 GRANTS/DONATIONS

The Council approved the balance of the graveyard grant - £500.00 - to PCC Mathon for the year 2022/23 (as agreed at the Annual Council Meeting held on 4th May 2022) Proposed by Cllr S Harte and seconded by Cllr C Green.

57/22 HIGHWAYS

- (a) The Council noted the complaint from a parishioner re the lack of verge cutting. This had been reported to BB/Hfds Council by the Clerk, and was in the hands of the Locality Steward – Neil James for inspection/action.
- (b) Jubilee Tree Planting – Southend Lane. After some discussion, it was agreed by the Council that a better location for the Jubilee Sweet Chestnut Tree (due to its potential size) might be the Green opposite the Cliffe and for the planting to take place in the Autumn. Cllr P Davies agreed to discuss with residents of Southend Lane the possibilities of planting lavender or other shrubs/plants on the triangle of grass.

58/22 CLIFFE ARMS - Nothing definite to report at the moment.

59/22 CORRESPONDENCE - all relevant correspondence had been e-mailed to Cllrs.

60/22 MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDA - Precept – 2023/24

61/22 NEXT MEETING DATE - Tuesday 1st November 2022 at 7.30 pm. in Mathon Parish Hall.

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