

MATHON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 4th JULY 2023 at 7.30 pm in Mathon Parish Hall

Present:- Cllr C Green, Cllr P Davies. Cllr M Malsbury, Cllr K Perkins, Cllr S Harte
Cllr N Walker

In attendance: Mrs D Taylor (Clerk), Mr D Baldwin & Mr C Rouse (Malvern Hills Trust).
Ward Cllr Helen Heathfield

Apologies for absence : None

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 Report
- (c) **Herefordshire Ward Councillor** - Cllr Helen Heathfield - reported that the new Leader of the Council was Jonathan Lester (Conservative) . She had been appointed to Chair the Environmental Committee.
- (d) **Malvern Hills Trust** - Mr David Baldwin & Mr Chris Rouse reported to the meeting. David Baldwin described the wide ranging activities and responsibilities of the Land Management Committee in which both he and Chris Rouse were involved. The Conservation Manager and the Operations Manager reported to the Land Management Committee, whose remit included stock control using electric fencing, drainage/gates, conservation plans for the future, researching the history and geology of the hills, and being successful in obtaining grants to fund projects. Speeding cars were still a problem at Castlemoreton Common with a serious road accident occurring recently. Permission had been obtained for an agricultural building at The Lam. Two new wardens were undergoing training. Two new parking meters had been installed at the Old Hills. The recent Boundary changes were still causing problems and a solution had yet to be found. The Private Members Bill was still in the pipeline and was subject to permission from the Charity Commission.

The Chairman re-opened the Meeting

41/23 FOOTPATHS

Cllr K Perkins reported that she was still waiting for a response from Herefordshire Council re Footpaths MA5 and MA 12. The Chairman and the Clerk had spoken to Mr Luke Mountford who had complained about the overgrown state of the footpaths in the parish.

42/23 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 16th May 2023 were approved and signed. (subject to the inclusion of Cllr S Harte being present at the meeting). Proposed by Cllr M Malsbury and seconded by Cllr C Green.

43/23 MATHON PARISH HALL

Cllr S Harte reported that the next meeting of the Committee would be in October

44/23 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 - June/July 2023 - (PAYE deducted) - £604.40
- (b) Business Supplies Group (formerly Rotary Print) – website posting/updates - £312.00
- (c) HMRC PAYE – April/May/June 2023 - £204.80

45/23 PLANNING

The Council considered the following applications:-

- (a) App No: 231630
Location: Rose Farm, Croft Bank, Mathon WR13 5NZ
Proposal: Garage extension to side
Grid Ref: OS 374616,245507
App Type: Full Householder.

After a lengthy discussion, the Clerk was asked to send the following comments to Herefordshire Planning Services :-

Mathon Parish Council object to this application. The proposed garage extension is of considerable size, very near to the adjacent building, and in close vicinity of (and appears to be within the curtilage of) The Tythe Barn (a listed building)

- (b) App No: 23128
Location: Moat Farm, Mathon WR13 5PF
Proposal: Replacement of two defective windows
Grid Ref: OS 374611,244700
App Type: Listed Building Consent

The Clerk was asked to send the following comment to Herefordshire Planning Services:-

Mathon Parish Council supports this application.

46/23 AONB Partnership Consultations

The Clerk had forwarded an e-mail from Malvern Hills AONB to all Cllrs re this subject. The Clerk to respond supporting Ref 5.11.2 that new market housing should be used as a principal residence rather than a second or holiday home and Ref 5.4.6 & 5.5.6 relating to affordable and social rented housing.

47/23 HIGHWAYS

- (a) Hedge fronting The Badgers. The Clerk had circulated a report from Neil James, Locality Steward and an e-mail from the present caretaker/owner of the property promising to deal with this matter. As the hedge had still not been cut back/removed, the Clerk to contact Neil James again.
- (b) Blocked culvert – Burford to Ham Green – this had been reported to Highways (Ref: FS 525502749)
- (c) Blocked culvert – Hackney Cross - this had been reported to Highways (Ref: FS 525504276)
- (d) Any other Highways issues – none reported

48/23 CLIFFE ARMS - Nothing definite to report at the moment.

49/23 CORRESPONDENCE – all relevant correspondence had been e-mailed to Cllrs

50/23 MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDA - None raised

51/23 NEXT MEETING DATE - **Tuesday 5th September 2023 at 7.30 pm in Mathon Parish Hall**

..... Chairman

..... Date

