

MATHON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 2nd July 2024 at 7.30 pm in Mathon Parish Hall

Present:- Cllr S Harte (Chairman), Cllr P Davies, Cllr N Walker, Cllr C Green,
Cllr M Malsbury

In attendance: Mrs D Taylor (Clerk) Mr C Rouse and Mr D Baldwin (MHT)

Apologies for absence : Ward Cllr Helen Heathfield, Cllr K Perkins

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/Presentations

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- (a) **Public questions** – none
- (b) **PCSO/Police** – No crime to report
- (c) **Herefordshire Ward Councillor** - No Report
- (d) **Malvern Hills Trust** - Mr C Rouse and Mr D Baldwin reported to the meeting. Chris Rouse voiced his concerns over the consultation process regarding the Parliamentary Private Bill proposed being put forward by the Trust. David Baldwin confirmed that a number of consultations had already taken place, and there were still two more – one on 5th July at Colwall Village Hall and another on 7th July at the Malvern Theatre. The Trust was also appointing a Property Manager to oversee and advise on all matters relating to land and buildings owned by the Trust. Every five years a Land Management Plan is put in place. Work was starting on this for a Plan to be produced in 2026.

The Chairman re-opened the Meeting

37/24 FOOTPATHS & MATHON COURT WOODLAND MANAGEMENT

The Clerk reported on proposals for PROW funding which required the Council to “bid” for any PROW funding in the parish. This would be considered on a case by case basis, with the Council being responsible for appointing a suitably qualified person to undertake the work. The Council considered the Mathon Court Woodland Management proposals and did not have any comments to make.

38/24 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 7th May 2024 were approved and signed. Proposed by Cllr S Harte and seconded by Cllr N Walker.

39/24 MATHON PARISH HALL

Cllr S Harte reported that a very successful Quiz Night had been held at the Hall on 7th June.

40/24 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS 2024

The Council approved and adopted the NALC New Model Financial Regulations 2024. Proposed by Cllr M Malsbury and seconded by Cllr P Davies.

41/24 FINANCE

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

- (a) D W Taylor - Clerk’s Salary - June/July 2024 - (PAYE deducted) - £621.40
- (b) FolcraTech (*formerly Business Supplies Group*) – website posting/updates/renewal of hosting/domain/plug ins - £651.59
- (c) HMRC – PAYE – April/May/June 2024 - £275.40
- (d) M Griffiths – payroll services April 2023 – March 2024 - £100.00

- (e) Lloyds Bank – Financial Services Compensation Scheme – the Clerk reported that NALC was having discussions with Lloyds Bank at national level re the exclusion clauses under the above scheme. NALC’s view is that Lloyds Bank have made a mistake in their understanding of the rules, and NALC will be asking Lloyds to contact the Parish Councils concerned to clarify the matter.

42/24 HIGHWAYS

- (a) Pot Holes at Hackney Cross (Ref FS Case 595343953) – marking out has been done
- (b) Blocked Culvert along West Malvern Road – (Ref FS Case 595345623) - still very silted up. The Clerk to contact Neil James to have another look at the problem.
- (c) Pot Holes – Rook Row Farm – these have been filled in
- (d) Deep pot hole near to bridge close to Ferney Cottage – this has been filled in
- (e) South End Lane – verge cutting and blocked ditches. These issues are being looked into by Balfour Beatty. Ref BB 11162348 (blocked ditches)

43/24 CLIFFE ARMS

Nothing to report at the moment

44/24 CORRESPONDENCE – all relevant correspondence had been e-mailed to Cllrs

45/24 NEXT MEETING DATE - **Tuesday 3rd September 2024 at 7.30 pm in Mathon Parish Hall**

..... Chairman

..... Date

