

MORTIMER WEST END PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Parish Council meeting

Date: Thursday 11th January 2024 Time: 7.30pm

Place: Mortimer West End Village Hall

Present: Cllr Andrew Arthur (Chairman)

Cllr Kevin Cross

Cllr Terina Dance

Cllr David Lister

Cllr Tom Watt

In Attendance: Borough Councillor Tony Durrant

Borough Councillor Nick Robinson

1/24 Apologies for absence

Borough Cllr Chris Tomblin and County Cllr Rhydian Vaughan gave their apologies.

2/24 To receive declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda

None.

3/24 Minutes of the last parish council meeting

3.1 To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of 30th November 2023

The minutes of the meeting held 30th November 2023 were agreed as a true and accurate record. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

3.2 Matters arising from the minutes not otherwise on the agenda

The Chairman paid tribute to former Borough Councillor Marilyn Tucker who has died at the age of 84. She was the Borough Councillor for the Parish for many years.

4/24 Open Forum – to consider any items raised by members of the public

None

5/24. Planning & Development

5.1 To note receipt of new applications and make comment see Appendix A

No new planning applications

6/24. Highways & Footpaths Matters

6.1 To provide an update on use of the Speed Indicator Device

The SID is currently in Church Road and was in Soke Road for the previous 2 weeks. Clerk will send results to all after this latest session is complete.

6.2 To discuss any new highways or footpath issues.

A resident phoned the Clerk about the potholes in Welshman's Road. Clerk directed him to the HCC reporting website.

Cllr Arthur has also reported the poor state Welshman's road to County Councillor Rhydian Vaughan. Cllr Vaughan has confirmed that the issue is being looked at by Hampshire Highways.

7/24 Parish Environment

7.1 To provide an update on the overgrown verge outside Bridge Cottage, Church Road

Borough Cllr Chris Tomblin has confirmed that B&DBC are only responsible for cutting the verge up to the ditch and that the resident is responsible for maintaining the land from the ditch to their fence.

Clerk to forward the response to the resident.

7.2 To provide an update on the Lengthsman budget

The hedge in Church Road and pavement has been cleared by the Lengthsman. There is now £750 left in the lengthsman budget.

8/24 Reports

8.1 County Councillor report

Cllr Vaughan sent an email report before the meeting. Cllr Arthur noted that the policy on DIY waste has changed and residents will no longer be charged for taking this to the 'tip'.
The continuing focus on fixing potholes was also noted.

8.2 Borough Councillor report

Cllr Tony Durrant reported that the new Head of Planning at BDBC, Jeni Jackson, is now in post. She is planning to visit all parishes over the coming months.

Bin collections will be back to normal next week after the Christmas/New Year changes.

The Local plan update was agreed last night and will now go out to public consultation. This is good news as it will mean that BDBC will only have to demonstrate a 4 year land supply during this phase which they are able to do.

The new Local Plan includes housing numbers based on the standard calculation but they are proposing to stagger the supply so that more infrastructure can be put in place to allow for this additional housing.

Roadworks are continuing in Sherfield relating to the link to the Solar Farm in Mattingey. The back roads around the area are in a poor state as traffic has been diverted on to them. HCC Highways will be looking to repair these once the roadworks are complete.

Cllr Nick Robinson reported that the Solar Farm roadworks will be moving on to the A33 and this will cause further disruption.

Free surveys from the Green Team are still available for residents who would like advice on making their homes more energy efficient.

The Traveller Injunction was challenged in the high court in December but the appeal was rejected. The injunction covers private land as well but will need to be renewed every 5 years.

8.3 Clerk's report

The internal auditors visit has been booked for 10th April 24

There is a Code of Conduct training session on 16th January 2023 at 6.30pm. Cllr Lister to attend the training and report back to the Parish Council.

Action:DL

8.4 To receive reports from parish council representatives

The next Mortimer Quarry Gravel liaison meeting will be on 6th February.

There have been no other meetings to report on.

9/24. Consultations

Hampshire County Council is carrying out a consultation of residents on their budget for 24/25. There are proposed cuts to Highways and Social Care to address the £132 million shortfall.

10/24 Finance

10.1 To approve payments, bank reconciliation and receipts See Appendix A and B below.

The payment list was approved and the additional payment for the treework at the Pickling Yard was also approved. The GAT will pay for £250 of this bill and Clerk will transfer the funds.

Cllr Arthur and Cllr Watts to approve the payments online.

10.2 To agree budget for 24/25 and set the precept.

An updated budget spreadsheet with suggested reserves and precept levels was sent to all councillors before the meeting and was discussed.

The proposed budget was agreed by the Parish Council and precept will be requested of £15,721. The Chairman and two other councillors duly signed the precept request form.

11/24. The next meeting will be held on 21st March 2024 at 7.30pm. Cllr Watt gave his apologies for this meeting.

Appendix A
January 2024

Planning Applications for Consideration

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Planning Application Decisions made

1	23/02608/HSE Beech Rise, Church Road. Demolition of the existing single storey rear extension and the erection of a single storey rear extension and internal alterations to link the existing dwelling with the existing double garage	Granted
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Planning Applications Awaiting Decisions

1	23/01911/FUL - Chapel Of The Countess Of Huntingdons Chapel Lane. Proposed fencing to enclose Manse garden	
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Appendix B

		31st December 2023
		£13,480.91

Payments since last meeting date :

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
EP	Mrs C McGarvie	Backpay April to November (8 months x £20)	160.00
EP	MWE Village Hall	Hall rental	22.50
EP	Mrs C McGarvie	Poppy Wreath	23.98
TOTAL			£206.48

New Items for payment

EP/SO/Cheq	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
SO	Mrs C McGarvie	January Salary	289.00
EP	Vision ICT LTD	website hosting (£30.48 VAT)	182.86
TOTAL			£471.86

Receipts since last meeting date :

Receipt Date	Payer	Details	TOTAL AMOUNT
TOTAL			£0.00

Payments not yet presented

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
TOTAL			£0.00

Receipts after statement date :

Receipt Date	Payer	Details	TOTAL AMOUNT
TOTAL			£0.00

Treasurers account balance after new payments			£13,009.05
Savings Account balance as at 31st December 2023			£16,762.56
		TOTAL FUNDS	£29,771.61

Appendix C

Bank Reconciliation 5th January 2024

Authority name Mortimer West End Parish Council

Prepared by Christine McGarvie Clerk and RFO

Date 31st December

Approved by Andrew Arthur Chair of council

Date 31st December 2023

Balance per bank statements as at 31st December 2023	£	£	
Treasurers Account		13480.91	
Savings Account		16762.56	
			30243.47
Less any un-presented cheques/payments at 5th January 2024			
Add any uncleared cheques/cash/payments			0
			0
Net Bank balances as at 31st December 2023			£30,243.47

CASH BOOK

Opening balance cashbook 1st April 2023	9,609.57
Add: Receipts in the year	15,054.05
Less: Payments in the year	11,182.71
Closing balance as per cash book as at 31st December 2023	£13,480.91

Opening balance savings account 1st April 2023	16,639.75
Add: Receipts in the year	£122.81
Less: Payments in the year	0
Closing balance as per cash book as at 31st December 2023	£16,762.56

Overall closing balance **£30,243.47**

difference £0.00