

MADRESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 231st PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT MADRESFIELD CLUB
ON MONDAY 5TH JANUARY 2026 AT 7:30 PM

PRESENT

Cllrs. Mr M Johnson (Chair), Mr C Eden and Mrs K Wells.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr D Sharp (Clerk).

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Council invites local residents attending the meeting to make comments and suggestions, and question the Parish Council on issues on the agenda, or raise issues for future consideration: No matters were discussed.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: There were none.

3. INTERESTS

- i. *Councillors Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Disclosable Interests regarding items on the agenda:* There were none.
- ii. *Notification of changes to the register of interests:* There were none
- iii. *To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation for those with Disclosable Interests to take part in discussions or voting:* There were none.

4. CO-OPTION

To consider applications for co-option onto the Parish Council: None had been received.

5. MINUTES

To consider for approval the minutes of the 230th Parish Council Meeting held on 19th September 2025: These were accepted as an accurate record and they were to be signed by the Chair.

6. PROGRESS REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES

No matters were discussed.

7. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

District Cllr. Kathy Wells had previously forwarded monthly reports detailing County and District matters. Malvern Hills District Council had voted in favour of both North and South Worcestershire Unitary Authorities. A decision would be made later this year.

8. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

Clerk was to request a report from the Parish Paths Warden for the next meeting.

9. PARISH COUNCIL PAIRING

Report on meeting with Guarlford Parish Council and to consider further action: The Chair and Clerk had attended the meeting on 8th December where the matter had been discussed. Guarlford PC indicated that they would be consulting with local residents before making a decision which if for a merger would lead to a request for Malvern Hills District Council to undertake a Community Governance Review.

Councillors decided to wait until Guarlford PC had made a decision before acting further. Also since the Review would include a local consultation it was not considered worthwhile Madresfield PC conducting their own.

10. PLANNING

To consider responses to any late submitted applications:

No applications had been received.

11. FINANCE

i. To consider grant funding to local organisations: It was agreed to donate £100 to St Mary Church to help fund upkeep of the churchyard and £100 to South Worcestershire Citizens Advice Bureau.

ii. Approval of Payments due: The following payments were approved:

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	-	£640.00	Lengthman Fees (Sep-Dec)
Madresfield Club	05/01	£10.00	Hire Charge (Cheque)
Med UK Group	-	£66.00	Defib Pads
St Mary Church	-	£100.00	Donation
South Worcestershire CAB	-	£100.00	Donation
CPRE	-	£36.00	Annual Membership
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£35.60	PAYE (Jul-Sep)
D Sharp	-	£70.00	Expenses 25/26
D Sharp	05/01	£142.86	Clerks fees (3 months@1hr/week SCP7 £178.46)
Total		£1,200.46	

After these payments are made accounts will be as follows:

UNITY TRUST BANK

Instant Access Account B/F	£860.28	Current Account B/F	£20.66
		MHDC Precept	£1,005.00
		WCC Lengthman	£160.00
Interest	£9.65	WCC Lengthman	£160.00
		WCC Lengthman	£160.00
		VAT Refund	£147.05
		Service Charge	-£6.00
		Service Charge	-£6.00
		Service Charge	-£6.00
		Service Charge	-£6.00
		ICO (DD)	-£47.00
		January Payments	-£1,200.46
Instant Access Account C/F	£869.93	Current Account C/F	£381.25

iii. To consider budget for 2026/27 and set a precept: The budget was agreed and a precept of £2252 was to be requested.

12. CORRESPONDENCE.

To consider any responses to the following correspondence received:

FROM	SUBJECT
CALC	Updates
NALC	Chief Executive's Bulletin
NALC	Newsletters
CALC	Survey on Local Government Re-organisation
District & County Cllrs.	Monthly Reports
MHDC	Monthly Business e-Bulletins
WCC	Street Lighting
Gary Crellin	Christmas Lesson & Carols
Malvern Town Council	Joint Councillors Meeting
Kempsey & Alfrick SNT	December Newsletter
Kempsey & Alfrick SNT	Parish Priorities 9(i)

(i) Speeding and inconsiderate parking were to be highlighted.

13. COUNCILLOR'S ITEMS FOR REPORT OR FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION.

No further matters were discussed.

14. NEXT MEETING.

The next Parish Council meeting was to be held on Monday 9th March at 7:30pm in the Madresfield Club.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:00 pm.