MADRESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE 234th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT MADRESFIELD CLUB ON TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER 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 candidates for co-option to the Parish Council: No applications had been received.

5. MINUTES
To consider for approval the minutes of the Annual and 233rd Parish Council Meeting held on 26th May 2026: These were accepted as an accurate record and they were 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
Monthly District and County reports had been circulated previously. District Cllr. Kathy Wells also confirmed that ongoing changes to the planning process involved only one committee rather than a north and south. Henceforth applications would only be presented to committee on referal from the chief planning officer and the committee chair.
The Local Government Reorganisation to North and South Worcestershire Unitary bodies had been temporarily suspended.

8. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS
No matters were discussed.

9. PARISH COUNCIL PAIRING
Update on Stage 1 and Stage 2 consultations and to consider response to Stage 3 consultation:
Stages 1 and 2 had been completed and a revised recommendation was proposed under stage 3. This would involve a grouping of Guarlford and Madresfield Parish Councils, comprising 8 councillors (5 representing Guarlford and 3 representing Madresfield). Elections for the new council would take place in May 2027. The identities and independence of the Parishes would remain unchained. It was agreed to support this recommendation.

10. PLANNING
To consider responses to any late submitted applications: None had been received.

11. FINANCE

i. To consider a Risk Assessment for Approval: This was approved and adopted.

ii. To consider payment of invoices presented:

The following payments were made between meetings and were ratified:

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
Worcestershire CALC	24/07	£120.13	Annual Fee
Anthem (UK) Ltd	06/08	£50.00	Internal Audit Fee
Parish Online	06/08	£240.00	Website Service
Madresfield Club	07/08	£10.00	Hire Charge
	Total	**£420.13**	

The following payments were approved:

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	-	£704.00	Lengthman Fees (Jun-Sep)
Madresfield Club	06/10	£10.00	Hire Charge
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£36.80	PAYE (Apr-Jun)
D Sharp	06/10	£147.53	Clerks fees (3 months@1hr/week SCP7 £184.33)*
	Total	**£898.33**	

* It was noted that new pay scales had been implemented from April 1st.

After these payments are made accounts will be as follows

Instant Access Account B/F	**£874.44**		**Current Account B/F**	**£513.00**
Interest	£8.57		WCC Lengthman	£176.00
			WCC Lengthman	£176.00
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			HMRC precept	£1,126.00
			Service Charge	-£7.00
			Service Charge	-£7.00
			Service Charge	-£7.00
			Service Charge	-£7.00
			Service Charge	-£7.00
			Pre Payments	-£420.13
			October Payments	-£898.33
Instant Access Account C/F	**£883.01**		**Current Account C/F**	**£989.54**

It was further agreed to purchase a replacement battery for the defibrilator housed outside the Madresfield Club.

12. CORRESPONDENCE.

To consider any responses to the following correspondence received:

FROM	SUBJECT
CALC	Updates/Health Newsletter/ Scales
NALC	Chief Executive's Bulletin
NALC	Newsletters
District & County Cllrs.	Monthly Reports
MHDC	Monthly Business e-Bulletins
Misc	Local Government Reorganisation
Misc	Community Governance Review
Clerk	Risk Assessment

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 in the Madresfield Club on 4th January 2027.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:30 pm.