

Chronology leading up to deposit of Malvern Hills Bill

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20.11.1984	Malvern Hills Conservators registered as a charity
2009 - 2011	Dispute over renewal of protected business tenancy of St Ann's Well café culminating in the renewal of the lease and the board agreeing to pay the tenant's legal costs in full
06.02.2012	Potential serious incident reported to Charity Commission. Charity Commission required the Inquiry consider a full governance review
08. 2013	Governance review completed
	Charity Commission indicated they would consider a s73 Charities Act 2011 scheme ("s73 scheme") for the Trust
11.09.2014	Board asks Governance Committee to set up working group to develop proposals for a s73 scheme
08.09.16	Board resolved to undertake necessary work to get in principle approval from the Charity Commission for the scheme
25.10.16	Formal confirmation that the Charity Commission has accepted in principle application for a s73 scheme
13.06.2019	Board resolves to go ahead with public consultation on the s.73 scheme proposals
2.09 – 10.10.2019	Public Consultation Five "drop in" sessions at Colwall, Callow End. Malvern (2 venues) Castlemorton to allow public to ask questions
30.01.2020 Bundle 5, page 285	Governance Committee consider working group report on consultation outcomes
11.03.2020 Bundle 5, page 333	Charity Commission notify the Trust that the governance changes would be best handled via a Private Bill (See public statement of Commission)
12.03.2020	Board resolves to adopt the working group report (15 in favour 6 against). Board to consider options and take advice following Charity Commission notification
11.11.2021	Board resolved it was expedient in the best interests of the charity to proceed to make governance changes through a private bill, and to submit an application for s74 Charities Act 2011 ("s74 consent") consent
31.05.2023	Application made for s74 consent

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08.08.2023 Bundle 5, page 454	S74 consent received
18.01.2024 Bundle 5, page 334	Board meeting - 19 trustees present RESOLVED, with 14 in favour, four against and one abstention, that the Trust should seek a Private Bill to update its governance with a view to lodging the Bill in November 2024, and that the new Act would consolidate the existing five Malvern Hills Acts.
22.05 – 17.07.2023	Trust runs further public consultation Five “drop in” sessions at Colwall, Callow End. Malvern (2 venues) Castlemorton to allow public to ask questions
17.07.2024	Trustees workshop to discuss levy provisions
08.08.2024	Board meeting - 13 trustees present RESOLVED (with two votes against) that the Parliamentary Agent continue to draft the provisions of the Bill not impacted by the trustee review. RESOLVED (with three votes against) that the proposals for review were those identified in the two schedules summarising organisational responses and individual responses. (Trustees not present invited to add to list if they wished) RESOLVED (with two votes against and one abstention) that the initial review of the proposals be carried out by a working group comprising David Core, John Michael, Mike Wilkinson and Sheila Wren. The working group would report back to the Board in a workshop (or series of workshops) to be followed by a Special Board meeting in mid-September
04.09.2024	Trustees workshop to cover working group recommendations on licensing and land management
11.09.2024	Trustees workshop to cover admin provisions and objects (copies of key draft clauses circulated)
18.09.2024	Trustees workshop to discuss advice on s31 MH 1884 Act, issues around “unenclosed” and DfT comments.
19.09.2024 Bundle 5, pages 345 (minutes)	Board meeting - 17 trustees present. Board meeting to discuss consultation outcomes and whether changes should be made to draft Bill in response. Votes on: Land management: changes relating to fencing (14:2, 1 abstention)

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and 382 (paper)	Removal of one provision relating to fencing (15 in favour one abstention) Leases and licences no change (14:2, 1 abstention) Licencing activities on Trust land -no change (16 and 1 abstention) Licences for overground services (14 in favour 3 abstentions) Hybrid meetings (13:2, 2 abstentions) Supporters' organisation (14:1, 2 abstentions) General power (13:2, 2 abstentions) Power to borrow (12:3, 2 abstentions) Change of name (12:3, 2 abstentions) Objects (14:2, 1 abstention)
20.09.2024	Workshop: items which Working Group wished to raise – (access to meetings, fixed penalty notices, powers relating to ancillary land)
27.09.2024	Zoom meeting with Parliamentary Agent to discuss go/no go decision
03.10.2024	Trustees workshop: Board appointments and nomination committee clauses
10.10.2024 Bundle 5, pages 354 (minutes) and 414 (paper)	Board meeting - 17 trustees present. Board meeting to discuss consultation outcomes and whether changes should be made to draft Bill in response. Votes on: Number of trustees (13:4) 50:50 elected/selected (13:4) Extend area for people to stand for election (13:4) Define electoral area by parish (13:3, 1 abstention) Single electoral area and allocate trustee as point of contact for each parish (13:4) Nomination committee (13:4) Public access to meetings (13:4) Fixed penalty notices (13:4 abstentions)
16.10.2024	Draft Explanatory Memorandum circulated for comment
17.10.2024 Bundle 5, pages 359 (minutes) and 432 (paper)	Board meeting - 19 trustees present Vote to submit the Bill November 2024 (17:2)
19.10.2024	Part 1 and Part 3 clauses circulated

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21.10.2024	Sections on byelaws and Part 7 circulated
25.10.2024	Parts 2 and 4 circulated
30.10.2024	Revised part 2 circulated
1.11.2024	Parts 8 and 6 circulated
8.11.2024	Trustees workshop
10.11.2024	Revised St Ann's Well clause circulated
11.11.2024	Full Bill circulated
14.11.2024	Board meeting - 18 trustees present Fixed number of 6 appointed trustees (16:2) Transitional provisions (16:1, 1 abstention) Change to requirement to call election with vacancy arising at end of term (16:1, 1 abstention) Trustees taking up office (17 in favour 1 abstention) Change to wording on renewable energy (12:5, 1 abstention) Change wording clause 55 (access roads) (17:1)
14.11.2024	Notes on Private Bill procedure recirculated (originally circulated June 2023)
15.11.2024	Complete Bill with explanatory memorandum circulated
19.11.2024	Changes to clause 7 circulated
19.11.2024	Final version of Bill and explanatory memorandum circulated
20.11.2024 Bundle 5, page 378 (minutes)	Board meeting - 15 trustees present Compliance with ECHR advice (13:2) Approve draft (13:2)
27.11.2024	Bill deposited

All trustees were invited to all the meetings and workshops listed above and received all the relevant papers and draft provisions of the Bill.