

Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18th May 2020

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Due to the Covid 19 restrictions this meeting was held online.

Present

Cllrs. Mrs V Nelson (Chair), Miss J Biggs, Mr M Davies, Dr A Davis, Mr P Hancock, Mrs D Jammal, Dr J Mortimer, Mrs M Sumner, Mr J Whitehouse.

In Attendance

Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and 11 members of the public.

56/20 Election of Chairman

Cllr. Mrs V Nelson was unanimously elected Chairman and she duly completed her 'acceptance of office'.

57/20 Apologies

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

58/20 Interests

i. Councillors Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Disclosable Interests regarding items on the agenda: Cllrs. Nelson, Mortimer and Sumner declared ODIs on item agenda 9 concerning the Pheasant Inn since they owned properties neighbouring the site.

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: Dispensations for Cllrs. Nelson, Mortimer and Sumner to discuss the Pheasant Inn were already in place.

59/20 Planning

To consider a response to the following and any late submitted applications:

Application No	At	Details
19/01770/FUL	Land At (Os 7964 4028) Rear Of Cornfield Close	Development of a Rural Exception Site for the erection of 14 dwellings (7 affordable dwellings to be cross-subsidised by 7 market dwellings).

Cllr. Davies abstained from voting due to his position as District Councillor.

The following response was agreed:

19/01770/FUL – It was agreed by a majority that the Parish Council had no objection to the application with the provisos that:

1. The Parish Council had concerns over the cumulative impact of this development and the previous at Cornfield Close and that this should be taken into account if further applications were received adjoining this site.
2. That a softening of the eastern boundary of the site between plots 10 and 14 be a condition for approval.

The Clerk was to draft a response, the exact wording would be agreed via email.

60/20 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th April: These were accepted as an accurate record and they were signed by the Chairman.

61/20 Progress reports and other matters arising from these minutes

No matters were discussed.

62/20 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives

District Cllr. Mick Davies had circulated his report previously. In it he commented that some recycling centres had opened and he hoped the one at Upton upon Severn would soon follow. £15.8 million of support grants had been paid to 1,402 businesses in the district. The new chief executive was confirmed as Vic Allison. Many local councils in the country were in a weak financial position because of the Covid 19 restrictions but MHDC were proving to be resilient. A plan outlining how the district would recover from the pandemic was to be considered by the Executive Committee on May 26th.

Cllr. Sumner reported that Age UK had requested they be allowed to use Welland as a pilot village for the 'Good Neighbourhood Scheme' which would gather information on how the parish has responded to the current pandemic and be used as a template for other communities. This was agreed.

63/20 Committee, Working Party & Other Representative Reports & Recommendations

i. Neighbourhood Planning Working Group: The Group was currently assessing site allocations and Local Green Space allocations. It was hoped that a draft plan would be presented for consideration to the Parish Council at the next meeting, prior to submission to MHDC for wider consultation.

ii. Communications Working Group: The latest newsletter had increased the number of volunteers and more requests for help had been received. Cllr. Hancock reported that the creation of dedicated email addresses was in progress.

iii. Playing Fields/Open Spaces Working Group: Isolation restrictions were slowly being lifted although there were no immediate plans for playground openings. The Clerk reported that he had arranged for the hedge within the playground to be cut, along with the section by the village shop. If the recent hot weather continued it would be advisable to irrigate the football pitch.

iv. Orchard Working Group: A group of about 8 volunteers were regularly working several times a week and a good crop was expected this year.

v. Highways Working Group:

No matters were discussed.

64/20 The Pheasant Inn

To consider any action required: The application for Asset of Community Value status for the site was still to be determined.

An offer by the owner of the donation of part of the site to the Parish Council for use as a 'community hub' was not considered economically viable and the possible acquisition of the whole site by the Parish Council was to be investigated. Architects were to be approached to supply draft ideas, with designs and costings and the owner was to be contacted to clarify boundaries and any constraints that were in place.

65/20 Village Hall

To consider agreeing a temporary wayleave with Airband Community Internet Limited to allow access to Village Hall mains electricity to service the adjacent cabinet until a permanent independent supply can be made: This was agreed and a sum of £100 per month was to be requested for the period that the wayleave was in place.

66/20 Emergency Measures

To review the current situation and consider any further actions necessary concerning the current Covid 19 pandemic including the reinstatement of the village handyman: It was agreed that the village handyman should resume work if he felt safe and able to do so. The Clerk had produced a risk assessment which was approved and he was to meet the handyman next week. It was also agreed that the dog waste bins, which had been sealed since 'lockdown', should be removed although dog bag dispensers were to continue to be replenished. The situation would be continually reviewed.

67/20 Correspondence

To consider responses to the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
CALC	*	Updates
NALC	*	Chief Executive's Bulletin
WCC	*	Worcestershire Roadworks Report
Misc	*	CORONAVIRUS —Information for Parish & Town Councils
Clerk	*	Lengthman Scheme – Risk Assessment
WCC	*	Applications Invited for an Independent Lay Member of the West Mercia Police and Crime Panel
Pensions Regulator		Enrolment Duties Completed

68/20 Finance**To consider payment of invoices presented:**

The following payments were approved from the **Main Account**:

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore (BACS)	05/05	£118.00	Lengthman Duties (April)
Broadleaf Tree Care (BACS)	30/04	£780.00	Grass Cutting (14/04 & 27/04)
Steve Maund (BACS)	17/05	£230.00	Grass Cutting
Faithful Alarms (BACS)	27/04	£91.08	Village Hall Alarm Maintenance
Solopress (BACS)	20/04	£128.85	Newsletter Printing
JRB Enterprises (BACS)	13/05	£258.60	Dog Gloves
DW Shotton (BACS)	27/04	£6,414.00	Spitalfields Maintenance
Zurich Municipal (BACS)	24/04	£1,386.14	Annual Insurance
Screwfix (BACS)	15/05	£10.17	Gate Springs
D Sharp (BACS)	-	£175.00	Clerk's 2 nd ½ expenses 2019/20
E Hardman (BACS)	18/05	£104.00	Handyman (£130 Gross)
D Sharp (BACS)	18/05	£396.40	Clerk's Fee (£495.60 - 40 hrs @ SCP 17)
TOTAL		£10,092.24	

Accounts Summary

Reserves Lloyds B/F	£2,975.96		Main Account B/F	£48,179.49
Interest	£0.13	£2,976.09		
Fête Account	£1,832.36	£1,832.36	MHDC Precept	£15,521.00
Buildings Account	£804.47	£804.47		
Neighbourhood Plan Ac.	£844.65	£844.65	MHDC Waste Collection	-£59.86
Funding Account	£1,020.33	£1,020.33	May Payments	-£10,092.24
Total C/F		£7,477.90	Main Account C/F	£53,548.39

69/20 Any other matters for report or for future consideration

Cllr. Sumner informed the meeting that funding for local cycle routes was expected to be available soon from WCC.

The village store's opening times were to be put on the village facebook page.

An offer by a local pizza mobile take away business to visit the village regularly was welcomed.

Clerk to examine hedges at Danemore cross for visibility problems.

70/20 Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting was to be held on Monday 15th June 2020 at 7.30pm online.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.20 pm.