

Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21st September 2020

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

Present

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

In Attendance

County Cllr. Mr T Wells, Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

110/20 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Cllrs. Miss J Biggs, Mr M Davies and Mrs M Purser (accepted).

111/20 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.

112/20 Planning

To consider responses to the following any late submitted applications:

Application No	Location	Details
20/01231/FUL	Welland County Primary School	Extensions to create Classrooms, an enlarged Assembly Hall, improved Support Spaces and Link Corridor.
20/01169/HP	Midway Cottage Upper Welland Road	Erection of single storey extension

The following responses were agreed:

20/01231/FUL - "The Parish Council understands the need for expansion of the school to accommodate an increase in pupil numbers and has no objection to the principle of development. There are concerns over the reduction in outdoor space and the Parish Council believes a review of the school travel plan would be advisable since although many of the new pupils will come from new local developments there is no guarantee that they will not arrive by car."

20/01169/HP – This application had already been approved by MHDC.

113/20 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th August: These were accepted as an accurate record and they were signed by the Chairman.

114/20 Progress reports and other matters arising from these minutes

There were none.

115/20 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives

County Cllr. Tom Wells reported on the worrying statistic that 1/3 of road collisions involved bicycles. Efforts were ongoing to get the necessary work done on the Spring Meadows and St James Green access roads so that they could be adopted by WCC. He confirmed that no speed limits could be enforced until this time. The rippled section on Drake Street was to be re-planned. He also outlined provisional investigations into creating a cycle route along the disused railway from Malvern to Upton. **District Cllr. Mick Davies'** report had been previously circulated and was read out by the Chair. He confirmed that £18.5 million of Covid 19 business support funds had been processed by MHDC. He also reported on the ongoing Boundary Commission review. Local matters he was dealing with included the siting of a mobile home on a property and the parking of a vehicle locally designed for advertising. He also outlined work progressing with 'Good Neighbourhood Networks'. Finally he suggested Parish Councillors could benefit from a meeting with the Planning Services Manager at MHDC to review how Parish Councils can best participate in the planning decision process.

116/20 Committee, Working Party & Other Representative Reports & Recommendations

i. Neighbourhood Planning Working Group: Technical aid to undertake the housing needs survey had been approved and AECOM, the designated company, were due to contact the group. A further application for funding to take the plan to conclusion was approved and would be submitted by the Clerk.

ii. Communications Working Group: A newsletter was to be produced dealing with the Pheasant Inn project and also the appointment of a Community Facilitator.

iii. Playing Fields/Open Spaces Working Group:

a. Update on outdoor Gym project: Feedback had been received from the football club and a specification of equipment required was to be sent to the three preferred suppliers that had been identified during the original tender process.

b. To review tree inspection report: The Clerk was to get quotations from two tree surgeons for the necessary work.

c. To review grass and hedge cutting schedule: The hedge along the stream was to be left this year as an experiment for wildlife promotion. Only if sections were causing an obstruction would they be cut. Other areas would be cut as normal. The grass schedule would be considered in early spring.

iv. Orchard Working Group: An application for S106 funding for approximately £2,000 was approved to create a pedestrian entrance near the school.

Approximately 1 tonne of apples and pears had been sent for pulping.

v. Highways Working Group:

The Community Speed Watch team had completed training and had already undertaken one patrol. Further members were to be sought and a report was to be put in the next newsletter.

117/20 The Pheasant Inn

a. To confirm offer of purchase: The Parish Council's offer of £179,300 was approved. A Working Group comprising Cllrs. Nelson, Davies, Whaley and Sumner was appointed and would progress with the purchase. The Group would report back and seek approval before actions were undertaken.

b. To consider seeking the approval of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government to apply for a PWLB loan for the purpose of purchasing the Pheasant Inn site. Value of loan and borrowing term to be decided: This was approved and Whatley Recordon were to be appointed solicitors to act for the Parish Council.

Discussions with the developers of the housing adjacent to the Pheasant Inn site indicated that the common boundary would be left secure with fencing when the site was completed.

117/20 Community Development Facilitator

Confirmation of Appointment: It was agreed that the post would be shared by Natalie McVey and Sarah Gittings. The initial task would be to undertake a survey of the village and the same working group, Cllrs. Nelson and Sumner plus Clerk, were to monitor progress.

118/20 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
NALC	*	REBUILDING COMMUNITIES
WCC	*	Parish Winter Newsletter
Clerk	*	Welland Green
SWDP	*	Parish and Town Council Newsletter August 2020
MHDC	*	Briefing Note on the Planning Reforms Consultations
SWDP	*	Parish and Town Council Briefing, Wed 7/10 2020 6:00pm-7:30pm
Malvern Hills AONB	*	Annual review 2019/20
BJ Unwin	*	Tree Survey
J George	*	Pheasant Inn
Malvern Town Council	*	Planning White Paper
John Goodwin	*	Land Sale

119/20 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)	01/09	£236.00	Lengthman Duties (August)
Broadleaf Tree Care (BACS)	01/09	£530.00	Grass Cutting and tree removal
Steve Maund (BACS)	24/08	£450.00	Grass Cutting
JMART (BACS)	11/09	£10.47	Rubbish Bags
JRB Enterprises (BACS)	10/09	£258.60	Dog Bags
NA Priday (BACS)	28/04	£648.00	Hedge and Bank Cutting
BJ Unwin (BACS)	14/09	£360.00	Tree Survey
E Hardman (BACS)	21/09	£104.00	Handyman (£130 Gross)
D Sharp (BACS)	21/09	£454.20	Clerk's Fee (£507.60 – 40 hrs @ SCP 17 + £60 backdated to Apr)
	TOTAL	£3,051.27	

Confirmation of Clerk's statutory pay increase backdated to April 2020 was noted.

Accounts Summary

Reserves Lloyds B/F	£2,976.43		Main Account B/F	£48,290.13
Interest	£0.02	£2,976.45		
Fête Account	£1,832.36	£1,832.36	Western Power Wayleave	£73.79
Buildings Account	£804.47	£804.47		
Neighbourhood Plan Ac.	£808.65	£808.65	BT	-£12.00
Funding Account	£1,020.33	£1,020.33		
			September Payments	-£3,051.27
Total C/F		£7,442.26	Main Account C/F	£45,300.65

120/20 Any other matters for report or for future consideration

It was noted that more vehicles of those attending football events were parking on verges. The football club was to try to discourage this.

Music events had been arranged for 24th October and 5th December in the village hall. All Covid 19 regulations were to be followed and each audience limited to 30 persons. It was agreed to allocate up to £100 for additional lighting.

121/20 Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting was to be held on Monday 19th October 2020 at 7.30pm, venue to be arranged.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.15 pm.