

Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 15th March 2021

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

No matters were raised during the period of public participation held before the start of the meeting.

Present

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

In Attendance

County Cllr. Mr T Wells, District Cllr. Mr J Gallagher, Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

30/21 Apologies

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

31/21 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.

32/21 Planning

To consider response to the following any late submitted applications:

Application No	Location	Details
21/00166/HP 21/00167/LB	Marlbank Farmhouse	Conversion of barn to ancillary annex

The following application had also been received:

Application No	Location	Details
21/00468/AGR	Land at Welland Court Lane	Prior notification for a proposed agricultural barn

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

It was agreed to submit the following response for all applications - "The Parish Council has no objection to the application".

33/21 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15th February:

These were accepted as accurate records and they were signed by the Chairman.

34/21 Progress reports and other matters arising from these minutes

The Clerk reported that he had attempted to contact the Local Policing Team but had not received a response.

35/21 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives

County Cllr. Tom Wells gave a review of Highway works currently ongoing on Drake Street in association with the three development sites.

One pod of the vaccination centre at the Three Counties Show ground was operational and run by 50 volunteers. Two further pods were yet to open.

District Cllr. Mick Davies also reported on the Drake Street Highway work and believed that resurfacing of the footway was included in the current operations.

The Boundary Review consultation was due to take place this summer.

The SWDPR consultation had commenced on 1st March for seven weeks.

He hoped that his ward budget for 2021/22 would be applied for earlier in the year than presently.

The national census was to be taken on March 21st and it was hoped that most would be able to complete online.

New Covid 19 restart grants would be available from April and MHDC had already distributed £20M so far in previous grants.

MHDC had produced a 'Carbon Calculator' for Parish Councils to produce green energy plans. New litter picking kits had been ordered from MHDC.

District Cllr. John Gallagher added that the capacity of the Three Counties Show ground vaccination centre was 9,000 per week although currently it was working at under 2,000 and all over 50s were being treated along with all adults with underlying health issues. The possibility of administering booster injections this winter was a possibility.

Finally he confirmed that a new emergency department was to open at the Royal Worcester Hospital in 2022 and it was thought it would take the NHS at least 3 years to recover from the Covid 19 pandemic.

36/21 Committee, Working Party & Other Representative Reports & Recommendations

i. Neighbourhood Planning Working Group: Design code policy recommendations were being drafted. The current SWDPR did not include the Parish Council's site recommendations but it was hoped that they would be included in the next round of consultation.

It was hoped that the Parish Council could hold consultations on the Plan in April via an extended newsletter.

Not all of the current grant from Locality had been spent, due to delays brought on by Covid restrictions, and would have to be repaid at the end of the financial year. It was expected that a new grant application could be made in April.

ii. Communications Working Group: Next newsletter was being compiled and the web site required updating.

iii. Playing Fields/Open Spaces Working Group:

Construction vehicles were accessing the rear of the school via the playing field, and a section had been fenced off and a new temporary pedestrian path had been laid. It would be important to ensure that all stone was removed from the surface when works were completed to protect grass cutting equipment.

It was agreed to undertake part of the annual maintenance on Spitalfields in March since Welland Juniors were to commence playing after Easter. The remainder, including sand dressing, to take place at the end of the season in July.

It was suggested that the football club could benefit from crowdfunding.

iv. Orchard Working Group: The Group resolved to register for charitable status at their AGM on 8th March. A leasehold for the site would then be negotiated.

The Group was working with the School and Preschool to decorate a 'wishing tree' over Easter. The storage container was to be delivered next week.

v. Highways Working Group: The Clerk reported that WCC were seeking to fund renovations to the Marlbank footway.

vi. Footpaths Working Group: The Group was looking at creating a list of local circulatory routes to make widely available.

Details had been received about a footpath near Castlemorton Common which made access for dogs more difficult. The Group were to liaise with the footpath wardens for both Welland and Castlemorton. No progress had been received about the requested changes to the definitive map regarding designating Byfields Lane as a PRoW.

37/21 The Pheasant Inn

i. To review the draft contracts and consider authorising for signature and confirm exchange of contracts: The expected contract had not been received and it was agreed to write to the vendor stressing that the offer to purchase was still in place but the Parish Council's position may change if further unexplained delays persisted.

ii. To review PWLB interest rate and repayment schedule and consider drawing down pre-approved loan for purchase of Pheasant Inn: Confirmation that funding had been approved had been received from the PWLB but the drawing down of funds was deferred until the status of the sale was clarified.

38/21 Community Development Facilitator

A meeting between the facilitators and Cllrs. Davies and Sumner was to be held on 18th March to review progress and to look at ways to work efficiently during the current restrictions.

39/21 Parish Council Promotions

A meeting between representatives of the Church and councillors had discussed the possibility of holding more events and also the feasibility of running a cafe or 'pop up' bar.

40/21 Correspondence

To consider responses to the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
CALC	*	Updates
NALC	*	Chief Executive's Bulletin
CALC	*	Malvern Hills Area Meeting 2nd March 7pm
MHDC	*	Update for town and parish councils
Clerk + Misc	*	Pheasant Inn / PWLB
NALC	*	Online Events
SWDPR	*	Event for Town and Parish Councils - Monday 1 March 2021, 6pm
SWDPR	*	Parish and Town Council Newsletter February 2021
CALC	*	Training & Events Update for Councillors and Clerks
MHDC	*	Covid-19 Business e-Bulletin
Misc	*	Footpaths

41/21 Finance

To consider payment of invoices presented:

The following payments were made between meetings from the **Main Account** and were ratified:

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
Natalie McVey	-	£189.00	Community Facilitator (15 hrs. Feb) (- £45 overpaid in Jan)
Sarah Gittings	-	£202.80	Community Facilitator (13 hrs. Feb)
TOTAL		£391.80	

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	23/02	£118.00	Lengthman Duties (February)
Worcestershire CC	10/03	£140.00	DBS Checks
E Hardman	15/03	£104.00	Handyman (£130 Gross)
D Sharp	15/03	£406.00	Clerk's Fee (£507.60 – 40 hrs @ SCP 17)
TOTAL		£768.00	

Accounts Summary

Reserves Lloyds B/F	£2,976.57	
Interest	£0.02	£2,976.59
Fête Account	£1,832.36	£1,832.36
Buildings Account	£804.47	£804.47
Neighbourhood Plan Ac.	£5,808.65	£5,808.65
Funding Account	£1,091.33	£1,091.33
Total C/F		£12,513.40

Main Account B/F	£63,849.28
WCC Lengthman	£354.00
HMRC VAT	£6,019.19
Pre Payments	-£391.80
March Payments	-£768.00
Main Account C/F	£69,062.67

42/21 Any other matters for report or for future consideration:

Pre planning application consultation was to be held with representatives acting for a resident on Gloucester Road concerning a scheme for the development of two dwellings. It was noted that tree planting on St James Green was ongoing.

43/21 Date of next meeting

Due to the uncertainty of holding virtual meetings after 6th May it was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting prior to the next Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday 19th April 2021 at 7.30pm online.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.35 pm.