

Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18th July 2022

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Present

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

In Attendance

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

96/22 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.

97/22 Apologies

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

98/22 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.

99/22 Planning

i. To consider responses to the following and any late submitted applications:

Application No	At	Details
M/22/00794/FUL	Lake Farm Barn, Welland Court Lane	Proposed holiday cabin

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

The following response was agreed – Comment – ‘The Parish Council is mindful that the application lies outside the development boundary, in open countryside, within 3 kms of the AONB and will be the first development in Welland visible when approaching along the A4104 from the east. Whilst the Parish Council has no objection to the principle of development providing that it complies with SWDP and NPPF policies, extra consideration should be paid to the building materials, lighting provision and screening due to its prominent position. It may also be advisable to restrict the number and frequency of rentals allowed so that the development does not take undue advantage of any ‘exception’ status that it may be given.’

ii. Decisions notified.

M/22/00627/HP – The Willows, Hook Bank – Approved

100/22 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th June 2022:

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

101/22 Progress reports and matters arising from these minutes

Speed sign quotations were still to be sought.

It was noted that no decisions had been made regarding the Pheasant Inn planning application, nor the outline application for 56 dwellings on Gloucester Road.

102/22 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives

District Councillor Mick Davies reported that the SWDPR draft was to be published on 23rd September and was due to be submitted for examination in November.

The planning appeal at Leigh Sinton for 45 dwellings had been approved although the MHDC five year land supply had formed no significant part of the decision. Consequently further speculative planning applications were expected.

Boundary Commission proposals for ward boundary changes had been published and were to be considered by MHDC on 26th July. Parish Councils were also being given the opportunity to comment. Improvements of the Malvern Theatre's toilet provision was nearing completion and tenders had been received to upgrade the reception and small performance areas. A £20M levelling up grant was being applied for.

MHDC were also applying for a £2¼M sustainable communities grant to improve community and employment facilities.

Finally MHDC were to consider funding the purchase of Malvern Hills College together with WCC and others.

103/22 Committee, Working Party & Other Representative Reports & Recommendations

i. Neighbourhood Planning Working Group: *To consider an increase in the Parish Council's contribution to Regulation 15 costs:* The Parish Council had already agreed funding of £1,750 and it was resolved that this be increased to £2,000.

Cllr Davies reported that the Landscape Assessment and Housing Evidence had been completed and the Site Assessment was being finalised proposing a 14 affordable dwelling development adjacent to Cornfield Close. Peter Hamilton was currently redrafting the Plan and confirmation had been received that an Environmental Impact Assessment was not required.

ii. Communications Working Group: A newsletter was to be produced promoting the Church cafe.

iii. Playing Fields/Open Spaces Working Group: *To consider quotation for fencing and gate repairs:* A quotation for £5,300 from MD Projects was approved and would form part of the current S106 grant application.

The goalmouths on Spitalfields had been re-turfed and were being watered by members of the football club.

Rachel Nicholls, a qualified trainer, was to run some commercial sessions at the outdoor gym and the Parish Council was looking to fund some other sessions for local residents. A budget of £300 was agreed for this.

The Clerk had recently circulated a gym safety check which had highlighted some missing fixing covers. Although there were no safety implications, replacements were to be sought from Kompan.

iv. Orchard Working Group: Cllr. Whaley reported that a good crop of plums was available for picking. A flat area had been created to erect tents for events. The pond area was progressing and funding was being sought for seven more trees.

v. Highways Working Group:

Complaints were being received over the repairs to the Giffard Drive footways, following broadband installation by Airband. The Clerk confirmed that this had been highlighted to WCC but he was to press for corrective action.

vi. Footpaths Working Group: The PRoWs in the Rosebud meadow area had been strimmed. The Group was producing a leaflet covering two local walks, which they hoped to publish soon.

vii. S106 Working Group: The application to improve access to the recreation field by the Village Store had been provisionally approved and Cllr. Davies and the Clerk were to respond to documentation requests from MHDC.

104/22 Community Development Facilitator

The Spacehive funding initiative for a Welland Youth Art Club was progressing slowly and further avenues for fundraising were being sought. Mr Farley was to start a 'door knocking' campaign to complete an assessment of the village requirements.

It was hoped that funding would last until October.

105/22 Pavilion

i. *To consider frequency of electrical and gas safety inspections:* It was thought 'best practice' that these be completed every 5 years. The Clerk confirmed that he had arranged for inspections to be undertaken on 1st August.

ii. *Update on pavilion management:* The PreSchool and Welland Juniors FC had agreed between them how to divide the maintenance costs of the building. Once all management issues had been resolved it was agreed that a more formal lease/rental agreement would be advisable.

106/22 Correspondence

To consider the responses to the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	SUBJECT
CALC	Updates
CALC	Training and Events Update
NALC	Chief Executive's Bulletin
NALC	Events
CALC	Civility and Respect Newsletter
Clerk	Fencing Quotation
Misc.	20's Plenty
MHDC	Malvern Hills Electoral Review: Further Draft Proposals(i)
WCC	Adoption of the Worcestershire Minerals Local Plan 2018-2036
West Mercia Police	Summer Rural Beat
CALC	Worcs Wildlife Trust Presentation from MH area meeting

(i). It was agreed to respond objecting to the draft proposal to create a large ward of Longdon and Welland and to recommend a one member ward comprising Welland, Upper Welland, Little Malvern and Castlemorton.

107/22 Finance

i. 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
Lee Farley	01/07	£655.20	Community Development Facilitator
Solopress	25/05	£159.13	Newsletter Printing
Mark Watling	06/07	£170.00	Footpath Strimming & Tree/Hedge Pruning
PMF Products	29/06	£2,524.95	Mobile Goals for Spitalfields (Under CiL)
Ross Tudge	28/06	£570.00	Spitalfields Fencing
	TOTAL	£4,079.28	

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	22/06	£248.00	Lengthman Duties (June)
Broadleaf Tree Care	13/07	£1,410.00	Grass Cutting 2 cuts @ £470 + Tree Works
CJ Tinkler	17/07	£2,500.00	NP Landscape & Capacity Assessment
Welland Parish Hall	05/07	£234.11	Library Alarm
Kompan	27/06	£184.24	Replacement Swing Seat
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£310.80	PAYE (Apr-Jun)
E Hardman	18/07	£150.00	Handyman (£150 Gross - tax coding 1251L)
D Sharp	18/07	£414.40	Clerk's Fee (40 hrs @ SCP 17. £518.00 Gross)
	TOTAL	£5,451.55	

Accounts Summary

Reserves Lloyds B/F	£2,976.97	
Interest	£0.03	£2,977.00
Fête Account	£1,117.36	£1,117.36
Buildings Account	£6.47	£6.47
Neighbourhood Plan Ac.	£1,716.42	£1,716.42
Funding Account	£1,775.61	£1,775.61
Total C/F		£7,592.86

Main Account B/F	£47,904.69
WCC Lengthman	£248.00
MHDC Waste Collection (DD)	-£59.86
BT (DD)	-£429.98
Pre Payments	-£4,079.28
July Payments	-£5,451.55
Main Account C/F	£38,132.02

ii. To consider approval of updated risk assessment: It was resolved to adopt the updated risk assessment which had been revised to include the outdoor gym and Parish Council responsibilities for the pavilion.

108/22 Any other matters for report or for future consideration

No further matters were discussed.

109/22 Date of the next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting would take place on Monday 15th August 2022 at 7.30pm in Welland Parish Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:30pm