

Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20th February 2023

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Present

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

In Attendance

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

16/23 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:

Before the meeting the Library Coordinator, Sue Hayward, updated the meeting of the inclusion of a 'Warm Space' which had increased footfall but further advertising was to be done. The Parish Council last month had agreed to fund new signage and she confirmed that this would cost £104. She also asked for suggestions for a rebranding name, since 'warm space' was not suitable for the summer and councillors and public were to send her their thoughts.

17/23 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Cllrs. Dr J Mortimer, Mrs V Nelson, and Mr M Whaley (accepted).

18/23 Interests

i. Councillors Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Disclosable Interests and Non Registrable 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.

19/23 Planning

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

Application No	At	Details
M/23/00148/FUL	Lyndhurst Gloucester Road	Detached garage building providing single garage space for each of the two plots
M/23/00019/HP	Bellevue Gloucester Road	Installation of PVCU conservatory to rear of property
M/22/00608/OUT	Land at (OS 7944 3958) Gloucester Road	Residential development comprising up to 56 dwellings and associated infrastructure

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

The following responses were agreed:

M/23/00148/FUL - "The Parish Council has safety concerns since the scale of the plans indicates there does not appear to be sufficient space for vehicles to turn within the property, particularly in plot 1 and vehicles will have to reverse onto the driveways from the main road.

There is also no indication of planting that would allow the new buildings to blend in with the street scene as mentioned in the response from the AONB which the parish council endorses."

M/23/00019/HP - "The Parish Council has no objection to the application".

M/22/00608/OUT - "The Parish Council notes the access modification however this does not affect our original grounds for objection which centre on the development being contrary to SWDP and NPPF Policies since it lies outside the development boundary, in open countryside and was rejected in the 2019 SHLAA. Further more it should be noted that the statement in the Road Safety Audit (para 1.13) 'no collisions have been reported along Gloucester Road in the vicinity of the proposed development access for the five-year period up to June 2021' has ignored a fatal collision on 25/03/2017 and a serious collision on 30/4/2022."

ii. Decisions notified:

There were none.

20/23 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th January 2023:

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

21/23 Progress reports and matters arising from these minutes

District Cllr. Davies confirmed that the S106 agreement relating to the Pheasant Inn development was now completed and had been sent to the applicant for approval.

22/23 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives

County Cllr. Tom Wells reported on a spate of vehicle collisions with grazing livestock on Castlemorton Common and the campaign for a 50mph speed limit. He also mentioned that he had been liaising with residents and Highways Officers over visibility exiting California Lane.

Finally he confirmed that WCC council tax for a Band D property would be increasing by 4.9% from April (2.9% + 2% for social care).

District Cllr. Mick Davies reminded the meeting that local elections were to be held on 4th May, with nominations accepted from 20th March. Photo ID as required to vote and the MHDC website gave details of what forms were acceptable and how to apply if residents lacked any of these.

The District Council was meeting this week to confirm the budget which expected a 3.8% increase for a Band D property. He also detailed numerous central government funding initiatives which the District Council were administering. The SWDPR regulation 19 consultation had generated 1500 responses which were being assessed and the revised plan was due to be submitted for examination in the summer. Finally he expected the Southern Area Planning Committee to determine the application for 56 dwellings on Gloucester Road at their March meeting.

District Cllr. John Gallagher gave information about 15 'warm spaces' that the District Council were supporting and how these would evolve over the summer. He also reported on the 'Solar Together' scheme which involved a bulk bid by pv panel installers throughout the District to supply homes and community buildings. Finally he announced that the Great Malvern Farmers Market was up for a national award.

23/23 Committee, Working Party & Other Representative Reports & Recommendations

ii. Neighbourhood Planning Working Group: The Design Guide was being modified and it was hoped that the fully revised Plan could be put to the Parish Council for consideration next month. The proposals for Community Development Projects, which was to form an appendix to the Plan, was circulated and would be considered for approval next month also. A further bid for grant funding was to be made but in the mean time it was agreed to allocate a further £2,250 for the ongoing costs.

ii. Communications Working Group: A Newsletter was to be distributed in March and more information regarding the Library was to be put on the Parish Council website.

iii. Playing Fields/Open Spaces Working Group:

The Clerk confirmed that he had requested a quotation for the annual maintenance of the football pitch and was liaising with Welland Juniors FC over timings.

Cllr. Whitehouse reported that there was a meeting of the Pavilion Management Group on 1st March when hot water generating options were to be discussed.

Clerk to ask Mark Loader to fit paving slabs at either end of the outdoor table tennis table.

iv. Orchard Working Group:

The draft legal agreement was being reviewed and the creation of a disabled access ramp was in progress.

v. Highways Working Group:

It was noted that traffic speeds were being monitored near California Lane and the Clerk was to ask WCC to write to homeowners to cut back hedges.

vi. Footpaths Working Group: Update on PRoW improvements: Leaflets advertising local walks had been put in the Library and were also to be posted on the website. Investigations over improvement works to certain ProWs were ongoing.

vii. S106 Working Group:

a. Update on pump track site assessment and to consider next steps: All possible sites had been assessed during a visit by Forte Trailscapes and a proposed layout was to be requested.

b. Progress updates on current projects: The disabled access ramp near the shop was currently being installed and also new fencing on Spitalfields car park. The trampoline and safety surface had been completed in the playground. Cllr. Davies confirmed that there was £266,812 of S106 funding still to be claimed from MHDC.

24/23 Community Builder

Grant funding had been approved for £26,000 to cover a two year period. MHDC were finalising the legal agreement. The Job Description was approved and a candidate was to be sought for the position.

At this point the Vice-Chair left the meeting and Cllr. Davies chaired the remainder of the meeting.

25/23 Parish Council Promotions

Update on Cinema and Gig Events: The first film to be shown was to be 'Matilda the Musical' on 3rd March.

A gig by Becky Mills was planned for May.

A fete was being planned for 7th May during the coronation weekend.

26/23 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
WCC	Worcestershire County Council Budget 2023/24
Clerk	Budget Info
MHDC	January Malvern Hills Business e-Bulletin
Kompan	Safety Report
CALC	Councillor Recruitment
WCC	5 Day Notice - Road Closure - Hook Bank 14/02 5 Days
Clerk	Forte Trailscapes Site Meeting
MHDC	Community Builder
Clerk	Garrett Bank Gully
Resident	Objection to Lawn Farm designation "Natural England Ecology Zone".
MHDC	Election Nomination Packs
CALC	King's Garden Party
MHDC	February Malvern Hills Business e-Bulletin
CALC	20 is Plenty - Thu 2nd March 2023, 7-8pm Zoom

27/23 Finance

To consider payment of invoices presented:

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
Hillside Audio	20/01	£5,360.00	Balance of cinema equipment
MD Projects	31/01	£3,800.00	Gate fixings
BFFS	20/01	£65.00	British Film Membership
Filmbank Media	19/01	£150.00	Membership Deposit
	TOTAL	£9,160.00	

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	30/01	£248.00	Lengthman Duties (January)
Kompan Ltd	13/02	£13,015.14	Trampoline and safety surface
E Hardman	20/02	£160.00	Handyman (£150 Gross + £10ot - tax coding 1251L)
D Sharp	20/02	£446.40	Clerk's Fee (40 hrs @ SCP 17. £558.00 Gross)
	TOTAL	£13,869.54	

Accounts Summary

Reserves Lloyds B/F	£2,979.63		Main Account B/F	£69,373.97
Interest	£1.52	£2,981.15		
Fête Account	£217.36		WCC Lengthman	£248.00
Orchard Group	£458.88		Welland Juniors FC (Part Hire)	£2,000.00
Ticket Source	£473.96	£1,150.20		
Buildings Account	£6.47	£6.47	Pre Payments	-£9,160.00
Neighbourhood Plan Ac.	£716.42	£716.42	February Payments	-£13,869.54
Funding Account	£1,608.95	£1,608.95		
Total C/F		£6,463.19	Main Account C/F	£48,592.43

28/23 Any other matters for report or for future consideration

No other matters were discussed.

29/23 Date of the next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting would take place on Monday 20th March 2023 at 7.30pm in Welland Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:50pm