

Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17th July 2023

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Present

Cllrs. Mr M Davies (Chair), Dr A Davis, Mr P Hancock, Mrs V Nelson and Mr M Whaley.

In Attendance

County Cllr. Mr M Victory, District Cllrs. Mr J Gallagher and Ms C Wild, Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and three members of the public.

90/23 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: No matters were discussed.

91/23 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Dr J Mortimer (accepted). Apologies from Cllrs. Mrs M Renton & Mrs M Sumner received too late to be considered.

92/23 Interests

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

93/23 Co-Option

To consider applications for co-option onto the Parish Council: There were none.

94/23 Election of Vice Chair

To consider candidates for the post of Vice Chair: This was deferred to next month.

95/23 Planning

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

| Application No | At | Details |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| M/23/00596/HP | Welland Court Welland Court Lane | Repair works to roof, exterior and interior walls, interior renovations. Replacement single storey extension and works to window cills and new door opening to secondary building |
| M/23/00840/FUL | Arosfa Upper Welland Road | Change of use of former agricultural land to residential garden and single storey extension to rear of dwelling. (Variation of condition 2 Ref. 21/01894/FUL) |

The following responses were agreed:

M/23/00596/HP - "The Parish Council has no objection to the principle of this development, but makes the following observations:

We cannot comment on the replacement extension due to the lack of details regarding its construction and appearance. We have been notified by a local resident who has been informed by the previous owner that original 18 century flagstones were removed from the hall in the 1980s and used to create an exterior patio. We would advise that these are protected from harm during the proposed building works."

M/23/00840/FUL - "The Parish Council has no objection to the application."

ii. Decisions notified:

There were none.

It was noted that planning application M/22/01241/FUL which had been refused was to be considered at appeal. The Parish Council had no further comment to make.

96/23 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 19th June 2023: These were accepted as an accurate record and they were signed by the Chairman.

97/23 Progress reports and matters arising from these minutes

No matters were discussed.

98/23 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives

District Cllr. Christine Wild reported that the improvements to the Malvern Theatres were nearly completed. She confirmed that she was now vice chair of the Environmental Policy Group which was committed to being carbon neutral by 2030 and was supporting energy efficiency in homes, low carbon travel and a reduction in landfill waste and incineration.

District Cllr. John Gallagher added that the 'Changing Places' created at Malvern Theatres would start to be utilised soon and there was an open day this Wednesday. He also reported that the results of the recent boundary review would be in place for next years Worcester City elections. The Safer Neighbourhood Team was investigating the proliferation of rogue traders.

County Cllr. Malcolm Victory introduced himself to councillors and reported that he was dealing with several highway issues and was asked to investigate progress in converting, to a cycle route, part of the disused rail line that passes by the Three Counties Showground.

99/23 Committee, Working Party & Other Representative Reports & Recommendations

i. Neighbourhood Planning Working Group: The Regulation 16 consultation had three more weeks to run. The Group did not have any details of responses.

ii. Communications Working Group: A Newsletter had been distributed.

iii. Playing Fields/Open Spaces Working Group: A post securing a 'bell weight' in the gym had become detached. New parts were on order from Kompan. Similarly a missing bolt from the climbing net in the playground was on order.

Sanding/seeding and spiking had been completed on Spitalfields and selective spraying to be done when weather permits.

Design for pump track still awaited.

A planning application had been submitted to remove basal growth from the lime tree in the village hall car park.

iv. Events Working Group: Ric Sanders & Vo Fletcher were booked for November and the Budapest Cafe Orchestra for 1st December.

v. Orchard Working Group: The 'Welland Weeders' group had been formed to help residents with gardening tasks. They were working on a donation basis and so far £230 had been raised.

The pond was still to be finished, picnic benches to be installed and some repair work to the church wall to be undertaken.

vi. Highways Working Group: More sites for VAS were to be investigated. A stretch of Drake Street had been resurfaced and traditional white lining re-painted.

vii. Footpaths Working Group:

The completed S106 application for certain footpath improvements was to be sent to MHDC in time for consideration on 26th July.

Cllr. Davies confirmed that he had been appointed Parish Paths Warden and was to attend training later this week.

Guild Homes had expressed agreement in the transfer of a section of land to the Parish Council and the legalities were ongoing.

viii. S106 Working Group:

A 3D design for a pump track was awaited. Clerk to enquire of progress.

ix. Pavilion Working Group: Grant funding for the new hot water system and PV panels were being sought.

100/23 Community Builder

There had been three applicants in total and interviews were to be held on Wednesday and Friday this week. Cllrs. Davies and Sumner were to conduct the interviews and make recommendation to the Parish Council.

101/23 Parish Council Promotions

The Cinema Group had requested for funding to help pay for black-out blinds. Cllrs. Wild and Victory both pledged £250 from ward budgets and the Parish Council also committed £250.

102/23 Correspondence

To consider the responses to the following correspondence previously circulated:

| FROM | SUBJECT |
|-------------------------------|---|
| CALC | Updates |
| NALC | Chief Executive's Bulletin |
| Clerk | Trade Marks |
| West Mercia Police | Summer Rural Beat Newsletter |
| Police and Crime Commissioner | Town and Parish Council survey 2023 |
| WCC Highways | Road Closure – Garret Bank - 3 days from 26 July 2023 |
| MHDC | Community Builder Host Catch-up – Date? |
| Resident | Spring Meadows Close Open Space Maintenance |
| Clerk | Community Builder Applicants |
| MHDC | School Uniform Banks |
| District Cllr. Christine Wild | Worcester A&E |

103/23 Finance

To consider payment of invoices presented:

The following payment was made from the **Main Account** between meetings and was ratified:

| From/Due To | Date | Amount | Details |
|-------------|-------|--------|---------------------------|
| MD Projects | 27/06 | £80.00 | Spitalfields Gate Install |

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

| From/Due To | Date | Amount | Details |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|--|
| J Moore | 13/06 | £256.00 | Lengthman Duties (June) |
| Broadleaf Tree Care | 17/06 03/07 | £960.00 | Grass Cutting |
| JMart | 26/06 | £19.98 | Rubbish Bags |
| B&Q | 26/06 | £13.76 | Gate Lock |
| Welland Community Cinema | - | £250.00 | Donation |
| HM Revenue & Customs | - | £334.80 | PAYE (Apr-Jun) |
| E Hardman | 17/07 | £150.00 | Handyman (£150 Gross - tax coding 1251L) |
| D Sharp | 17/07 | £446.40 | Clerk's Fee (40 hrs @ SCP 17. £558.00 Gross) |
| | TOTAL | £2,430.94 | |

Accounts Summary

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| Reserves Lloyds B/F | £2,988.04 | | Main Account B/F | £40,868.07 |
| Interest | £2.03 | £2,990.07 | WCC Lengthman | £384.00 |
| Saver Account | £30,037.83 | | MHDC Waste Removal | -£64.03 |
| Interest | £50.84 | £30,088.67 | | |
| Fête Account | £1,702.13 | £1,702.13 | BT Broadband | -£306.50 |
| Buildings Account | £6.47 | £6.47 | | |
| Neighbourhood Plan Ac. | £0.00 | £0.00 | Pre Payments | -£80.00 |
| Funding Account | £2,043.95 | £2,043.95 | July Payments | -£2,430.94 |
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| Total C/F | | £36,831.29 | Main Account C/F | £38,370.60 |

104/23 Any other matters for report or for future consideration

It was noted that there had been a broadband outage for Airband customers for several days. The Lengthman was to be asked to remove foliage from the road sign by the Guild Homes site and the Clerk was to ask the residents at Danemoor Cross to cut back the fir hedge bordering the main road.

105/23 Date of the next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting would take place on Monday 21st August 2023 at 7.30pm in Welland Village Hall.

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