

Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th August 2024

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Present

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

In Attendance

County Cllr. Tom Wells, District Cllr. John Gallagher, Mrs Barbara Stephens (Community Development Coordinator), Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and fifteen members of the public.

107/24 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:

Several residents expressed concerns over planning applications M/24/00902 and M/24/00477/FUL and the issues they raised would be taken into account when comments on the applications were considered. Concerns were raised regarding some overnight parking at the village hall during the recent Welland Steam Rally event. The installation of suitable notices were to be investigated.

Following a query it was confirmed that the dislodged footpath sign at the bottom of Garret Bank had been reported to Countryside Services

108/24 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Cllrs. Mrs M Sumner Mr M Whaley (accepted). Also County Cllr. Malcolm Victory and District Cllr. Christine Wild.

109/24 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.

110/24 Planning

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

Application No	At	Details
M/24/00477/FUL	Marlbank Inn Marlbank Road	Siting of 7no. Holiday Lodges with vehicular access, car parking and landscaping.
M/24/00949/HP	Hillview Marlbank Road	Proposed single storey sun room extension to detached dwelling.
M/24/00902/FUL	Land At (Os 7984 3962), Kingston Close,	The erection of 39 dwellings with new access, open space, landscaping and associated works
M/23/01666/FUL	Land At (Os 7951 4017) South Of 13 Cornfield Cl.	Erection of a single 3 bedroom dwelling including forming of new access off private drive, associated parking and landscaping - Amended plans.

It was agreed to submit the following comments:

M/24/00477/FUL – The Parish Council is supportive of the economic case for the application but has a number of concerns:

The proposed access to the site is near the brow of a hill where traffic speeds frequently exceed the 40 mph limit and there is a considerable drop in height from the carriageway to the car park suggesting that the gradient of the access joining the carriageway will be severe. Problems with ingress and egress because of these two factors have not been properly addressed. There is no actual speed data or highway engineering evidence to show that these concerns, that are evident to local people, been considered.

The use and tenure of the 'holiday lodges' is unclear. Are these to be let on a week by week basis or year by year or even for private ownership? How will their use as holiday lodges rather than permanent residential accommodation be managed and monitored?

There are only 8 designated parking spaces. This seems inadequate for 7 two bedroomed units..

The cycle storage and refuse/recycling provision seems similarly inadequate

Finally no mention is made in the application of the National Landscapes Management Plan and Design Guidance that should be vital influences on the design of the proposed development. "The scale and extent of development within all these designated areas should be limited, while development within their setting should be sensitively located and designed to avoid or minimise adverse impacts on the designated areas." Designation of materials, colours and finishes is inadequate for this sensitive location."

M/24/00949/HP - "The Parish Council has no objection to the application but hopes the National Landscapes Design Guidance recommendations over glazing are considered."

M/24/00902/FUL – An extension to the next meeting was to be requested.

M/23/01666/FUL – No additional comment was to be made.

ii. Decisions notified:

M/24/00764/HP – Willow Cottage, Woodside Lane - Refused

M/24/00756/FUL – Holdfast Cottage Hotel – Approved

M/24/00374/HP – Newgale, Gloucester Road – Approved

111/24 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15th July: These were accepted as an accurate record and they were signed by the Chairman.

112/24 Progress reports and matters arising from these minutes

Co-option of new councillors would be considered at the next meeting.

It was noted that the traffic management at the recent Welland Steam Rally was much improved from previous years and a letter of thanks was to be sent to the organisers.

113/24 Community Development Coordinator

Barbara Stevens reported that five new 'walk leaders' had been trained thanks to a grant from Active Hereford and Worcester. New 10am Saturday walks were to commence and the Friday walks would also continue.

A twelve week program of one hour instruction sessions for the gym would commence on 28th August.

A nine week program of art classes in the village hall were starting in September.

Two more quiz nights were planned for September and December and further funding streams were being sought.

114/24 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives

County Cllr. Tom Wells confirmed that the Gloucester Road footway had been improved between the shop and Welland Gardens. This would help the less able to negotiate the dropped curbs at drive entrances.

He was pleased that the 'on demand' bus service was being well used and would be reviewed next year.

District Cllr. John Gallagher reported that the SWDPR was being further amended due to the recent government increase in housing requirements. Also that a roadshow was currently targeting online crime, particularly load sharks.

115/24 Working Party & Other Reports & Recommendations

i. Projects – To consider further progressing with the following projects:

a. Tree works in cemetery and associated biodiversity enhancements utilising grant funding from Natural Networks: It was agreed in principle to commit £3,000 to the project and ratify the details of the grant application for up to £10,000 at the next meeting.

b. Pump Track – progressing with further fact finding and possible track design utilising S106 grant funding: It was agreed to progress with commissioning a design for £500 for a track targeting children under twelve.

c. Update on footpath improvement project: The four schemes had been updated and the details submitted to MHDC.

ii. Events – To note 'Big Bash' financial statement and to consider recommendations for fund use: It was agreed that the bulk of the funds would remain in the 'Fete account' to fund future events but a donation of £500 was to be made to the village hall. Furthermore £100 was to be offered to the owner of a gazebo that was damaged during the event.

iii. Highways and Footpaths - To review recent complaints on speeding traffic and to consider options such as purchase of further VASs: An invitation to join the community speed watch team was to be sent to interested parties. Statistics from the recently installed unit on Garret Bank indicated an 85thtile of under 42 mph. However it was agreed to purchase two new units for installation on Drake Street.

iv. Other Reports – It was noted that the email provider was to undertake an update later in the month and three gigs in the church were planned before Christmas.

116/24 Correspondence**To consider the responses to the following correspondence previously circulated:**

FROM	SUBJECT
CALC	Updates
NALC	Events / Newsletters / Bulletins
Tom Arthur (i)	Fish and chip van
MHDC	July Malvern Hills Business e-Bulletin
Parish Online	Newsletter
Resident	Concern over speed on Marlbank road
WCC (ii)	Highway Tree Planting
Kompan (iii)	Safety Reports
WCC	Road Closure – Gloucester Road - 4 days 10/09/24 to 26/09/24
Worcs Wildlife Trust	Ecology Reports
MHDC	Increased Housing Target
Parish Online	Email Upgrade

(i) – An enquiry concerning a possible weekly visit was to be responded to favourably. Spitalfields car park to be the preferred site.

(ii) – Details of the recent ecology report were to be asked to be taken into consideration.

(iii) – Clerk to rectify issues raised.

117/24 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
Barbara Stephens	08/08	£869.40	Community Development Co-Ordinator
St Richards Hospice	-	£40.00	Donation from Quiz
MD Projects	30/07	£325.00	War Memorial Seating/Hall Ramp
	Total	£1,234.40	

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	24/07	£288.00	Lengthman Duties (June)
Broadleaf Tree Care	20/06 16/07 25/07	£1,440.00	Grass Cutting
Steve Maund	08/08	£440.00	Grass Cutting
E Hardman	12/08	£150.00	Handyman (£150 Gross)
D Sharp	12/08	£478.40	Clerk's Fee (40 hrs @ SCP 17. £598.00 Gross)
	TOTAL	£2,796.40	

Accounts Summary

Reserves Lloyds B/F	£3,027.20	
Interest	£2.99	£3,030.19
Saver Account	£50,928.03	
Interest	£97.74	£51,025.77
Fête Account	£2,579.33	£2,579.33
Buildings Account	£6.47	£6.47
Neighbourhood Plan Ac.	£0.00	£0.00
Funding Account	£0.00	£0.00
Total C/F		£56,641.76

Main Account B/F	£36,806.45
Cemetery Fee	£260.00
WCC Lengthman	£288.00
Pre Payments	-£1,234.40
August Payments	-£2,796.40
Main Account C/F	£33,323.65

118/24 Any other matters for report or for future consideration

No matters were discussed.

119/24 Date of the next meetingThe next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 16th September 2024 in Welland Village Hall at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:10 pm