

Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16th September 2024

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Present

Cllrs. Mr M Davies (Chair), Mr P Hancock, Mrs V Nelson, Ms R Sampson, Mrs M Sumner and Mr M Whaley.

In Attendance

District Cllr. Christine Wild, Barbara Stephens (Community Development Coordinator), Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and twenty members of the public.

120/24 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:

A number of residents expressed concerns over planning application M/24/00902/FUL and the issues they raised would be taken into account when a comment on the application was considered.

121/24 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Cllr. Dr A Davis(accepted). Also County Cllrs. Tom Wells and Malcolm Victory and District Cllr. John Gallagher.

122/24 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.

123/24 Planning

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

Application No	At	Details
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

It was agreed unanimously to object to the application on the following grounds:

Conflict with National Policy, Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan; No Established Need; Unsustainable Location; Development in Open Countryside; Conflict with Local Green Space; Adverse Landscape Impact; Adverse Biodiversity Impact; Inappropriate Design; Inadequate Vehicle Access; Inadequate Local Services and Amenities; No Sustainable Pedestrian Access to amenities. A detailed response would be submitted.

ii. Decisions notified:

M/23/01086/FUL – Sunnymede, Gloucester Road - Approved

M/24/00886/HP – Broach Barn, Woodside Lane – Approved

124/24 Co-Option

To consider applicants for co-option onto the Parish Council: The following were co-opted unanimously on to the Parish Council: Paul Henderson Brown, Dave Iles, Paul Riordan and Gary Ware. They all completed their declarations of acceptance of office and were to complete their register of interests and forward to MHDC.

125/24 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th August: These were accepted as an accurate record and they were signed by the Chairman.

126/24 Progress reports and matters arising from these minutes

The Clerk was to forward to councillors a copy of his letter of thanks sent to the organisers of the Welland Steam Rally for the improved traffic management.

Two new speed indicating devices had been ordered.

127/24 Community Development Coordinator

Barbara Stevens reported on progress of the two schemes that were being funded by 'Community Can'. A twelve week program for the gym commencing on 4th October with an instructor from Freedom Leisure costing £2.50 per session and a series of eight art classes in the parish hall costing £5 per session.

A quiz night in the parish hall was arranged for 12th October with the Pre School being a beneficiary, and a festive quiz planned for 30th November in the church.

She was also investigating a Community Arts Grant of £2000 to fund a film making course.

128/24 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives

An offer of ward budget funding for £250 had been received from County Cllr. Malcolm Victory and councillors were to confirm what project it would be used for.

District Cllr. Christine Wilde reported that as part of her Health and Well-being brief she was reviewing the NHS provision from ambulance to treatment. As part of her biodiversity brief she had visited Malvern Hills Trust and National Landscapes to see what services they provided.

129/24 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:** The application for a £10,000 project to which the parish council would contribute £3,000 was approved.
 - b) **Pump Track – progressing with further fact finding and possible track design utilising S106 grant funding:** It was agreed to commission Clark and Kent to undertake a site visit and produce costed plans for a fee of £700+Vat.
 - c) **Giffard Drive Play Areas – To review ideas for improvement:** Designs were awaited.
 - d) **Update on footpath improvement project:** Awaiting approval from MHDC for two projects (Kingston Close to Drake Street) and (Rosebud Meadow to Castlemorton Common). Two further projects were subject to more preparation work before approval would be given. The Group was also investigating improvements to a path on Castlemorton Common along the parish boundary.
- ii. **Highways and Footpaths - To confirm positions of recently purchased VASs:** It was agreed to install the units at two already approved positions on Drake Street on posts installed by WCC.

A meeting was to be arranged with the liaison officer to discuss traffic speeds on Garret Bank.

Following concerns from residents WCC were to be asked to undertake a speed survey on Upper Welland Road.

Other Reports

Cllr. Nelson reviewed the events taking place in the church up to Christmas.

130/24 Correspondence

To consider the responses to the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	SUBJECT
CALC	Updates
CALC	Highway Verge Maintenance
CALC	Autumn Training Schedule
NALC	Events / Newsletters / Bulletins
Tom Arthur	Fish and chip van
MHDC	August Malvern Hills Business e-Bulletin
Resident	Concern over speed on Upper Welland Road (i)
Resident	Concern over hedges on Drake Street (ii)
Clerk	Car Park Pot Holes
Misc	Prospective Councillors

(i) – WCC to be asked to undertake speed survey.

(ii) – Clerk to write to resident asking for hedge to be cut back.

131/24 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	02/09	£912.00	Community Development Co-Ordinator
Total		£912.00	

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	21/08	£288.00	Lengthman Duties (August)
Broadleaf Tree Care	13/08	£480.00	Grass Cutting
Steve Maund	03/09	£285.00	Grass Cutting
Welland Village Hall	16/09	£500.00	Donation from 'Big Bash'
PKF Littlejohn	13/09	£378.00	External Audit Fee
Anthem (UK) Ltd	09/06	£90.00	Internal Audit Fee (CH)
E Hardman	16/09	£200.00	Handyman (£200 Gross)
D Sharp	16/09	£478.40	Clerk's Fee (40 hrs @ SCP 17. £598.00 Gross)
TOTAL		£2,699.40	

Accounts Summary

Reserves Lloyds B/F	£3,030.19	
Interest	£2.57	£3,032.76
Saver Account	£51,025.77	
Interest	£122.47	£51,148.24
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		£56,766.80

Main Account B/F	£33,323.65
WCC Lengthman	£288.00
Pre Payments	-£912.00
September Payments	-£2,699.40
Main Account C/F	£30,000.25

132/24 Any other matters for report or for future consideration

Next month the Parish Council were to consider contributing to the purchase of an automated winding mechanism for the church clock costing £7,500.

133/24 Date of the next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 21st October 2024 in Welland Parish Hall at 7.30pm

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