

Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21st October 2024

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Present

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

In Attendance

County Cllrs. Malcolm Victory and Tom Wells, Barbara Stephens (Community Development Coordinator), Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and six members of the public.

134/24 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 resident raised the continuing problem of over grown hedges on Garret Bank which were obstructing the verge where there was no footway. The Clerk agreed again to write but residents were urged to report the issue online via the WCC website.

135/24 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Cllrs. Mr P Henderson Brown, Mr P Riordan and Mr G Ware (accepted). Also District Cllr. Christine Wild.

136/24 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.

137/24 Planning

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

Application No	At	Details
M/24/01285/PIP	Land At (Os 7951 4035) Rear Of Lime Grove	Permission in Principle for the proposed erection of 4 no. bungalows as self or custom build homes
M/24/01340/FUL	Land At (Os 8172 3904) Lockeridge Lane,	Use of land as a caravan site for the stationing of 10 log cabins for holiday let use and associated works

It was agreed to make the following responses:

M/24/01285/PIP – This application had been approved before the meeting and an email was to be sent to the head of planning expressing the Parish Council's concerns that the development was outside the development boundary, within the National Landscape and that not enough weight had been afforded the Welland Neighbourhood Plan when making this decision.

M/24/01340/FUL – It was agreed to object to the application stating that the development is sited within Longdon Parish but borders Welland to the east. The site lies in open countryside, remote from any development boundaries, so the development is contrary to SWDP 2. There is no evidence provided to support the claim that the development will benefit the local economy. The two existing holiday let cabins on site appear never to have been marketed and the proposed development is inappropriate in scale and nature to the surrounding

Comment would also include that there was no description or detail of the height, form or appearance of the proposed cabins nor of the nature of the roadways and parking areas and the associated Landscape Impact. Also conditions for the reliable quality of waste water proposed for discharge into the neighbouring watercourse would also be necessary.

A full response would be circulated for approval before submission.

It was also agreed to write to the appropriate portfolio holder at MHDC enquiring how holiday lets and biodiversity conditions were monitored.

ii. Decisions notified:

No further decisions had been received.

138/24 Minutes

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

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

139/24 Progress reports and matters arising from these minutes

Consideration to part fund an automatic winding mechanism for the church clock was to be addressed at the next meeting.

140/24 Community Development Coordinator

Twelve outdoor gym training sessions up to December were currently running led by Freedom Leisure, who had also agreed to assess the equipment and make recommendations. Art Classes were also running. The local Facebook page was proving popular.

CALC had appointed a 'Health & Wellbeing' officer who was liaising over funding to help isolated people.

In February half term 2025 there would be a film making workshop for 11-16 yearolds.

Finally, the quiz night had been a great success attended by more that 40 residents and the proceeds (yet to be determined) were to be donated to the Pre School.

There would be a further quiz on 30th November and the Wassail on 11th January.

141/24 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives

District Cllr. Christine Wilde had circulated a report that she was using part of her Ward budget to support the local Biodiversity Group.

County Cllr. Malcolm Victory was pleased to report that he had allocated £275 to the Parish Council's lengthman's budget from his Locally Determined Fund. A further £250 was allocated from his Divisional Fund for armed seating in the library for the less able. He also reported on the stone wall repairs that were on going on the Wells Road up to British Camp.

County Cllr. Tom Wells reported that he had reviewed a request for the installation of a footway on Garret Bank but the verge was not wide enough. County Hall was still not being used due to the presence of RAAC. There was some dispute over the reduction in hourly contracts for some County Council staff, but he was pleased to report that the 'On Demand' bus service was proving popular.

142/24 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 - update:** Funding had been approved and plans were being finalised. Tree work to commence end November.
 - b) **Pump Track – update on site visit:** This was arranged for Monday 28th October. The installation of a walking/jogging track around the football pitch and fencing along the playing field bank were to be costed and possibly included in the S106 application.
 - c) **Giffard Drive Play Areas – To review ideas for improvement:** Plans were to be distributed.
 - d) **Update on footpath improvement project:** Some outstanding matters were still to be addressed.
- ii. Buildings and Spaces – To consider appointment of 2 councillors onto the Pavilion Management Group:** Cllr. Iles agreed to join Cllr. Davies on the Group.
- iii. Other Reports:** A litter pick had taken place last Saturday. The group now totalled 35 volunteers. The Pond in Pursors Orchard was now finished and the Green Roof completed. The two new VAS had been installed in Drake Street and finally a Newsletter had been distributed earlier in the month and another was due to be published on 1st December.

143/24 Correspondence**To consider the responses to the following correspondence previously circulated:**

FROM	SUBJECT
CALC	Updates and Training
NALC	Events and Bulletins
Clerk	Welland Steam Rally
MHDC	September Business e-Bulletin
Clerk	Fish and chip van
Parish Online	Training
Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service	Free Home Fire Safety Checks
WCC	Parish Winter Newsletter 2024-2025
NALC	Web Site
Tanya Crake	Highway Issues
CALC	Health and Wellbeing
Clark and Kent	Site Visit 28/10 1pm
Clerk	Internal and external audit reports
Pursors Orchard (i)	PC Insurance Cover
Residents	Planning Application M/24/01340/FUL

(i) It was noted that volunteers were covered under the Parish Councils public liability insurance.

144/24 Finance***i To consider payment of invoices presented:***

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
Barbara Stephens	07/10	£966.40	Community Development Co-Ordinator
Clark & Kent	25/09	£840.00	Pump Track Design
	Total	£1,806.40	

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
Welland PCC	12/10	£50.00	Electricity Costs For Wassail
Mrs SF Croft	23/09	£100.00	Gazebo Cost
	Total	£150.00	

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	27/09	£288.00	Lengthman Duties (September)
J Moore	03/10	£300.00	Work at Welland Court Cemetery
Steve Maund	14/10	£190.00	Grass Cutting
Elan City	27/09	£4,440.00	2 x Vehicle Activated Signs
NA Priday	10/10	£720.00	Grass/Hedge Cutting
JRB Enterprises	18/09	£285.12	Dog Bags
Welland Parish Hall	30/09	£570.00	Library/Warm Space Hire
The Cold Chef Company	17/10	£205.00	Food For Quiz Night
J Mart	19/09	£19.95	Rubbish Bags
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£358.80	PAYE (Jul-Sep)
E Hardman	21/10	£200.00	Handyman (£200 Gross)
D Sharp	21/10	£478.40	Clerk's Fee (40 hrs @ SCP 17. £598.00 Gross)
	TOTAL	£8,055.27	

Accounts Summary

Reserves Lloyds B/F	£3,032.76	
Interest	£2.49	£3,035.25
Saver Account	£51,148.24	
Interest	£122.76	£51,271.00
Fête Account	£2,579.33	
Pre Payments	-£150.00	£2,429.33
Buildings Account	£6.47	£6.47
Neighbourhood Plan Ac.	£0.00	£0.00
Funding Account	£0.00	£0.00
Total C/F		£56,742.05

Main Account B/F	£30,000.25
MHDC Precept	£17,800.00
Quiz Income (Ticket Master)	£150.00
Quiz Income	£296.00
Art Classes	£600.00
Data Protection (ICO)	-£35.00
MHDC Rubbish Collection	-£68.51
BT Group	-£335.62
Pre Payments	-£1,806.40
October Payments	-£8,055.27
Main Account C/F	£38,545.45

ii. To review auditor reports: Both internal and external audit reports were reviewed and no issues had been highlighted for attention.

145/24 Any other matters for report or for future consideration

The new Fish and Chip van was expected this Friday.

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

Improvements to the village hall car park were to be investigated. As was the installation of exterior lighting.

The Clerk's Terms and Conditions of employment were to be reviewed.

Cllr. Davies indicated that he would be standing down as Chair at the end of the next meeting.

146/24 Date of the next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 18th November 2024 in Welland Parish Hall at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:20 pm