

# **Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024

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## **Present**

Cllrs. Mr M Whaley (vice chair), Mr M Davies, Mr P Hancock, Mrs V Nelson, Mr P Riordan, Ms R Sampson, Mrs M Sumner.

## **In Attendance**

Barbara Stephens (Community Development Coordinator), Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and twelve members of the public.

## **160/24 Election of Chair**

This was deferred and Vice Chair Cllr. Whaley chaired the meeting.

## **161/24 Public Participation**

Deborah Fox, the CEO of Malvern Hills Trust, addressed the council updating on progress with constitution changes. The Parliamentary Bill had been submitted on 20<sup>th</sup> November and she acknowledged that some concerns raised during the public consultation had been highlighted. The new Act, if approved, would allow some small scale fencing of the commons but only after permission from the Secretary of State. It would also allow changes to be made as the how and how many trustees were elected. The process was expected to take several years.

**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:**

It was noted that a concrete bench on the Recreational Field was in poor repair and would be dealt with.

## **162/24 Apologies**

**To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors:** Cllrs. Dr A Davis, Mr P Henderson Brown and Mr D Iles. (Accepted). Also County Cllrs. Tom Wells and Malcolm Victory. Cllr. Gary Ware had tendered his resignation and the Clerk was to contact MHDC and post the appropriate notices.

## **163/24 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.

## **164/24 Planning**

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

Application No	At	Details
M/24/01491/HP	Sunnymede, Gloucester Rd	Single storey extension and replacement garage
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/24/00477/FUL	Marlbank Inn, Marlbank	Siting of 6no. Holiday Lodges with vehicular access, car parking and landscaping.
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
M/24/01733/HP	The Croft Welland Court Lane	Remodelling works including single storey and upwards extensions.

The following responses were agreed:

M/24/01491/HP – ‘The Parish Council has no objection to the application’.

M/24/00902/FUL – Revised plans had been submitted and the Parish Council was to respond confirming their objection and expressing concerns over the removal of the pumping station, inadequate parking facilities and the inclusion of the green space that had been previously allocated.

The Clerk was also to write to MHDC expressing concern that no consultees had been notified of these additional documents which were submitted after the consultation period, nor extended the consultation period.

M/24/00477/FUL – Revised plans had been submitted reducing the number of lodges from 7 to 6. A comment was to be submitted expressing concern over the inaccuracies in the traffic report, the slope of the access road and visibility splays and also the lack of an updated Landscape Assessment.

M/24/01340/FUL – No further comment was necessary.

M/24/01733/HP - ‘The Parish Council has no objection to the application’.

## **ii. Decisions notified:**

M/23/01666/FUL - Land At (Os 7951 4017) South Of 13 Cornfield Close – Approved.

## **165/24 Minutes**

### **To consider for adoption the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November:**

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

Cllr. M Sumner left the meeting.

## **166/24 Progress reports and matters arising from these minutes**

The Climate Change statement was to be finalised for approval at the January meeting.

It was noted that the recently purchased chairs for the library had been a great success.

It was noted that Atlas Tower Group were preparing a planning application to install a mobile phone mast in Hill Court Farm, Hook Bank.

## **167/24 Community Development Coordinator**

Barbara Stephens distributed her report in which she reviewed the year’s activities and put forward plans for 2025 which included celebrations for St James Church 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the continuing of art and gym classes, a young persons film project, working with CAB and Age UK to improve access to services for the less able and to develop a calendar of community activity.

## **168/24 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives**

No reports were made.

## **169/24 Working Party & Other Reports & Recommendations**

### **i. Projects – To consider the following projects:**

**a) Biodiversity project in cemetery – update:** The leylandii trees had been felled and the chippings left in Spitalfields car park for the public to use; Hedge whips had been planted and rabbit guards ordered; Bulbs had been planted adjacent to the school field; Bird and bat boxes had been delivered and the owl carvings were to be done this week.

**b) To consider further projects utilising Natural Networks funding:** It was agreed to order more bulbs and to plant wild flower turf on the edge of the school field. It was also agreed to ask MHDC permission to plant wild flowers and a hedge on the Giffard Drive and Blandford Close grassed areas and to create a brass rubbing trail. Finally Information regarding the planned tree planting on Gloucester Road was to be sought from WCC.

**c) Pump Track – To consider next steps:** A public consultation was to be arranged.

**d) Giffard Drive Play Areas – Update:** Two further designs had been received and a public consultation was to be arranged.

**e) Update on footpath improvement project:** A decision was awaited from the MHDC S106 Group over funding to enable land purchase from Holly Cottage.

**e) To consider car park refurbishment:** A quote was awaited for the restoning/drainage of the Parish Hall car park and for the resurfacing of part of the Spitalfields car park.

**f) To consider car park refurbishment:** Quotes had been received to re-tarmac a section of Spitalfields car park and also to ‘stone’ and improve the drainage of the Village Hall carpark. Further quotes were awaited and it was agreed to delegate the decision to the Clerk in consultation with councillors, limiting cost to £25,000 + Vat.

### **ii Highways – To review highway issues, particularly concerning Danemore Crossroads:**

Following the recent fatal road collision at Danemore Cross the Clerk was to invite all relevant parties to a meeting to assess any improvements that can be made to this junction. These would include Highways and Police, the WCC portfolio holder for Highways and local county councillors.

Cllr. Nelson left the meeting.

### 170/24 Correspondence

*To consider the responses to the following correspondence previously circulated:*

FROM	SUBJECT
CALC	Updates/Training/Pay Scales (i)
NALC	Events and Bulletins
MHDC	November Business e-Bulletin
Malvern Hills Trust	Info Re Malvern Hills Bill
Atlas Tower	Meeting
Total Workforce Solution HTE	Freedom of Information Request
CALC	Consultation on remote meetings
Malvern Hills National Landscape (MHNL)	Grant
Clark Kent	Pump Track
Ciaran Power (MHDC)	M/24/01285/PIP
Misc	Danemore Cross Roads

(i) The Clerk was to respond to the consultation from CALC regarding bus shelters.

### 171/24 Finance

*i 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	05/12	£842.30	Community Development Co-Ordinator
Shirley Jones	03/12	£120.00	Welland Winter Quiz Quiz
<b>Total</b>		<b>£962.30</b>	

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
Early Birds Music	22/11	£100.00	Performance Fee
<b>Total</b>		<b>£100.00</b>	

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	26/11	£288.00	Lengthman Duties (November)
Garden Care Malvern	13/12	£160.00	Hedge Cutting
Worcestershire CALC	22/11	£126.00	Councillor Training
Solopress	02/12	£109.58	Newsletter
Fairybell	20/11	£449.95	Christmas Lights
Fairybell	25/11	£112.20	Christmas Lights Mast
South Worcestershire CAB	-	£300.00	Donation
St James Church	-	£300.00	Donation
Malvern Hills AONB	-	£300.00	Donation
E Hardman	16/12	£200.00	Handyman (£200 Gross)
D Sharp	16/12	£1,543.00	Clerk's Fee (40 hrs @ SCP 28. £786.40 Gross)* (+ 7 Months @ £163.20 = £1142.40)
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£3,888.73</b>	

\* New Pay Scales

### 172/24 Any other matters for report or for future consideration

The Clerk was to liaise with Airband over a contract for broadband in the parish hall.

The removal of out of date notices from the notice board had started.

It was noted that the Parish Hall Committee were expected to soon confer with the Parish Council over installing external lighting, softer internal lighting and improvements to the patio and car park.

It was noted that the Neighbourhood Plan was due an annual review in April

### 173/24 Date of the next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025 in Welland Parish Hall at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:45 pm