

# **Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

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## **Present**

Cllrs. Mr P Riordan (Chair), Mr M Davies, Dr A Davis, Mr P Hancock, Mr P Henderson Brown, Mr D Iles, Ms R Sampson, Mrs M Sumner.

## **In Attendance**

County Cllr. T Wells, District Cllrs. J Gallagher and C Wild, Barbara Stephens (Community Development Coordinator), Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and five members of the public.

## **15/25 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:**

It was noted that a planning application for a mobile phone mast off Hook Bank was currently going through the validation process and may be published next week. Also several residents mentioned an increase in the amount of dog fouling. A new initiative to spray the offending items with red chalk paint was being trialled. It was hoped that this would help advertise the problem to the local community and reduce offences.

## **16/25 Apologies**

**To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors:** Cllrs. Mrs V Nelson and Mr M Whaley(Accepted). Also County Cllr. Mr M Victory.

## **17/25 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.

## **18/25 Planning**

**i. To consider responses to any late submitted applications:**

There were none

## **ii. Decisions notified:**

M/24/01491/HP – Sunnymede, Gloucester Road - Approved

M/24/01733/HP - The Croft, Welland Court Lane – Approved

The Parish Council requested that the District Cllrs. present referred the impending Atlas Tower mast planning application be determined by committee rather than officer delegation.

## **19/25 Minutes**

**To consider for adoption the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January:** These were accepted as an accurate record and they were signed by the Chair.

## **20/25 Progress reports and matters arising from these minutes**

No matters were discussed.

## **21/25 Community Development Coordinator**

Barbara Stephens reported that the new series of outdoor gym sessions and art classes had commenced and some banners were being made to promote the gym. The 3 day film making course in the church was starting tomorrow, the subject being 150 year history of Welland.

The 'Zest for Life' lunches for the socially isolated every Wednesday had started.

Plans for events commemorating the £150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church's founding were well underway. Finally she confirmed that funding for her post was due to end in November and decisions needed to be made how to progress beyond then. Cllrs. Sumner and Davies were to meet with MHDC to discuss.

## 22/25 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives

**County Cllr. Tom Wells** expressed disappointment that the public meeting to discuss the Danemoor crossroads was to be cancelled due to the lack of any representative from WCC Highways. He was to liaise with them to try to arrange a private meeting instead.

**District Cllr. Christine Wild** reported that she, amongst others, had been appointed to Malvern Wells Parish Council due to their being inquorate. She was also looking forward to the Family Environment Day on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February in the parish hall.

**District Cllr. John Gallagher** confirmed that WCC elections were to continue this May. A final proposal for the creation of a unitary authority needed to be finalise by WCC by November. He also reported that 'Heartstart' were looking to run more courses and that a new Bikeability training event was to take place at Dyson Perrins High School on 8<sup>th</sup> March.

## 23/25 Working Party & Other Reports & Recommendations

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

**a) Climate Change – To review and approve statement:** This was still in progress and would be considered at the April meeting.

**b) Giffard Drive Play Areas and Pump Track - To finalise scope of public consultations:** An online comment form was to be produced and the Clerk was to get some display materials printed. A rota of councillors was to be arranged.

**c) Biodiversity projects - To agree alterations to planting schedules:** It was agreed to purchase additional plants instead of following through with certain other aspects of the plan. A license had been received from WCC for planting in roadside areas. The chainsaw sculptures of owls and mushrooms and the creation of a bench were well received and a message of thanks was to be sent to Anthony Beetlestone.

## iii. Other Reports

**Footpath improvement project** – An additional £4,000 grant had been made available by Malvern Hills National Landscapes for improvements to the track on Castlemorton Common. Orders for the work were soon to be placed.

**Car Park Works** – An increase in the budget to £28,000 + Vat was approved for works to both Spitalfields and the parish hall car parks.

## 24/25 Correspondence

To consider the responses to the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	SUBJECT
CALC	Updates/Training/Pay Scales
NALC	Events and Bulletins
MHDC	January Business e-Bulletin
Resident	Pump Track
Clerk	Welland Highways Concerns
WCC	Budget Consultation (i)
Misc.	Car Parks Works
Misc.	Dog Fouling
Misc.	St James Clock (ii)
Kompan	Playground Inspection (iii)
Resident	Blandford Close Play Area
County Cllr. Malcolm Victory	Report

(i) It was noted that the proposed 4.9% increase would add £90 to a Band D property council tax.

(ii) Clerk to enquire whether an electric clock had been considered.

(iii) Kompan indicated that as the 'defects' identified were low risk they would not usually quote to undertake corrective maintenance.

## 25/25

**i. To consider donation to upgrade clock mechanism on St James church:** This was deferred to the next meeting to allow for further queries to be made (see 24/25 ii).

**ii. To consider the budget for 2025/26 and set a precept:** The budget was approved and a precept of £37,334 was to be requested.

**iii. 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	05/02	£1,033.30	Community Development Co-Ordinator
Wildflower Turf	28/01	£1,740.00	Turf
Boston Seeds	24/01	£1,088.99	Bulbs
<b>Total</b>		<b>£3,862.29</b>	

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
Live & Local	23/01	£370.00	Performance Fee (Benny Hill)
St James Church	06/02	£50.00	Electricity Charge for Wassail
<b>Total</b>		<b>£420.00</b>	

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
Mighty Tight Records	10/02	£800.00	Performance Fee (Buddy Holly)
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£800.00</b>	

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	24/01	£144.00	Lengthman Duties (January)
John Goodwin	30/01	£420.00	Holly Cottage Valuation
Alfresco	08/02	£33.55	Chalk Paint
Boston Seeds	10/02	£363.99	Bulbs
Anthony Beetlestone	14/02	£2,500.00	Wood Sculptures
Elixir Garden Supplies	10/02	£27.78	Bamboo Canes
Nigel Walter	10/02	£45.99	Tree Guards
Solopress	30/01	£109.58	Newsletter Printing
E Hardman	17/02	£200.00	Handyman (£200 Gross)
D Sharp	17/02	£629.00	Clerk's Fee (40 hrs @ SCP 28. £786.40 Gross)
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£4,473.89</b>	

**Accounts Summary**

<b>Reserves Lloyds B/F</b>	<b>£3,042.90</b>	
Interest	£2.67	<b>£3,045.57</b>
<b>Saver Account</b>	<b>£51,579.09</b>	
Interest	£91.05	<b>£51,670.14</b>
<b>Event Account</b>	<b>£2,762.74</b>	
Wassail Income	£1,160.50	
Transfer from Funding Account	£206.10	
St James Church Gig Tickets	£146.00	
Event Income	£280.00	
Event Income	£185.00	
Prepayments	-£420.00	
February Payments	-£800.00	<b>£3,520.34</b>
<b>Funding Account</b>	<b>£206.10</b>	
Transfer to Event Account	-£206.10	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>Total C/F</b>		<b>£58,236.05</b>

<b>Main Account B/F</b>	<b>£24,106.87</b>
Art Class Fees (8 x £48)	£384.00
Welland Pavilion Insurance	£531.07
Welland FC Annual Fee	£3,305.00
HMRC VAT Refund	£1,270.63
Film Class Fees (10 x x£60)	£600.00
Airband (Hall Internet)	-£30.00
Pre Payments	-£3,862.29
February Payments	-£4,473.89
<b>Main Account C/F</b>	<b>£21,831.39</b>

**26/25 Any other matters for report or for future consideration**

It was noted that a letter from the parish hall committee was to be received regarding changes and improvements to the facility.

The wooden fence bordering Spitalfields was to be removed. The entrance to the bus shelter on Garret Bank was to be reviewed for ease of access for those less able.

**27/25 Date of the next meeting**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025 in Welland Parish Hall at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:20 pm