

Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17th March 2025

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Present

Cllrs. Mr P Riordan (Chair), Mr M Davies, Dr A Davis, Mr P Hancock, Mr P Henderson Brown, Mrs V Nelson, Mrs M Sumner.

In Attendance

County Cllr. T Wells, Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and nine members of the public.

33/25 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: No matters were discussed.

34/25 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Cllrs. Mr D Iles, Ms R Sampson and Mr M Whaley(Accepted).

35/25 Interests

i. Councillors Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Disclosable Interests and Non Registrable Interests regarding items on the agenda: Cllr. Henderson Brown declared an ODI on item 9d on the agenda – ‘To consider for approval annual maintenance schedule for Spitalfield football pitch’ - since he was associated with Welland Juniors FC. .

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: Cllr. Henderson Brown was granted a dispensation to discuss but not vote on maintenance of the football pitch. The dispensation to last until the next ordinary election.

36/25 Planning

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

Application No	At	Details
M/25/00358/PIP	The Lovells Garrett Bank	Permission in Principle for the proposed erection of 1 no. bungalow as a self or custom build development

The following response was agreed:

Comment: "The Parish Council notes that the proposed application lies outside the current development boundary and is contrary to policy DB1 in the adopted Neighbourhood Plan. However they acknowledge that many amendments have been made to previous applications to comply with other policies and recommendations such as its positioning, height and type of dwelling."

ii. Mobile Phone Mast Planning Application: A response approving the application had been submitted following the extraordinary meeting on 27th February. A member of the public who lived near the site made her objections to the application known to the council. The Clerk was to ascertain whether MHDC were to delegate the decision or take it to planning committee.

iii. Decisions notified:

There were none

37/25 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th February and the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 27th February: These were accepted as an accurate record and they were signed by the Chair.

38/25 Progress reports and matters arising from these minutes

No matters were discussed.

39/25 Community Development Coordinator

Cllrs. Sumner and Davies had met with Amanda Smith, from MHDC to discuss the future of the project. Current funding finishes in November but more funding may be available. It was agreed to ask Barbara Stevens to draft a response advocating continued funding.

40/25 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives

County Cllr. Tom Wells reported that he had recently visited the Primary and Pre Schools and had allocated each part of his ward budget funding.

He was please that WCC had agreed to attend a meeting concerning the Danemoor Crossroads which was to take place tomorrow. Some improvements to signage and road markings had already taken place.

On the issue of road safety, a resident requested that that the speed limit in Welland Gardens be reduced to 20mph.

41/25 Working Party & Other Reports & Recommendations

i. Highways & Footpaths:

- **To approve draft funding agreement from MHDC:** The agreement for project 3 was approved and signed by the Chair and witnessed by the Clerk.

ii. Buildings & Spaces:

a) Biodiversity projects –

- To agree final payments and grant claims:** The final payments were to be approved under Finance. The two claims were approved for £6,736.02 and £5,342.48. The Parish Councils net contribution to these schemes was £2,886.00 and £500 respectively.
- To make decisions on any questions raised in Biodiversity and Environment report:** Discussions took place over the positioning of the four gabion benches.

b) Giffard Drive Play Areas and Pump Track – **To review public consultations and progression with schemes:** Analysis of the responses was still to be finalised.

- To consider repair of Spitalfield Fence and Garret Bank Bus Shelter:** It was agreed to remove the old dilapidated wooden fence bordering the football pitch. A more substantial barrier would be installed in due course.

- To consider for approval annual maintenance schedule of Spitalfield football pitch:** The schedule from Smart Cut was approved.

iii. Events:

- **To review the popularity of church gig events and to consider the future of the scheme:** Four of the last six events had made a loss. It was agreed to put the programme on hold although the Budapest cafe Orchestra had already been booked. It was noted that the Cinema Club was proving a success.

42/25 Correspondence

To consider the responses to the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	SUBJECT
CALC	Updates/Training/Pay Scales
NALC	Events and Bulletins
MHDC	February Business e-Bulletin
Residents	Pump Track Consultation
Residents	Blandford Close Consultation
Parish Online	Newsletter #56
WCC	Minerals and Waste Authority Monitoring Report
Clerk	Welland Highways Concerns
Planning Services	SWDPR
Misc	Welland Church Clock
MHDC	Dog Fouling Consultation
Tom Arthur	Fish and Chip Banner (i)
Clerk	Spitalfield Maintenance
Resident	Atlas Tower Mast Comment
Village Hall Committee	Proposed improvements.

- (i) – A request to put up an advertising banner for a few days prior to a visit was approved.

43/25 Finance

- To consider donation to upgrade clock mechanism on St James church:** It was agreed to donate £3,000 to the scheme.

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	06/03	£992.45	Community Development Co-Ordinator
HBI Commerce	06/03	£200.97	2 x Gabion Benches
Wire Fence	06/03	£169.99	Granite Stones
Hedges Direct	06/03	£29.90	Dog Rose Plants
HBI Commerce	06/03	£66.99	1 x Gabion Bench
Acorn Workshop	17/03	£1,806.00	Interpretation Panels
Spring Forward Landscaping	24/02	£2,380.00	Biodiversity Projects Planting etc.
Ledbury Garden Machinery	19/02	£930.00	Orchard Lawnmowers.
Total		£6,576.30	

The following payment was approved from the **Event Account**:

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
MHDC	24/04	£20.00	Lottery Licence
TOTAL		£20.00	

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	14/02	£144.00	Lengthman Duties (February)
Wren's Birds of Prey	25/02	£150.00	Environmental Day Visit
Welland Parish Hall	14/03	£50.00	Environment Day Hire
First Page	21/02	£61.70	Consultation Printing
The Osprey Company	16/03	£336.00	Brass Rubbing Plaques
Ellis Dawe	05/03	£164.59	Posts for Brass Rubbing Plaques
First Page	13/03	£76.80	Biodiversity Projects Posters
Tiger Features	12/03	£990.00	Young Film Makers Workshop Fee
St James Church	24/02	£100.00	Young Film Makers Hire
North West Office Furniture	27/12	£295.20	4 x Library Chairs
Viymgit	17/03	£37.96	2 x Library Leaflet Holders
Nisbets	20/02	£249.57	2 x Library Tables
S Haywood	17/03	£1,272.40	Misc. Biodiversity Projects Costs
R Samsome	17/03	£424.90	Misc. Biodiversity Projects Costs
E Hardman	17/03	£200.00	Handyman (£200 Gross)
D Sharp	17/03	£629.20	Clerk's Fee (40 hrs @ SCP 28. £786.40 Gross)
TOTAL		£5,182.32	

Accounts Summary

Reserves Lloyds B/F	£3,045.57	
Interest	£2.34	£3,047.91
Saver Account	£51,670.14	
Interest	£88.72	£51,758.86
Event Account	£3,520.34	
Ticket Source	£240.00	£3,760.34
Total C/F		£58,567.11

Main Account B/F	£21,831.39
WCC Lengthman	£144.00
WCC (MHNL Footpath Grant)	£8,000.00
Art Class	£60.00
Airband (Hall Broadband)	-£15.00
Pre Payments	-£6,576.30
March Payments	-£5,182.32
Main Account C/F	£18,261.77

44/25 Any other matters for report or for future consideration

St James Church had requested an insert be added to the next newsletter. Communications Group to liaise over whether timings were suitable.

The sign in the cemetery was to be removed and more use made of the one in the lychgate.

45/25 Date of the next meeting

The next two Parish Council Meetings will be held on the second Mondays of the month - Monday 14th April 2025 and Monday 12th May 2025 in Welland Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:40 pm