

Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14th April 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, Ms R Sampson, Mrs M Sumner and Mr M Whaley

In Attendance

County Cllr. T Wells, Barbara Stevens (Community Development Coordinator), Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and seven members of the public.

46/25 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.

47/25 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: County Cllr. Malcolm Victory.

48/25 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.

49/25 Planning

i. To consider responses to any late submitted applications: There were none.

ii. Mobile Phone Mast Planning Application - update: Application M/25/00247/TC had been refused under delegated powers. The Parish Council agreed to write to Ian Macleod. Director of Planning & Infrastructure, expressing disappointment on how the application had been determined since both the Parish Council and District Cllrs. had requested the decision to be referred to committee and to question MHDC's scheme of delegation.

It was also agreed to investigate the installation of an antennae in the church and the possible use of satellite infrastructure.

iii. Decisions notified:

M/25/00247/TC - Refused

50/25 Minutes

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

51/25 Progress reports and matters arising from these minutes

No matters were discussed.

52/25 Community Development Coordinator

Barbara Stevens reported that the art classes had now finished but the group were to continue organising themselves using the parish hall. The outdoor gym classes on Friday mornings were attracting between 6 and 10 participants.

The Zest for Life Wednesday lunches were continuing and the associated 'Welland Against Food Waste' was being promoted on facebook and was taking place on Sunday morning in the parish hall. The film project had taken place over half term and the youngsters had produced a film that was to be circulated. The full report was to be circulated to councillors.

53/25 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives

County Cllr. Tom Wells expressed his admiration for what the Community Builder project had achieved in Welland. He also mentioned the £1M Legacy Grant funding that was being made available to communities. He was pleased that the 363 bus service had increased and that the roads in the Pippin Drive estate were being completed.

The County Council elections were to take place on Thursday 1st May.

54/25 Working Party & Other Reports & Recommendations

i. Highways & Footpaths:

- **Update on current projects:** Work commenced on Rosebud Meadow PRoW last week and the Parish Hall car park was to be undertaken over the Easter break with Spitalfields car park to follow.
Progress on the Pippin Drive to Drake Street path improvement was being delayed due to issues over the land purchase.

ii. Buildings & Spaces:

- **Giffard Drive Play Areas and Pump Track – To review public consultations and progression with schemes:** Analysis of the public consultations was yet to be completed.
- There were a number of small tasks to be completed – Fixing the edges of the gym area, rehanging a pedestrian gate, and improvements to access of the bus shelter on Garret Bank. A budget of £500 was approved.

iii. Climate Change:

- **To review draft emergency statement:** The final draft was to be circulated.

55/25 Correspondence

To consider the responses to the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	SUBJECT
CALC	Updates/Training/Pay Scales
NALC	Events and Bulletins
MHDC	March Business e-Bulletin
Malvern Town Council	Parish and Town Council Meeting: 17/03
Resident	Gym Safety
WCC	April business news from Visit Worcestershire
Misc	Telecom Mast Planning Application - M/25/00247/TC
Resident	Cemetery Trees
MHDC	S106 Funding Agreements
MHDC	Decision Process for Telecom Mast - M/25/00247/TC
Misc	Summer Bash(i)

(i) – It was agreed to purchase a marquee costing £320 + Vat.

56/25 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
Louise Pilditch	02/04	£320.00	Art Classes
Ross Tudge Fencing	01/04	£300.00	Spitalfield Fence Removal
	Total	£620.00	

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	13/03	£144.00	Lengthman Duties (March)
Barbara Stephens	07/04	£450.00	Community Development Co-Ordinator
Smart Cut Ltd	31/03	£789.60	Spitalfield Overseed
Nuyard Garden Centre	10/04	£45.00	Hose for Cemetery Watering
Welland Parish Hall	28/03	£40.00	Hall Hire – Theatre Workshop
Welland Parish Hall	31/03	£440.00	Hall Hire - Library
Welland Parish Hall	31/03	£80.00	Hall Hire – Art Classes
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£483.56	PAYE (Jan-Mar)
E Hardman	14/04	£200.00	Handyman (£200 Gross)
D Sharp	14/04	£629.20	Clerk's Fee (40 hrs @ SCP 28. £786.40 Gross)
	TOTAL	£3,301.36	

Accounts Summary

Reserves Lloyds B/F	£3,047.91		Main Account B/F	£18,261.77
Interest	£2.51	£3,050.42		
Saver Account	£51,758.86		WCC Lengthman	£288.00
Interest	£91.52	£51,850.38	Refund Gabion Benches	£200.97
Event Account	£3,760.34		Donation - Haywood	£55.82
MHDC-Lottery Licence	-£20.00		WCC Grant – Biodiversity Scheme	£5,342.48
Charges	-£4.25	£3,736.09	WCC Grant – Biodiversity Scheme	£6,736.02
			MHDC S106 Grant	£8,984.80
			Service Charge	-£4.25
			MHDC – Rubbish Collection (DD)	-£73.32
			Airband – Parish Hall WiFi (DD)	-£15.00
			Pre Payments	-£620.00
			April Payments	-£3,301.36
Total C/F		£58,636.89	Main Account C/F	£35,855.93

57/25 Any other matters for report or for future consideration

A newsletter was to be published in May with a copy date of 28th April.

It was noted that Little Malvern Priory was celebrating 875 years

58/25 Date of the next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held Monday 12th May 2025 in Welland Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:00 pm