

# **Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025**

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## **Present**

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

## **In Attendance**

County Cllr. Mr T Wells, District Cllrs. Mr J Gallagher and Ms C Wild, Mrs B Stephens (Community Development Co Ordinator), Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and 5 members of the public.

## **89/25 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.

## **90/25 Apologies**

**To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors:** Cllrs. Mr P Henderson Brown and Mrs V Nelson (accepted). Also District Cllr. M Victory.

## **91/25 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.

## **92/25 Planning**

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

<b>Application No</b>	<b>At</b>	<b>Details</b>
M/25/00513/HP	Hook Bank Cottage Hook Bank	Demolition of existing extensions/outbuildings, erection of two-storey rear and single-storey side extension and detached garage/carport
M/25/01110/FUL	Lovells Farmhouse, Garrett Bank	Erection of one detached self build bungalow

The following responses were agreed:

M/25/00513/HP – “The Parish Council has no objection to the application”

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## **ii. Decisions notified:**

M/25/00712/HP – Five Oaks, Kings Road, Little Malvern – Approved

M/25/00757/HP – 6 Marlbank Road, Welland - Approved

## **93/25 Minutes**

**To consider for adoption the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> June:**

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

## **94/25 Progress reports and matters arising from these minutes**

There were none.

## 95/25 Community Development Coordinator

**i. To Receive Report:** Barbara Stevens' report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Further to last months report additional funding up to March 2026 had been offered by MHDC and the Parish Council were to consider acceptance.

She was pleased that Welland Against Food Waste, the Wednesday Zest4Life lunch club and the outdoor gym were all proving very popular. She hoped to arrange a Beetle Drive family event using the Orchard and Parish Hall in August and also a village quiz in September.

She hoped that Lucy Bird from CALC would address the Parish Council at the August meeting on future possibilities.

Finally she hoped to be able to advertise the Library as a 'Cool Space' in the summer months.

**ii. To consider extending funding contract with MHDC to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026:** This was approved and the letter of acceptance was signed by the Chair.

## 96/25 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives

**County Cllr. Tom Wells** reported that there were still safety issues at Danemoor crossroads and the area is to be monitored by cameras for a two week period this summer.

Many of the new County Councillors worked full time and this was causing issues with daytime meetings. County Hall was to be put up for sale and discussions were ongoing over the make up of the new unitary authority. The County Council preferred a single authority but five out of the six District Councils preferred a North/South divide. A final decision was to be made by 28<sup>th</sup> November.

**District Cllr. Christine Wild** reported that MHDC had launched a Poverty Truth Commission to confer with those who have experience of poverty, directly involving them in decision making. She also confirmed that there had been many complaints recently regarding low flying powered paraglyders.

**District Cllr. John Gallagher** confirmed Cllr. Wells report that the County and Districts had differing opinions as to the make up of the new unitary authority. He also addressed questions over how and when the future of MHDC assets would be addressed.

## 97/25 Working Party and other reports and recommendations

### i. Projects:

- a) Update on Footpaths Projects and to confirm Parish Councils financial contribution:** Cllr. Davies gave an update of each project. He estimated that the Council would have to commit £2886 to the project on Castlemorton Common following the discovery of a further badger set that necessitated investigation. This was approved.
- b) To consider for approval final details of land purchase at Holly Cottage:** The land cost was £12,000 and would need to be transferred to the solicitor this week. The Transfer Plan was signed by Cllrs. Davies and Whaley and witnessed by the Clerk.
- c) Update on Legacy Fund Grant Applications:** Applications relating to the pavilion and parish hall had been submitted but MHDC would not be making a final funding decision until 16<sup>th</sup> September.
- d) Update on pump track and fitness track quotations:** The Clerk confirmed that quotations were now being received from the 'Find a Tender' submission with a deadline of end July. An S106 meeting was to be arranged to consider the options.

### ii. Events

**Report on Summer Bash:** A financial summary had been circulated which showed a profit of over £2,000. It was agreed that donations as follows would be made: Village Hall - £400, Church Clock scheme - £200. Residents Charity, Pursers Orchard, Welland Primary School PTA and Welland Pre School - £100 each.

### iii. Biodiversity Group

The Brass Rubbing trail was now fully installed and another 'Environment Day' was planned for Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

Two grant funding streams were considered. Natural Networks would require a 30% match fund by the Parish Council and a Malvern Hills Natural Landscape would require 25% which could be in volunteer time. Both applications were approved.

## 98/25 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW

**To consider how to progress with review:** It was agreed to wait until the SWDPR had been adopted.

**99/25 Correspondence**

To consider the responses to the following correspondence previously circulated:

<b>FROM</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>
CALC	Updates/Training/Pay Scales
NALC	Events and Bulletins
MHDC	Neighbourhood Planning Update
Misc	Objections to M/25/00849/TC
CALC	Cyber Security
MHDC	Community Arts and Culture Grant
Malvern Town Council	First Bus Meeting Monday 23 June (i)
Worcestershire Open Studios	Banner Request for August
CALC	20s Plenty Zoom Meetings
MHDC	Parish and Town Briefing July 7th
Debbie Brookes	Meeting Request (ii)
West Mercia Police	Smart Water Scheme (iii)
Welland Primary School	Hedge and Parking (iv)
Resident	Bouncy Castle Request
MHDC	Legacy Grant Scheme
MHDC	Community Builder Grant Extension
South Worcestershire CAB	Letter of thanks
MHDC	June Business e-Bulletin
West Mercia Police	Rural beat Newsletter

(i) – Cllr. Whaley reported on the meeting.

(ii) – An informal meeting had taken place with DB Land and Planning over their development proposals for land off Cornfield Close.

(iii) – An article in the next newsletter was hoped to gauge whether there was public interest in the scheme.

(iv) – At a recent meeting a request had been made for staff to use Spitalfields car park rather than the one by the parish hall. Discussions were also ongoing on the maintenance/removal of some of the boundary hedge and the installation by the school of a secure metal fence. Furthermore the facilities manager was to make further contact with the parish council over the possible transference of about a 2m strip of land to enlarge the school's playground.

**100/25 Finance**

**To consider payment of invoices presented:**

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

<b>From/Due To</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Details</b>
Raffle Tickets Online	-	£52.00	Bash – Raffle Tickets
Booker	-	£167.44	Bash - BBQ
Just Pressed Cider	-	£139.20	Bash - Supplies
Morrisons	-	£43.00	Bash - Tombola
Spar	-	£29.34	Bash - Supplies
Booker/Tesco	-	£218.78	Bash - Supplies
Wrens Birds of Prey	-	£150.00	Bash - Display
Pershore First Aid	-	£150.00	First Aid Cover
Live & Local	-	£120.00	Bash - Nutkins
Three Kings Inn	-	£409.20	Bash Drinks
<b>Total</b>		<b>£1,478.96</b>	

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

<b>From/Due To</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Details</b>
Barbara Stephens	10/07	£971.20	Community Development Co-Ordinator
Dean Martin Contractors	08/07	£8,406.00	PROW Surfacing
<b>Total</b>		<b>£9,377.20</b>	

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

<b>From/Due To</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Details</b>
House of Tents	10/07	£162.50	Gazebo Repairs
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£162.50</b>	

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	28/06	£320.00	Lengthman Duties (June)
Smart Cut Ltd	30/06	£468.00	Spitalfield Spraying
Screwfix	20/06	£30.43	Weed Control Fabric and Fixings
Welland Parish Hall	02/07	£370.00	Library Rent (Apr-Jun)
Glasdon	07/07	£492.00	Waste Bin
Prime Logistics	02/07	£36.99	Danish Oil (For sculptures)
Securefix	03/07	£15.95	Spitalfields Gate Wheels
Broadleaf Tree Care	08/06	£480.00	Grass Cutting
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RT Sumner	18/07	£52.50	Plaques for Bio Diversity Quiz
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£638.03	PAYE (Apr-Jun)
E Hardman	21/07	£200.00	Handyman (£200 Gross)
D Sharp	21/07	£629.20	Clerk's Fee (40 hrs @ SCP 28. £786.40 Gross)
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£4,213.10</b>	

### Accounts Summary

<b>Reserves Lloyds B/F</b>	<b>£3,054.54</b>		<b>Main Account B/F</b>	<b>£3,501.01</b>
Interest	£1.76	<b>£3,056.30</b>		
			HMRC VAT Refund	£5,894.53
<b>Saver Account</b>	<b>£52,041.99</b>		Cash Float	£1,500.00
Interest	£92.27	<b>£52,134.26</b>	Wayleave	£38.76
			WCC Lengthman	£320.00
<b>Event Account</b>	<b>£3,044.79</b>		Service Charge	-£4.25
Charges	-£4.25		Service Charge	-£4.25
Cardnet	£646.49		MHDC Waste Removal (DD)	-£73.32
Income	£317.83		Airband	-£15.00
Income	£4.00			
Income	£151.20			
Income	£4,233.55			
Income	£76.00		Pre Payments	-£9,377.20
Transfer Cash Float	-£1,500.00			
Pre Payments	-£1,478.96		July Payments	-£4,213.10
July Payment	-£162.50			
		<b>£5,328.15</b>		
<b>Total C/F</b>		<b>£60,518.71</b>	<b>Main Account C/F</b>	<b>-£2,432.82</b>

### 101/25 Any other matters for report or for future consideration

**To confirm consideration of climate change actions:** The Parish Council confirmed it had considered climate change actions during its decision making process.

'No overnight parking' signs were to be installed in car parks and bye laws to that effect were to be investigated. A new dog bag dispenser was to be installed by the shop. The provision of disabled bays outside the hall were to be requested.

### 102/25 Date of the next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2025 in Welland Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:15 pm