

Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20th October 2025

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Present

Cllrs. Mr P Riordan (Chair), Mr M Davies, Dr A Davis, Mr P Hancock, Mr P Henderson-Brown and Mr M Whaley.

In Attendance

County Cllr. Mr T Wells, District Cllr. Mr J Gallaway, Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

131/25 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: A member of the public requested that there be more litter bins on Drakes Street and Hook Bank. An appraisal of possible sites was to be undertaken.

132/25 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Cllrs. Mrs V Nelson, Ms R Sampson and Mrs M Sumner (accepted).. Also County Cllr. M Victory.

133/25 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.

134/25 Planning

- i. To consider responses to any late submitted applications:**
No applications had been received.

ii. Decisions notified:

M/25/01350/HP – Hazeldene, Marlbank – Approved
M/24/01293/FUL – The Croft, Welland Court Lane – Approved.

Cllr. M Davies notified the meeting that he had submitted a personal comment regarding application M/25/00730/PIP – Church Villa, Gloucester Road.

135/25 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th September:
These were accepted as an accurate record and they were signed by the Chair.

136/25 Progress reports and matters arising from these minutes

The Clerk reported that he had not received any feedback from Upton police station regarding the four new speed watch volunteers. He was to chase this up.
It was noted that work was still ongoing on the road on the Spring Meadow estate before it could be adopted.

137/25 Community Development Coordinator

To Receive Report: Barbara Stevens' report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The September Quiz had raised £356 for St Richard's Hospice which had been match funded by other hospice donators under the 'Every Moment Matters' initiative. A Festive Quiz was planned for 28th November. She was to meet up with Lucy Bird following last months presentation. Plans to improve gym equipment for the less able are ongoing. The 'Zest for Life' lunches were proving popular, as was 'Welland Against Food Waste' held every Sunday. A wine tasting evening is planned for 5th December and a Multi Generational Improv Workshop comprising four two hour evening sessions for the new year.

138/25 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives

County Cllr. Tom Wells reported that the 'on demand' bus service would now stop at the Mobile Home Park on Hook Bank.

The County Council is focusing on health and wellbeing in the county and working closely with the NHS to support veterans with mental health issues and to encourage Flu vaccinations and Covid for over 75s.

He also confirmed that WCC were advocating a single unitary authority.

District Cllr. John Gallagher reported on the Youth Citizen Assembly which had involved pupils from six schools discuss areas of concern such as employment and environment. A £1000 grant had been made available for a scheme that might be proposed. MHDC were currently looking at a tree strategy and were pleased to have enabled a new car park to be constructed at Malvern Town FC. Finally he confirmed that a submission was being prepared advocating two unitary authorities.

139/25 Working Party and other reports and recommendations

i. Projects:

a) Update on Footpaths Projects: The Holly Cottage path was now complete although the replacement field shelter was yet to be completed and some hedge planting was to be undertaken in December. The Castlemorton path and improvements to the car park had also been completed. Finally planning for the path from Giffard Drive to Marlbank Farm was still ongoing due to legal issues over the permissive path section.

b) To review quotations and consider progressing with pump track and fitness track scheme:

Cllr. Sampson summarised the quotations. Since it was estimated that there was only £125K S106 funding available, the Pump Track would be put on hold but the Fitness Track, Gym Upgrade, Climbing Wall, Patio improvements and Signage would be progressed with at an approximate cost of £105K.

c) To confirm progressing with Legacy Grant for pavilion improvements: This was approved and the Clerk was to submit the necessary documents.

It was also noted that the Legacy Scheme installing better lighting and AV facilities in the Parish Hall was also progressing

ii. Biodiversity

a) Review of ongoing projects: Turf laying had been completed along the Gloucester Road. Bulbs and wild flower seed still to be sown.

A quotation for £966 to lay the hedge in the playground bordering the school was accepted.

140/25 Correspondence

To consider the responses to the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	SUBJECT
CALC	Updates/Training/Area Meeting
CALC	Health and Wellbeing Newsletter
CALC	Meeting Notes
CALC	Survey on Local Government Re-organisation
NALC	Events and Bulletins
Castlemorton PC	Graziers
Dame Harriet Baldwin MP	Local Overview
MHDC	Free Storytelling Workshop for Parish Councils/Community Groups
MHDC	Legacy Grant Funding
Malvern Town Council	Joint Councils Meeting: 8/12/2025 at Community Hub 6.30 - 8.00
MHDC	Residents' Survey
West Mercia Police	SNT Parish Contact Contract (i)

(i) – Cllrs. were to review the main issues that affected the Parish.

141/25 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
Barbara Stephens	02/10	£909.20	Community Development Co-Ordinator
Harrowden	14/10	£1,877.04	Wild Flower Turf (Biodiversity Scheme)
Wild Native Bulbs	23/09	£190.95	Bulbs (Biodiversity Scheme)
Emorsgate Seeds	24/09	£319.49	Wild Flower Seed (Biodiversity Scheme)
Shirley Jones	28/09	£120.00	Quiz Costs
St Richards Hospice	29/09	£356.00	Donation from Quiz
TOTAL		£3,772.68	

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	24/09	£320.00	Lengthman Duties (September)
Christopher Priday	30/09	£720.00	Hedge Cutting
Welland Parish Hall	30/09	£357.50	Library Hall Hire
Hanley Castle High School	15/10	£150.00	Spitalfields Grass Cutting
Royal British Legion	-	£40.00	Poppy Wreath
Screwfix	23/09	£24.99	E Hardman Hi Viz Jacket
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£690.91	PAYE (Jul-Sep)
E Hardman	20/10	£200.00	Handyman (£200 Gross)
D Sharp	20/10	£649.20	Clerk's Fee (40 hrs @ SCP 28. £811.60 Gross)
TOTAL		£3,152.60	

Accounts Summary

Reserves Lloyds B/F	£3,059.92		Main Account B/F	£29,096.07
Interest	£1.51	£3,061.43	MHDC Precept	£18,672.50
			WCC Lengthman	£320.00
			Quiz Income	£512.19
Saver Account	£42,266.64		Airband (DD)	-£15.00
Interest	£79.09	£42,345.73	MHDC Waste Removal (DD)	-£73.32
		£0.00	ICO (DD)	-£47.00
Event Account	£4,519.65		Service Charge (DD)	-£4.25
Charges	-£4.25	£4,515.40	Pre Payments	-£3,772.68
			October Payments	-£3,152.60
Total C/F		£49,922.56	Main Account C/F	£41,535.91

142/25 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.

Cllr. Davies reported on an online meeting he had attended with Atlas Tower, MHDc and WCC. A new application for the installation of a mobile phone mast was to be expected.

Cllr. Davis reported that it was unlikely a meeting would be arrange with the Steam Rally organisers before next spring when traffic and waste disposal would be discussed.

It was noted that the container in the orchard had been broken into and two mowers stolen.

The date for the Christmas lights switch on was to be decided next month.

Cllr. Davies indicated his wish to stand down from the Parish Council at the end of the month. He would send a formal email nearer the time. Councillors expressed their thanks for all that he had achieved during his time in office.

143/25 Date of the next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held Monday 10th November.

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