

Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10th November 2025

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Present

Cllrs. Mr P Riordan (Chair), Mr P Hancock, Mr P Henderson-Brown, Mrs M Sumner and Mr M Whaley.

In Attendance

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

144/25 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: Issues with a blocked PRoW off Garret Bank were ongoing and the Clerk was to report additional issues to both Countryside Services and also Planning Enforcement. A 40mph sign was damaged on Drake Street.

145/25 Apologies

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

It was also noted that Cllr. Mr M Davies had resigned from the Parish Council since the last meeting and the Clerk confirmed that he had posted the appropriate notices. All councillors expressed their thanks for Mr Davies' dedication and hard work during his period in office.,

146/25 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.

147/25 Planning

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

Application No	At	Details
M/25/01424/HP	The Bungalow Marlbank Road	Two single storey rear extensions

The following response was agreed:

M/25/01424/HP – “The Parish Council has no objection to the application” added to which would be the standard proviso concerning the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

ii. Decisions notified:

M/25/01365/HP - Willow Cottage, Woodside Lane - Approved

148/25 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th October:

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

149/25 Progress reports and matters arising from these minutes

The Clerk reported that the four new speed watch volunteers had completed all checks and were to be enrolled on the next training course.

The Clerk was to complete the Police Priorities request.

Progress with the Legacy Grant Scheme for the pavilion was delayed due to the need of gaining a second comparable quotation.

150/25 Community Development Coordinator

To Receive Report: Barbara Stevens' report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Christmas Quiz was confirmed for 28th November. One of the bikes in the outdoor gym had been fixed under warranty. Further improvements were to be included in an S106 application. The wine tasting event was postponed.

151/25 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives

County Cllr. Tom Wells reported on a recent cattle death on Castlemorton Common caused by a collision with a car. He was lobbying for a 40mph speed limit. He also commented on issues at WCC having a minority administration. Finally the reorganisation of WCC into a unitary authority was still proving contentious.

District Cllr. John Gallagher also commented on the creation of a unitary authority and that a final government decision was expected in July 2026.

District Cllr. Christine Wilde reported on plans for MHDC to improve care facilities.

152/25 Working Party and other reports and recommendations

i. Projects:

a) Update on Footpaths Projects: It was agreed to purchase some wild flower turf for the bank bordering the Holly Cottage path. The path and footbridge from Giffard Drive to Marlbank Farm was still ongoing due to legal issues over the permissive path section and concerns over using S106 funding for the project.

b) Update on S106 funded schemes: A meeting of the S106 group was to be arranged and their recommendations would be considered next month.

c) Review of waste bins and seating: It was agreed to purchase a post mounted bin for the Holly Cottage path. Furthermore the Clerk was to enquire whether MHDC had the ability/facilities to collect recyclable and no recyclable waste separately.

d) Christmas Light Switch On: No switch on event was planned but the lights would be turned on around 8th December. It was noted that some sections of the lights needed replacing.

ii. Biodiversity

a) Review of ongoing projects: Bulbs had been planted but wild flower seed still to be sown. Some additional hedge laying on the Blandford Close grassed area was to be undertaken this Saturday. The Environment Day had been a great success.

A fungi survey had been completed in the cemetery.

153/25 Correspondence

To consider the responses to the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	SUBJECT
CALC	Updates/Training/Area Meeting
CALC	Health and Wellbeing Newsletter
NALC	Events and Bulletins
DB Land and Planning	Development Plans
DB Land and Planning	Foot Bridge to Spitalfields (i)
M Davies	Road Sign Proposals (i)
Kompan	Gym Maintenance
C Carver	Concert
MHDC	October Business E Bulletin

(i) – Further enquiries were to be made.

(ii) – Proposals to amalgamate signage at the Holly Cottage footpath were to be made to WCC.

154/25 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
Dean Marting Contractors Ltd	25/10	£15,183.90	Castlemorton Footpath Improvement
Dean Marting Contractors Ltd	25/10	£16,569.60	Drake St (Holly Cottage) Footpath Improvement
Dunhampton Wildlife Centre	15/10	£444.00	Environment Day (Animal Encounter)
TOTAL		£32,197.50	

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	15/10	£160.00	Lengthman Duties (October)
Spring Forward	03/11	£1,250.00	Wild Turf Laying (Biodiversity Scheme)
Barbara Stephens	03/11	£882.50	Community Development Co-Ordinator
Broadleaf Tree Care	23/10	£300.00	Grass Cutting
Hanley Castle High School	06/11	£125.00	Grass Cutting (Spitalfields)
Rachel Sampson	-	£212.30	Environment Day (Expenses)
Rebecca Wileman	-	£17.56	Environment Day (Expenses)
Welland Parish Hall	-	£116.00	Environment Day (Hire)
Welland PCC	-	£3,200.00	Donation Clock Maintenance
E Hardman	10/11	£200.00	Handyman (£200 Gross)
D Sharp	10/11	£649.40	Clerk's Fee (40 hrs @ SCP 28. £811.60 Gross)
TOTAL		£7,112.76	

Accounts Summary

Reserves Lloyds B/F	£3,061.43		Main Account B/F	£41,535.91
Interest	£	£3,061.43		
			MHDC CIL Payment	£1,508.02
Saver Account	£42,345.73		Environment Day Income	£150.00
Interest	£47.49	£42,393.22		
			Service Charge (DD)	-£4.25
Event Account	£4,515.40		Pre Payments	-£32,197.50
Charges	-£4.25	£4,511.15	November Payments	-£7,112.76
Total C/F		£49,965.80	Main Account C/F	£3,879.42

155/25 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.

Following a request from a resident no additional fencing was deemed necessary on the School Field. An Events Group meeting was to be held on 12th November to discuss a Wassail event. Cllr. Hancock reported that there was to be a 4Cs meeting next week.

156/25 Date of the next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held Monday 15th December.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:45 pm