

# **Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

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## **Present**

Cllrs. Mr D Atkinson (Chairman), Mr R Cousins, Mr W Guy, Mr P Hancock, Mrs K Jefferies, Mrs M Pettit.

## **In Attendance**

County Cllr. Mr T Wells, Mrs Ann Brooks (Footpaths Warden), Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and seven members of the public.

Before the meeting a member of the public noted that there were problems with the web site. The Clerk confirmed that he had reported several issues recently and was awaiting results.

It was noted that the boundary wall of the new properties on Gloucester Road was now the subject of an enforcement order and encroachment order.

A request was to be made to enforce the parking restrictions near the village hall, particularly at busy school times.

The footpaths warden requested that the footway on Upper Welland Road be sided out and the main path bordering The Gloucester Road along the school field would also need attention.

Concerns were raised over the Parish's representation at planning and S106 discussions, particularly in light of the recent application at Lawn Farm where District Cllr. Behan's involvement had not been deemed effective in putting forward the Parish Council's view.

## **01/15 Apologies**

Cllrs. Mr B Downey, Mrs B Hill & Mr M Upright (accepted). Also District Cllr. Mrs C O'Donell. The Chairman also reported that Mr Steve Sharrock had resigned from the Parish Council.

## **02/15 Interests**

- i. ***Councillors Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Disclosable 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.

## **03/15 Minutes**

***To consider for adoption the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 15<sup>th</sup> December:*** These were approved and signed by the chairman.

## **04/15 Progress reports and other matters arising from these minutes**

The defibrillator was to be fitted on the outside wall of the school this week.

The Clerk had arranged meetings with Gordon Morris (MHDC Street Scene) for Tuesday at 2pm and another with Dave Jew (WCC Highways) for Friday at 11 am.

## **05/15 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives.**

**County Cllr. Tom Wells** expressed concern over the reduction in WCC budget allocation for Care for the Elderly and the increased reliance on the voluntary sector, which although admirable did reduce monitoring efficiency.

**District Cllr. Roger Cousins** reported that there was a recommendation that the running of the Hub should be transferred to an outside company.

He also commented on the parish profiles that could be found on the District Council website which clearly showed an increasingly ageing population and that the council would need to consider funding organisations such as Age UK to ensure residents received the help they needed.

Finally, superfast broadband off the main cabinet by the village hall was expected to be available from 15<sup>th</sup> March, with further works being scheduled for later in the year to extend the range.

## **06/15 Committee & Working Party Reports & Recommendations**

### **i. Neighbourhood Planning Group**

***To consider submitting draft housing policies to MHDC for comment/appraisal:*** The draft policies had been circulated and it was agreed that they should be forwarded to David Clarke at MHDC for appraisal.

### **ii. Playing Fields:**

A further schedule of pitch improvements was to be investigated this summer. It was also noted that there were some potholes in the car park that needed attention.

**07/15 Planning:****i. To consider a response to the following application:**

Application No	From	Details
14/01720/FUL	Mr Mark Loader 1 Pheasant Cottages	Conversion of detached garage to holiday accommodation.

It was agreed to recommend the application for approval

- ii. **To consider making representation at Southern Area Development Management Committee Meeting on 21 January 2015 concerning 14/01047/OUT:** District Cllr. Cousins was able to comment on the application at the meeting.

**08/15 Highways and Footpaths**

Clerk to report a damaged road sign at Danemore Cross.

**09/15 S106 Funding****To consider investigating possible environment enhancement schemes to submit to MHDC:**

Several schemes were to be referred to the Neighbourhood Plan Group for investigation by Carly Tinkler who was helping to formulate the environmental policies. These included the purchase of Pursers Orchard, the creation of some interlinking footpath routes and the possible supply of allotments.

**10/15 Correspondence****To review the following correspondence previously circulated:**

FROM	*email	SUBJECT
CALC	*	Updates
MHDC	*	Winter edition of News Update
Mick Davies	*	14/01007/REM
Bronwen Behan	*	14/01007/REM
MHDC	*	TPO 540 (2014), Mutlow's Orchard Confirmation
MHDC	*	Committee Notification Letter- 14-01047-OUT
CALC	*	Bulletin feedback from meetings - Improvement and Development Board

**11/15 Finance****i. To consider payment of invoices presented:**

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

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
Jeremy Moore	23/12	£236.00	Lengthman Duties (December)
JRB Enterprises	05/01	£133.80	Dog Gloves
Worcestershire CALC	19/11	£10.00	Election Briefing
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£330.60	PAYE (Oct-Dec)
Edwin Hardman	19/01	£72.00	Handyman (£90 gross)
DA Sharp	19/01	£396.12	Clerk's Fee (£404.08 Gross SP25 + £69.27 NDP + £21.77)
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,178.52</b>	

**Accounts Summary**

Reserves Lloyds B/F	£96.88	£96.88	Main Account B/F	£5,911.76
Reserves BOI B/F	£2,867.37			
Interest	£0.23	£2,867.60		
Fete Account	£332.70	£332.70		
Buildings Account	£3,132.51	£3,132.51		
Neighbourhood Plan Account	£4,827.50	£4,827.50	January Payments	-£1,178.52
<b>Total C/F</b>		<b>£11,257.19</b>	<b>Main Account C/F</b>	<b>£4,733.24</b>

- ii. **To review the budget for 2015/16 and set a precept:** The budget was agreed and a precept (including council tax grant) of £21,320 was to be requested.

**12/15 Any other matters for report or for future consideration**

It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> April.

The Clerk was to ask MHDC whether an ecological survey had been requested for the site concerning application 14/01338 next to The Old Post Office.

**13/15 Date of the next meeting**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February was confirmed.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 10.40 pm.