

Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16th February 2015

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Present

Cllrs. Mr D Atkinson (Chairman), Mr W Guy, Mrs B Hill, Mrs M Pettit.

In Attendance

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

It was believed that the enforcement order relating to the boundary wall of the new properties on Gloucester Road would soon be invoked.

Members of the public were concerned that there would be no maintenance access into the Mutlows Orchard SSSI from the new development adjacent to the Old Post Office on Drake Street, and asked the Parish Council to push for this to be rectified.

Concerns were raised over the Parish's representation at the up coming Southern Area Development Management Meeting where application 14/01269/OUT was to be considered. The Chairman confirmed that he would be able to attend and it was suggested that District Cllr. Chris O'Donnell might raise the Parish Council's concerns.

14/15 Apologies

Cllrs. Mr R Cousins, Mr B Downey, Mr P Hancock, Mrs K Jefferies & Mr M Upright (accepted). Also District Cllr. Mrs C O'Donell.

15/15 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:***
 - (a) *Cllr. Downey to discuss application 15/00099/FUL:* This was agreed and would last up until the May elections.

16/15 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 19th January:

These were approved and signed by the chairman.

17/15 Progress reports and other matters arising from these minutes

The defibrillator had been fitted on the outside wall of the school with a set of junior electrode pads. The Clerk reported on a meeting he had attended with Dave Jew (WCC Highways), County Cllr. Wells and District Cllr. Cousins. A report had been circulated but it had been made clear that the majority of funding to Highways from new developments in the parish would be spent on the Worcester Southern Link Road.

The Clerk had also met with Gordon Morris (MHDC Street Scene) and Cllr. Cousins where the problem of dog fouling was discussed. MHDC now had the powers to create Public Spaces Protection Orders and these would be considered for the open spaces at Welland and the Hill Centre in Upton if the situation did not improve. Mr Morris had also checked the validity of the yellow lines by the village hall and would try to enforce them.

18/15 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives.

County Cllr. Tom Wells reported that the inspectors report into the SWDP was not expected until the Autumn.

County Cllr. Lucy Hodgson confirmed that WCC had increased the council tax this year by 1.9% and were to increase funding to Children's Services by £4M. As well as approving phase 3 of the Worcester Southern Link Road and the building of Worcester Parkway Rail Station, there was also an increase in funding to improve roads and footways.

Finally she had been notified that the errors in the Parish website had been rectified.

District Cllr. Roger Cousins' report was presented by The Clerk. The hub was to be run by Civica, a private company with jobs to be kept locally. He also confirmed that the Malvern Hills Conservators had voted against the cable car scheme.

19/15 Committee & Working Party Reports & Recommendations

i. Neighbourhood Planning Group

Carly Tinkler was currently preparing an environmental report for the Group.

It was agreed that the NP Group could utilise the Annual Parish meeting for public consultation on current aspects of the Plan, including housing design, the environment and S106 schemes.

ii. Playing Fields:

It was noted that the football pitch had been used last weekend, although the Football Club were currently looking to get the drainage problems re-assessed.

20/15 Planning:

i. To consider a response to the following application:

Application No	From	Details
14/01338/REM	Mr J Guest Land between the Old Post Office and Church Farm, Drake Street	Application for approval of reserved matters for Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale following outline approval 13/01526/OUT for the erection of 30 no. dwellings.
14/01724/OUT	Mr R Ditchburn Land opposite Old Post Office, Drake St.	Outline application for the erection of a single dwelling with access from Drake Street (all matters reserved except for access).
15/00073/FUL	Mr R Biggs Welland Post Office & Stores	Proposed rear extension and new internal layout to include café (A3 use class).
15/00099/FUL	Mr B Downey Old Cider Mill, Drake St.	Proposal for two holiday cabins.
15/00170/FUL	Mr J Cockburn Tyre Hill Stables	Proposed new stable block (50 stables), new car parking area and alterations to existing stable building to be used for isolation stables, storage for fodder and machinery in association with existing equestrian use of the site.

The following responses were agreed:

14/01338/REM – “The Parish Council recommends that the application is refused or deferred for the following reasons:

The Parish Council's original comments submitted on 31st December 2014 still apply but we would draw your attention to the following additional points:

1. The Parish Council agrees with other comments made by residents that the provision for affordable housing on this site is inadequate. The dwellings are grouped together, rather they should be spread over the development. The design of the affordable houses is not tenure blind and so distinguishes them from the remainder of the development. The parking provision for the affordable houses is inadequate and as it is grouped in a communal space also distinguishes them.

2. The applicant's Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy are wholly inadequate and until these matters have been resolved to the satisfaction of the South Worcestershire Land Drainage Partnership no approval of this scheme should be given.”

14/01724/OUT, 15/00073/FUL, 15/00099/FUL, 15/00170/FUL - “The Parish Council has no objection”.

ii. **To consider making representation at Southern Area Development Management Meeting on 18 February 2015 concerning 14/01269/OUT:** The Chairman was to attend and speak opposing the application.

21/15 Highways and Footpaths

The Lengthman was devoting 2 hours per month to siding out the footway on Upper Welland Road. He was also to be asked to cut back undergrowth on the footpath between Holly Cottage and Lawn Farm.

22/15 Correspondence**To review the following correspondence previously circulated:**

FROM	*email	SUBJECT
CALC	*	Updates
Karen Cope Clerk	*	Takeaway Pizza Highways
MHDC	*	Candidate Briefing for May 7th Elections Monday 2 nd March 6.30pm
Maurice Carless	*	Highways
Dave Jew	*	Highways
MHDC	*	Committee Notification Letter - 14-01269-OUT

23/15 Finance**To consider payment of invoices presented:**The following payments were approved from the **Main Account**:

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
Jeremy Moore	30/01	£118.00	Lengthman Duties (January)
JRB Enterprises	11/02	£133.80	Dog Gloves
AJ Taylor	27/01	£170.40	Defibrillator Installation
AED Defib Shop	22/01	£72.00	Child Defib. Pads
Aon UK Ltd	20/01	£5.27	Insurance Premium (Defibrillator)
JMart	21/01	£23.98	Hi Viz Jacket
Edwin Hardman	16/02	£72.00	Handyman (£90 gross)
DA Sharp	16/02	£378.55	Clerk's Fee (£404.08 Gross SP25 + £69.27 NDP)
TOTAL		£974.00	

The following payment was approved from the **Neighbourhood Plan Account**:

From/Due to	Date	Amount	Details
Namesco Ltd	18/03	£76.67	Web Hosting
TOTAL		£76.67	

Accounts Summary

Reserves Lloyds B/F	£96.88	£96.88	Main Account B/F	£4,733.24
Reserves BOI B/F	£2,867.60			
Interest	£0.24	£2,867.84	WCC Lengthman	£354.00
Fete Account	£332.70	£332.70	Welland Juniors	£1,862.50
Buildings Account	£3,132.51	£3,132.51		
Neighbourhood Plan Account	£4,827.50		February Payments	-£974.00
Namesco Ltd	-£76.67	£4,750.83		
Total C/F		£11,180.76	Main Account C/F	£5,975.74

24/15 Any other matters for report or for future consideration

The Clerk distributed details of this year's car boot sales.

25/15 Date of the next meetingMonday 16th March was confirmed.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.45 pm.