

PARISHES OF LITTLE MALVERN AND WELLAND

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 8th MAY 2019 IN WELLAND VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

Four Members of the Parish Council, Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and 52 members of the public.

Before the meeting the following groups had set up information stalls for residents and gave a brief resume of their work:

Welland Juniors and Ladies FC	Art and Craft Club
Welland History Group	Relaxation Group
Malvern Hills District Council	St James Primary School
Cordery (Over 60s) Club	

In the absence of the Parish Council Chairman, Cllr. Madelaine Sumner chaired the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

Sue Appleby, Chris O'Donnell, Viv Nelson.

2. TO CONSIDER FOR ADOPTION THE MINUTES OF LAST YEAR'S MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

3. PURSER'S ORCHARD

i. A review of the history of the orchard: Maureen Lamb from the Orchard Group gave an overview of the orchard which had been identified in the emerging Neighbourhood Plan as an important space and funding for its purchase had come from S106 contributions from recent developments. A working group had been created and a management plan produced. It was planned that the orchard be allocated as Green Space and to become a significant asset for both recreation and education.

ii. Details of current ongoing works: Cllr. Davies confirmed the site had now been purchased by the Parish Council and works to create both pedestrian and vehicle access were to commence at the end of the month. The long term plan was to negotiate a lease with the Orchard Group who would then take over responsibility for the running of the site. Initially a flock of sheep were to be used to get the grass manageable.

iii. Plans for the future: The Orchard Group was yet to be properly constituted and apply for charitable status and a meeting of the Group was to take place in two weeks.

4. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Status report and a review of our approach to future development in the village: Cllr. Davies reported that since the production of a draft plan in 2015 the NPPF had been rewritten and the current SWDP was being reviewed and a further 14,000 homes were allocated. The Plan required redrafting with updated evidence and housing needs included. Further sites would require to be allocated for development, but some funding was available to help with this. As well as development sites, areas could be designated Green Spaces, and these would be protected from development. An assessment of the parish was to be undertaken.

5. S106 OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION

i. Developer Contributions: It was reported that £664,916 was available for outdoor space and recreation projects and £356,760 had already been spent leaving £308,156.

ii. Status Report: Projects completed or underway were the new Playground, Spitalfields Drainage and the Orchard Project.

iii. Future Projects: These included plans to create an outdoor gym and also improvements to the playing field access by the shop. Residents were asked to submit further suggestions.

6. ROADS, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

It was noted that WCC were to consult on a new Passenger Transport Strategy. A new Speed Indicating Device had been installed on the Gloucester Road last July, and there were plans to install a second on Marlbank near the Cemetery. Both of these could be rotated and collected traffic information that could be analysed. A further portable sign may also be purchased to rotate on other sites on Drake Street and Garret Bank.

7. PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS

i. A review of the year: The Chairman thanked all those who had helped with local projects: The Orchard, Spitalfields drainage, Church concerts, Neighbourhood Plan, Litter Picks and the Christmas lights installation. She was also please to report that the village store had won a local award and the Pheasant Inn had now been sold and a planning application was pending.

ii. Parish Council draft accounts for year end 31/03/19: The Clerk presented the draft accounts as was able to answer several queries from the floor.

5. QUESTION TIME

No other matters were discussed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:50 pm.