

Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18th November 2019

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Before the meeting a resident of Byfields Lane informed the council of issues concerning sewage leaks from inspection covers during the recent heavy rainfall. Severn Trent had been informed and it was believed a blockage had been detected and a meeting with residents was arranged. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Severn Trent expressing concern over the situation and to be kept informed of improvements to the system.

Present

Cllrs. Mrs V Nelson(Chair), Miss J Biggs, Mr M Davies, Mr P Hancock, Dr J Mortimer, Mrs M Sumner, Mr J Whitehouse.

In Attendance

District Cllr. Mr J Gallagher, Footpaths Warden, Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and 11 members of the public.

134/19 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors:

Cllrs. Mrs C O'Donnell and Mrs M Purser (accepted).

135/19 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.

136/19 Planning

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

Application No	At	Details
18/01718/FUL	Lawn Farm Drake Street	Replacement tractor store (retrospective). New secure garage building, new stables and goat pen. Replacement workshop building. New boundary treatment. Change of use of land to garden land and agricultural land.

Cllr. Davies abstained from voting due to his position as District Councillor.

Additional details had been received concerning the extent of the land included in the application and the omission of works to a small brick barn from the application.

The following response was agreed: "The amended details still do not address the Parish Council's concerns over the public open space that have already been raised.

Furthermore the buildings indicated on the revised plan do not correspond to buildings shown in previous plans for this application."

It was noted that the application for the Pheasant Pub was likely to be considered by committee since several concerns had been raised over parking and its proximity to both the AONB and the church. If this was the case it was agreed to send a letter of support to members of the planning committee. It was also agreed to request that if consent was given then a condition be imposed that the flats, converted from the original building, could not be occupied until after the completion of the new pub building.

A meeting with a prospective developer of land off Gloucester Road for 40 new homes had been held. No views had been expressed but the proposal noted.

137/19 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21st October:

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

138/19 Progress reports and other matters arising from these minutes

No matters were raised.

139/19 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives

District Cllr. Mick Davies reported that the District Council was now in a state of purdah because of the forthcoming general election on 12th December. He also outlined what compensation funding was available to homeowners affected by recent floods, providing 25 properties in the district had been affected. The SWDP preferred options proposal was currently out for consultation until 15th December. Christmas waste collection dates had been published.

District Cllr. John Gallagher added that the issue over the Malvern Wells and Little Malvern conservation areas would be considered at District Council later this week.

140/19 Committee, Working Party & Other Representative Reports & Recommendations

i. Neighbourhood Planning Working Group: *To consider funding additional landscape*

appraisal work: A quotation of £2,500 had been received to undertake the appraisal work. It was agreed to go ahead with this proposal.

It was noted that the SWDP preferred options proposal made no change to Welland's development boundary. Details had been circulated detailing possible changes to the boundary that had been discussed by the Group following advice from Peter Hamilton.

The preferred options consultation ends on 15th December, before the next meeting, and it was agreed to delegate any submission to the Clerk in consultation with councillors and the neighbourhood planning group.

ii. Communications Working Group: A newsletter had recently been distributed, and it was hoped to produce another before Christmas. The local History Group was to be given a page on the website and it was reported that there were now over 240 followers of the facebook page.

iii. Playing Fields/Open Spaces Working Group: *To consider applying for S106 funding for a metal container to store maintenance equipment:* It was agreed to submit an S106 application for funding for a shipping container to be stored on Spitalfields. This would be used to house maintenance equipment and would be suitably screened. It was hoped that it could be used as a low level climbing wall in conjunction with the outdoor gym equipment that was planned. Enquiries of the planning department indicated that the container could be installed under permitted development rights.

iv. Orchard Working Group: *To consider purchasing a metal container to store maintenance equipment:* It was agreed to fund the purchase of another container to place in the orchard to be used to store equipment. It was expected to cost approximately £2500 and would be suitably screened to comply with covenant requirements. Harvesting of mistletoe for sale would take place next week.

v. Highways Working Group:

a. Review of meeting with Fiona Argyle to discuss local footpaths: A meeting with Fiona Argyle (Public Rights of Way Officer) had taken place attended by Cllrs Hancock and Sumner together with the footpath warden and clerk. It was hoped that the footpath leading to the Bovis estate from Drake Street would be improved to allow better egress and a review was to be made of the paths by Marlbank Farm. It had been emphasized at the meeting that the county council had limited funds to remove undergrowth from paths and any work that the parish council could undertake would be appreciated, but notification of any maintenance to the department would help. Residents were asked to report issues on line such as damaged stiles/gates and blocked paths. It was agreed that details of the reporting procedure would be added to the next newsletter.

b. Update on Highways projects: No firm date to commence the works detailed in last month's report had been set.

141/19 Community Solutions Fund

Update on appointment of a Community Development Facilitator: The job description had been completed and the post would be advertised before the end of the year with a view to holding interviews in January and making the appointment in March. Councillors were asked for their availability in January to join the interview panel.

142/19 Parish Council Promotions

To finalise Christmas Lights switch on event: This was still to be decided. Three music events were planned for February and March, details to follow.

143/19 Correspondence**To consider responses to correspondence previously circulated:**

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
CALC	*	Updates
WCC	*	Worcestershire Roadworks Report
St James Church	*	Newsletters
WCC	*	Information on Make Our Roads Safer Operation SNAP and Adult Services
MHDC	*	Protect Your Business, Protect Your Staff Event Sixways Stadium, Thursday 28 November, 4-7pm.
Malvern Hills AONB	*	Publication of the national Landscapes Review
West Mercia PCC	*	Rural Crime Strategy Consultation
Age UK	*	Help at Home Support
NALC	*	Chief executive's bulletin
Worcestershire CALC	*	AGM Wednesday 20th November 2019 6.30pm
MHDC	*	SWDP Preferred Options Paper public consultation
MHDC	*	South Worcestershire Development Plan Review Briefing for Parish and Town Councils
WCC	*(i)	Launch Event Worcestershire Community Rail Partnership 10.30am Friday 8 November 2019
MHDC		Planning Training
MHDC		Parish and Town Council Update

(i) – This event had been attended by District Cllr. John Gallagher who reported that off peak services were to be scrutinised with a view to improving access to activities such as theatre and shopping.

144/19 Finance**To consider payment of invoices presented:**

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore (BACS)	01/11	£177.00	Lengthman Duties (October)
J Mart	24/10	£13.98	Rubbish Bags
E Hardman	18/11	£104.00	Handyman (£130 Gross)
D Sharp (BACS)	18/11	£384.48	Clerk's Fee (£480.48 Gross SP25)
	TOTAL	£679.46	

Accounts Summary

Reserves Lloyds B/F	£2,975.22		Main Account B/F	£39,238.70
Interest	£0.13	£2,975.35		
Fête Account	£1,917.36	£1,917.36		
Buildings Account	£804.47	£804.47	Community Solutions Fund	£17,000.00
Neighbourhood Plan Ac.	£6,744.65	£6,744.65	BT Rebate	£228.24
Funding Account	£233.32	£233.32		
			November Payments	-£679.46
Total C/F		£12,675.15	Main Account C/F	£55,787.48

145/19 Any other matters for future consideration

Thanks were paid to all those who have attended the local litter picks.

It was agreed to request a meeting with representatives of the Hanley Education Trust to discuss the usage of S106 funds for education in the parish.

A letter of thanks was to be sent to a resident of Gloucester Road who had removed a large Leylandii tree from their front garden.

146/19 Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting was to be held on Monday 16th December 2019 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.35 pm.