

Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17th February 2020

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Present

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

In Attendance

Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and 7 members of the public.

13/20 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Cllr. Mr P Hancock (accepted).

14/20 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.

15/20 Planning

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

Application No	At	Details
19/01770/FUL	Land At (Os 7964 4028) Rear Of, Cornfield Close	Development of a Rural Exception site for the erection of 14 dwellings (7 affordable dwellings to be cross-subsidised by 7 market dwellings).
20/00129/HP	7 Blandford Close	Erection of single store front and rear extension including removal of existing porch and rear extension.

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

The following responses were agreed:

19/01770/FUL – A response was deferred until after amended plans had been submitted.

20/00129/HP – ‘The Parish Council has no objection to the application’.

16/20 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th January: These were accepted as an accurate record and they were signed by the Chairman.

17/20 Progress reports and other matters arising from these minutes

Cllr. Davies clarified the report in the minutes concerning the District Council budget proposals for 20/21. This had been approved by the executive committee but was still to be approved by the full council.

The Chairman reported on the meeting held on 10th February to look at ways the Parish Hall could be improved for future use. A ‘wish list’ had been drawn up and different funding streams were to be investigated.

Five applicants for the Community Facilitator post were to be invited for interview next month.

18/20 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives

District Cllr. Mick Davies reported on the widespread flooding locally which had led to the postponement of tomorrow's district meeting.

The 5 year plan and business plan were now in place. A Boundary Commission review was ongoing and was likely to lead to some ward boundary changes and a reduction in councillors at the next election.

The SWDP review and subsequent implementations were hoped to be completed later this year.

Due to an increase in staff levels more planning enforcement was being undertaken with currently 8 cases in the Morton ward.

Waste services were running within budget with the lowest black bag collection rate for the past 5 years and the possibility of waste food collections were being investigated.

Carbon reduction plans were ongoing and £2M had been allocated for refurbishment of ‘The Splash’.

19/20 Committee, Working Party & Other Representative Reports & Recommendations

i. Neighbourhood Planning Working Group:

a. Report on Local Green Space allocations: The report from the group had been previously circulated and was acknowledged.

b. Report on site assessments for SWDP Review: The report from the group had been previously circulated and was acknowledged.

c. To consider approval of report for newsletter: Details of the report contained information discussed above and was approved for inclusion. It was expected that a consultation event dealing with the Neighbourhood Plan would for a major part of May's Annual Parish Meeting.

ii. Communications Working Group: As mentioned above the Neighbourhood Plan was to make up the bulk of the next newsletter planned for later this month.

iii. Playing Fields/Open Spaces Working Group: Report on provision of storage container: The application for a metal shipping container on Spitalfields had been approved by MHDC and its use was to be discussed by the Football Club later this month.

iv. Orchard Working Group: Scrub clearance was still ongoing but the appearance of an abundance of wild daffodils was welcomed. Heads of Terms discussions were to be concluded before the preparation of a lease for the Group.

v. Highways Working Group:

a. Report on progress of Community Speed Watch Scheme: The Clerk had submitted 5 members of the team to West Mercia for approval and a request for more members had been put on the website and facebook.

b. Report on recent footway improvements: The scheme to widen the footway between the village hall and shop had been completed and initial comments had been favourable.

The new Marlbank speed sign had been rotated to face westbound traffic, although it still monitored speeds in both directions.

20/20 Code of Conduct

To consider adopting the revised code of conduct as approved by Malvern Hills District Council: The new code was scrutinised and it was agreed to adopt the revised code as a whole, without alteration.

21/20 Parish Council Promotions

The 'Ma Bessie' event on 7th February had been well attended and 'Elles Bailey' was to perform on 29th February.

22/20 Correspondence

To consider responses to correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
CALC	*	Updates
NALC	*	Chief Executive's Bulletin
WCC	*	Worcestershire Roadworks Report
MHDC	*	Statement of Licensing Policy Review - Consultation 2020-25
WCC	*	Worcestershire Dementia Meeting Centres Information Meeting 10/02
MHDC	*	Great British Spring Clean 2020
MHDC	*	SWDP Briefing for Parish and Town Councils 31/03 15:15 & 18:15
WCC	*	Road Closure Little Malvern
NALC	*	Spring Conference 2020 17/03
MHDC	*	District, Town and Parish Councillor Training Programme: Flood Risk and Drainage incl SuDS – 12/02 – Rearranged 23/03
MHDC	*	Partner Workshop in March Planning for the Future, a Carbon Neutral Malvern Hills District
WCC	*	Worcestershire Pollinator Strategy consultation
CALC	*	Training Update
MHDC	*	SWDP Review - Parish and Town Council Newsletter
MHDC		Confirmation of S106 Grant for storage container
Pensions Regulator		Re - enrolment

23/20 Finance**To consider payment of invoices presented:**

The following payment was approved from the **Fete Account**:

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
Scallywags Bouncy Castles (BACS)	21/01	£85.00	Hire Charge
TOTAL		£85.00	

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore (BACS)	31/01	£118.00	Lengthman Duties (January)
Newsquest Ltd	21/01	£257.94	Community Facilitator Advert
E Hardman	17/02	£104.00	Handyman (£130 Gross)
D Sharp (BACS)	17/02	£396.60	Clerk's Fee (£495.60 – 40 hrs @ SCP 17)
TOTAL		£876.54	

Accounts Summary

Reserves Lloyds B/F	£2,975.59		Main Account B/F	£51,861.32
Interest	£0.13	£2,975.72		
Fête Account	£1,917.36			
Scallywags	-£85.00	£1,832.36		
Buildings Account	£804.47	£804.47		
Neighbourhood Plan Ac.	£4,713.40	£4,713.40		
Funding Account	£367.90			
Event Income	£986.45	£1,354.35	February Payments	-£876.54
Total C/F		£11,680.30	Main Account C/F	£50,984.78

24/20 Any other matters for future consideration

Concerns had been raised over the lack of adherence to planning conditions on the St James Green site on Drake Street. The Clerk was to liaise with residents and inform the planning enforcement department.

A resident had recently suffered an intrusion of cattle onto the garden of a property on Welland Gardens. All the gardens are open plan and there was little the Parish Council could do to ease the problem. Discussion with the local farmer were to be sought.

25/20 Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting was to be held on Monday 16th March 2020 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.50 pm.