

Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council

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

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Due to the Covid 19 restrictions this meeting was held online.

Present

Cllrs. Mrs V Nelson (Chair), Mr M Davies, Dr A Davis, Mr P Hancock, Mrs D Jammal, Dr J Mortimer, Mrs M Sumner, Mr M Whaley, Mr J Whitehouse.

In Attendance

County Cllr. Mr T Wells, Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and 6 members of the public.

98/20 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Cllrs. Miss J Biggs and Mrs M Purser (accepted).

99/20 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.

100/20 Planning

To consider responses to any late submitted applications: No applications had been received.

101/20 Minutes

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

102/20 Progress reports and other matters arising from these minutes

The Clerk gave details of the interviews for the Community Facilitator post due to be held on 8th September.

103/20 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives

County Cllr. Tom Wells gave an update into the delay of WCC Highways to adopt both Spring Meadows and St James Green access roads. This had been passed to the enforcement team at MHDC in the hope that remedial work would be carried out. He had no information of the bus service which would need to be reinstated for the start of the next school term. Finally he reminded all residents that applications should be made for grant funding from his ward budget.

District Cllr. Mick Davies reported that the District Council had allocated £25,000 for community projects and was now to add grants for transport projects until 30th September. Planning reforms proposed in a new white paper would result in widespread changes to the current system. The adoption of the SWDPR had been delayed by a year due to Covid 19. Finally the 'Getting Building Fund' had allocated £12M in Worcestershire notably to the Malvern Hills Science Park and flood defences in Tenbury and Business Covid-19 grants for £10,000 aid were to cease from 28th August.

104/20 Committee, Working Party & Other Representative Reports & Recommendations

i. Neighbourhood Planning Working Group: The review of housing allocations was ongoing and a final report would be published soon. MHDC had issued a comprehensive response to the Local Green Space report and this was to be analysed by the group.

ii. Communications Working Group: A newsletter was to be produced dealing with the NP housing allocations and an update on the Pheasant Inn project.

iii. Playing Fields/Open Spaces Working Group:

Update on outdoor Gym project: Cllrs Nelson, Sumner and Davis had visited the scheme at Tewkesbury and had shortlisted a range of equipment which had been sent to Peter Manion, the football club chairman, for comment. Subsequently the 3 companies originally shortlisted would be asked to resubmit quotations.

The Clerk confirmed that new dog fouling signs were now in place on both playing fields and that a foot operated hand sanitiser was now in the playground and had been added to the risk assessment. A willow tree had fallen on the bank by Spitalfields car park and it was agreed to ask Ross Loader to cut and stack logs and chip brush and distribute.

The grass and hedge cutting schedule for 2021 would be looked at in September.

iv. Orchard Working Group: Members of the public were encouraged to pick the fruit. It was noted that there was an abundance of wildlife in the orchard which would need careful management.

v. Highways Working Group:

Update on defective carriageway works on Spring Meadow Close and St. James Green: This was ongoing and the enforcement team at MHDC were currently reviewing the situation. A further problem of uneven tarmac on Drake Street itself had been caused by the installation of new sewage works, associated with these developments. Again this was being reviewed.

105/20 The Pheasant Inn

The Parish Council's offer had been verbally accepted and Cllr. Davis reviewed the results of the public consultation. There had been 147 responses, of which 90% were in favour of the Parish Council purchasing the property. The remaining 10% were in favour of the retention of the pub but not the Parish Council's involvement. 40% of the responses were from the new development, 40% from the centre of the village and 20% from outlying areas.

The Clerk was to write to the owner to get a formal response and an official resolution to apply for PWLB funding was to be on next month's agenda.

106/20 Correspondence

To consider responses to the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
CALC	*	Updates
NALC	*	Chief Executive's Bulletin
WCC	*	Worcestershire Roadworks Report
Misc	*	CORONAVIRUS —Information for Parish & Town Councils
Welland Primary School	*	Building Extensions
CALC	*	Training
MHDC	*	Rural Housing Awareness
SWDP	*	Parish and Town Council Newsletter July 2020
CALC	*	AGM 19th August
WCC	*	Covid -19 Recovery Funding
MHDC	*	FOI Pheasant ACV Application
Clerk	*	Funding Requirements
Clerk	*	Whittington Parish Council

107/20 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)	04/08	£236.00	Lengthman Duties (June)
Broadleaf Tree Care (BACS)	17/07 31/07	£780.00	Grass Cutting
Office Pro Direct (BACS)	06/08	£54.95	2 x 5Lts Sanitiser Gel
JMART (BACS)	10/08	£15.57	Padlock and Fittings for Sanitiser
Rainbow Signs (BACS)	28/07	£20.00	Play Area Signs
Screwfix (BACS)	11/08	£27.58	E Hardman Working Boots
E Hardman (BACS)	17/08	£104.00	Handyman (£130 Gross)
D Sharp (BACS)	17/08	£396.40	Clerk's Fee (£495.60 – 40 hrs @ SCP 17)
	TOTAL	£1,634.50	

The following payment was made from the **Main Account** between meetings and was ratified:

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
Morti Sport & Play (BACS)	27/07	£534.00	Hand Sanitiser Unit
	TOTAL	£534.00	

Accounts Summary

Reserves Lloyds B/F	£2,976.33		Main Account B/F	£50,104.63
Interest	£0.10	£2,976.43		
			Worcestershire CC Lengthman	£354.00
Fête Account	£1,832.36	£1,832.36		
Buildings Account	£804.47	£804.47		
Neighbourhood Plan Ac.	£808.65	£808.65		
Funding Account	£1,020.33	£1,020.33		
			August Payments	-£2,168.50
Total C/F		£7,442.24	Main Account C/F	£48,290.13

108/20 Any other matters for report or for future consideration

The Clerk was to meet the tree inspector on 2nd September. The Community Speed Watch training was to take place on 7th September.

A request from Airband to place advertising banners on Parish Council property had been turned down between meetings and was ratified here. Other methods were to be investigated.

A music event had been pencilled in for 10th October and another in December - Covid restrictions allowing.

109/20 Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting was to be held on Monday 21st September 2020 at 7.30pm, venue to be arranged.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.00 pm.