

Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21st November 2022

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Present

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

In Attendance

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

138/22 Public Participation

The Council invites local residents attending the meeting to make comments and suggestions, and question the Parish Council on issues on the agenda, or raise issues for future consideration: It was noted that cuttings from work to the brambles near Lime Grove were causing a hindrance on the footway and were to be removed.

139/22 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Cllr. Mrs M Renton (accepted).

140/22 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.

141/22 Planning

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

Application No	At	Details
M/22/01446/HP	Linton House 3 Merryfields	Installation of two Air Source Heat Pumps
M/22/01549/PIP	Myrtle Cottage Drake Street	Permission in principle for the construction of up-to 3 detached dwellings
M/22/01578/HP	Myrtle Cottage Drake Street	Demolition of conservatory and erection of a two-storey side extension.

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

The following responses were agreed:

M/22/01446/HP – "The Parish Council has no objection to the application".

M/22/01549/PIP - "As with a previous application (21/01847/OUT) which was refused, this application site lies outside any defined development boundary and is therefore contrary to Policy SWDP 2 C of the South Worcestershire Development Plan. Hence the Parish Council objects to the principle of this development."

M/22/01578/HP - "The Parish Council has no objection to the application".

ii. To review MHDC Planning Committee decision on Pheasant Inn application:

The application (21/01593/FUL) to convert the pub into three dwellings and to build two more with a new extension to form a new Public House had been approved and the final S106 agreement and conditions were eagerly awaited.

ii. Decisions notified.

The following decisions had been received:

21/01593/HP – Pheasant Inn - Approved

21/00822/FUL – Myrtle Cottage, Drake Street - Approved

M/22/00953/HP – 59 The Avenue - Approved

M/22/00495/FUL – Zephir Ltd., Willow End Park - Approved

M/22/1281/HP – Summerfield, Gloucester road - Approved

142/22 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th October 2022:

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

143/22 Progress reports and matters arising from these minutes

No matters were discussed.

144/22 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives

District Cllr. Mick Davies confirmed the final Boundary Commission changes to be in effect for the 5th May elections next year. Welland would be included in a two member ward and he confirmed that he would not be standing for re-election.

The draft SWDPR had been published for consultation. The Parish Council response was to be considered later.

A 'Sustainable Warmth Fund' to help insulate homes was available as well as several others.

The District Council was having to budget for increases in heating costs to public buildings and 'The Splash' leisure centre.

145/22 Committee, Working Party & Other Representative Reports & Recommendations**i. Neighbourhood Planning Working Group: *To consider approval of Regulation 15 application:***

Cllr. Davies presented the Regulation 15 proposal and answered several queries from Councillors.

The document was proposed with an allowance for minor editorial changes for approval by Cllr. A Davis, seconded by Cllr. Whitehouse and was carried unanimously.

ii. Communications Working Group: A newsletter was to be produced including information on the Pheasant Inn and Christmas lights.

iii. Playing Fields/Open Spaces Working Group:

The cross trainer in the new outside gym had been repaired.

Cllr. Whitehouse commented on a Pavilion Users meeting last week where it was agreed to look at updating the water heating provision and search for available grants. Some remedial electrical work had been necessary and it was agreed that the Parish Council would fund this.

iv. Orchard Working Group:

a. *To consider progress with leasehold agreement:* A response was expected in January.

Meanwhile some new trees were to be planted next week and work was progressing on the access ramp by the Church.

b. Update on Wassail: This was planned for 14th January.

v. Highways Working Group:

Clerk to get update from County Cllr. Tom Wells over the road status of the Bovis estate.

vi. Footpaths Working Group: The leaflet covering four local walks had been printed.

The group were also looking at making improvements to the surface of several ProWs and were to liaise with Countryside Services.

vii. S106 Working Group:

a. *To ratify the legal agreement covering the S106 grant to fund new gates, a recreational field path, new noticeboard and new entrance by the shop:* This had been previously distributed and approved and was ratified here.

b. *To review ongoing projects and propose others for consideration:* The Clerk reported that the new shed on Spitalfields was being erected this week and £400 was left in the budget for shelving.

A further Cil payment of £4,200 had been received and schemes were to be sought.

A proposal for a bicycle pump track had been received from a local youth group. Costings for an installation similar to the one at Rushwick was to be sought and this would be discussed further at the January meeting.

146/22 SWDPR Regulation 19 Consultation

To consider a response to the consultation prior to the December 16th deadline: The proposal included a 3rd site on the Lawn Farm development for 17 houses. This was contrary to the proposal of the NP Group who had concluded it as unsuitable and instead proposed a site adjacent to Cornfield Close. A response based on this was to be prepared for approval prior to the deadline.

147/22 Library

The Library would be moving into the small hall on 17th December. Whilst the Library was open it would be used as a 'warm space' and was to be advertised in the newsletter. Grant funding was to be sought.

148/22 Parish Council Promotions

Gig and cinema update: 28 events had been put on since June 2017 and their financial viability was under pressure. There was one this Saturday and further events would be held in the spring. The cinema screen had been installed and the project was expected to be completed by the next meeting.

149/22 Community Development Facilitator

The workshops had been well attended and further ones may be held in the spring. The showcase last Saturday had been very popular.

Funding was nearing completion and Lee Farley was to produce a final report for the Parish Council. The Parish Council's thanks for all the work involved would be included in the next newsletter and the Clerk was to contact him directly.

150/22 Correspondence

To consider the responses to the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	SUBJECT
CALC	Updates
CALC	Training and Events Update
CALC	Area Meeting October 18 th
NALC	Chief Executive's Bulletin
NALC	Events
MHDC	October Malvern Hills Business e-Bulletin
MHDC	S106 Agreement
MHDC	Presentation Slides from the recent Briefing on the SWDPR
MHDC	SWDP Review Publication Public Consultation (Regulation 19)
MHDC	SWDP Traveller and Travelling Showpeople consultation
Kompan	Gym Repair
WCC	Road Closure – Marlbank - Dec 12 th for 5 Days
MHDC	CIL Payment
MHDC	Confirmation of TPO 699 (2022) The Old Vicarage, Welland Court Lane
MHDC	November Malvern Hills Business e-Bulletin
CALC	AGM - Hawford - November 28 th
MHDC	Small grants available for Warm and Welcoming spaces in Malvern Hills district ⁽ⁱ⁾

(i) An application for the Library was to be submitted.

151/22 Finance

To consider payment of invoices presented:

The following payments were made between meetings from the **Main Account** and were ratified:

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
Lee Farley	02/11	£764.40	Community Development Facilitator
S Barnett	06/11	£993.60	Spitalfields Shed
AJ Playford	27/09	£5,360.00	Cinema Equipment
TOTAL		£7,118.00	

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	15/10	£124.00	Lengthman Duties (October)
Steve Maund	05/11	£95.00	Grass Cutting
HMS	03/11	£1,636.80	Pavilion Electrical Works
St James Church	15/11	£140.00	Youth Workshop Hire Charges
E Hardman	21/11	£150.00	Handyman (£150 Gross - tax coding 1251L)
D Sharp	21/11	£414.40	Clerk's Fee (40 hrs @ SCP 17. £518.00 Gross)
TOTAL		£2,560.20	

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
St James Church	15/11	£200.00	Gig Hire Charges
TOTAL		£200.00	

Accounts Summary

Reserves Lloyds B/F	£2,977.36		Main Account B/F	£50,595.97
Interest	£0.	£2,977.36	WCC Highways	£372.00
Fête Account	£1,117.36	£1,117.36	MHDC S106	£29,735.00
Buildings Account	£6.47	£6.47	Cemetery Fee	£50.00
Neighbourhood Plan Ac.	£1,716.42	£1,716.42	MHDC CIL	£4,200.00
Funding Account	£1,775.61			
Ticket Source	£88.44		Pre Payments	-£7,118.00
St James Church	-£200.00	£1,664.05	November Payments	-£2,560.20
Total C/F		£5,817.61	Main Account C/F	£75,274.77

152/22 Any other matters for report or for future consideration

It was noted that a 'Community Larder' had been set up in the Church and was open daily between 8:30am and 5:00pm.

The Cafe in the Church had closed but was being run independently on Fridays between 11:00am and 2:00pm.

Finally the Community Bus Service to Upton was being relaunched.

153/22 Date of the next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting would take place on Monday 19th December 2023 at 7.30pm in Welland Parish Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:50pm