

Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16th January 2023`

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Present

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

In Attendance

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

01/23 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: No matters were discussed.

02/23 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Cllrs. Mrs M Sumner and Mr M Whaley (accepted).

03/23 Interests

i. Councillors Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Disclosable Interests and Non Registable Interests regarding items on the agenda: Cllrs. Mrs V Nelson and Dr J Mortimer declared Non Registable Interests in late planning application M/22/01219/FUL since they owned land which bordered the application. A dispensation to talk but not vote was granted and was to last until the next ordinary election.

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.

04/23 Planning

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

Application No	At	Details
M/22/01860/FUL	Marlbank Farmhouse	Repairs and conservation of threshing barn to include part change of use of barn as an artist's studio; installation of new wood-burner
M/22/01685/FUL	Sunnymede Gloucester Road	Two storey detached 4 bedroom house with detached double garage
M/22/01219/FUL	The Lovells Garrett Bank	Erection of 1No. Dwelling

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

The following responses were agreed:

M/22/01860/FUL - "The Parish Council has no objection to the application".

M22/01685/FUL - "The Parish Council has no objection to the application".

M/22/01219/FUL - "The Parish Council acknowledges the alterations that the applicant has made to make the development more suited to the local environment. However the site still remains outside the development boundary and is contrary to Policy SWDP 2 C of the South Worcestershire Development Plan."

ii. Decisions notified:

The following decisions had been received:

M/22/01549/PIP – Myrtle Cottage, Drake Street - Refused

M/22/01894/FUL – Arosfa, Upper Welland Road – Approved

05/23 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th December 2022: These were accepted as an accurate record and they were signed by the Chairman.

06/23 Progress reports and matters arising from these minutes

Following on from the discussions last month District Cllr. Davies confirmed that the S106 agreement relating to the Pheasant Inn development was currently being drafted.

07/23 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives

District Cllr. Mick Davies confirmed that voters would be required to provide photo ID at the May elections and there was advice available on the MHDC website. The District Council were experiencing ongoing cost increases, particularly with 240 employees and an approximate £8M wage bill but had capped the Band D council tax increase at 5%.

An interim Director of Planning was currently in place until the new replacement started in April.

Finally he reported that there had been substantial response to the SWDPR consultation and these were being currently analysed.

08/23 Committee, Working Party & Other Representative Reports & Recommendations

i. Neighbourhood Planning Working Group: The Group was still working on the allocation increase from 14 to 25 dwellings and it was hoped there would be revised proposals by next month.

ii. Communications Working Group: Update on Welland Cinema: All the equipment had been installed and an initial training session had been held. It was agreed to join 'Cinema for All' for a performance licence and to create a 'Welland Cinema Club' to run events.

iii. Playing Fields/Open Spaces Working Group:

No matters were discussed.

iv. Orchard Working Group:

The Wassail event on 14th January was a great success with about 250 attendees. 'Ticket Source' had been used for bookings. It was agreed that a local detectorist be allowed to survey the orchard provided that the POG had no objection.

v. Highways Working Group:

The Lengthman was to be asked to look at the gully at the bottom of Garret Bank which was suspected of being blocked. He was also to be asked to cut back a tree blocking visibility of vehicles exiting Giffard Drive.

vi. Footpaths Working Group: Update on PRow improvements: The group was still awaiting a response from WCC footpath's officer over what improvement works were permitted to ProWs.

vii. S106 Working Group:

a. To review sites for possible installation of pump track: The Clerk was to arrange a site visit by Forte Trailscapes to advise on site and design.

b. Progress update on current projects: A pre-start meeting had been held with Kompan prior to work starting on the installation of a trampoline in the playground. Work had commenced on replacement of some of the wooden gates and the new disabled access to the school field by the village store was to be undertaken over half term.

09/23 SWDPR Regulation 19 Consultation

To ratify the Parish Council's response: The response had been circulated between meetings and submitted following approval. This was duly ratified.

10/23 Library

Update and progress with 'Warm Space' and to consider expanding usage as 'work space':

Work areas were to be made available when the library was open. If and when the Pheasant Inn reopened it was hoped work spaces would be available there.

It was further agreed to fund new signage for the Library.

11/23 Community Builder

An expression of interest for funding had been submitted.

12/23 Correspondence

To consider the responses to the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	SUBJECT
CALC	Updates
CALC	Training and Events Update
NALC	Chief Executive's Bulletin
NALC	Events
MHDC	Community Builder
Resident	Christmas Tree Lights
Clerk	Parish Council Response to SWDPR
MHDC	New £3m Platinum Jubilee Village Halls Fund
Clerk	Pump Tracks
Clerk	Budget Info

13/23 Finance

i. To review budget for 2023/24 and set a precept: The budget was considered and approved and a precept of £34,563.00 was to be requested.

ii. To consider payment of invoices presented:

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
Patricia Lowe	18/12	£49.90	Wine Storage Box
	TOTAL	£49.90	

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	22/12	£248.00	Lengthman Duties (December)
NA Priday	31/12	£648.00	Hedge Cutting
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£385.84	PAYE (Oct-Dec)
West Malvern Marketing	-	£500.00	Music Workshop
E Hardman	16/01	£150.00	Handyman (£150 Gross - tax coding 1251L)
D Sharp	16/01	£446.40	Clerk's Fee (40 hrs @ SCP 17. £558.00 Gross)
	TOTAL	£2,378.24	

Accounts Summary

Reserves Lloyds B/F	£2,978.36	
Interest	£1.27	£2,979.63
Fête Account	£1,117.36	
Orchard Group	-£900.00	£217.36
Buildings Account	£6.47	£6.47
Neighbourhood Plan Ac.	£716.42	£716.42
Funding Account	£1,658.85	
Lowe	-£49.90	£1,608.95
Total C/F		£5,528.83

Main Account B/F	£71,564.07
WCC Lengthman	£248.00
MHDC Waste Collection	-£59.86
January Payments	-£2,378.24
Main Account C/F	£69,373.97

14/23 Any other matters for report or for future consideration

No other matters were discussed.

15/23 Date of the next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting would take place on Monday 20th February 2023 at 7.30pm in Welland Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:40pm