

Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20th March 2023

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Present

Cllrs. Mr M Davies, Mr P Hancock, Mr M Whaley and Mr J Whitehouse.

In Attendance

County Cllr. Mr T Wells, District Cllr. Mr J Gallagher, Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and five members of the public.

30/23 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.

31/23 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Cllrs. Dr A Davis, Dr J Mortimer, Mrs V Nelson, Mrs M Renton and Mrs M Sumner (accepted).

32/23 Interests

i. Councillors Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Disclosable Interests and Non Registrable 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.

33/23 Planning

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

Application No	At	Details
M/23/00206/CU	Old Post Office Drake Street	Change of use from an existing ancillary residential outbuilding to a holiday let

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

The following response was agreed:

"The Parish Council has no objection to the principle of the application but endorses the Highways comment about clarity over vehicle parking and turning provision. Furthermore the Parish Council queries the current status of the building as 'ancillary residential outbuilding'."

ii. Decisions notified:

M/22/01251/FUL - Tyre Hill Stables, Hanley Swan - Approved

34/23 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th February 2023:

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

35/23 Progress reports and matters arising from these minutes

New signage for the Library had been completed. Clerk to contact Citizens Advice Bureau to ask if they would be interested in holding regular 'drop in' sessions in the Library.

36/23 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives

County Cllr. Tom Wells reported on the patching of the Gifford Drive footways by the internet provider and although this was not an ideal solution it was acceptable to the County Council. He also accepted that there were still issues to be resolved regarding the state of the new Drake Street estates before WCC would adopt the roads.

District Cllr. Mick Davies reported that, following the cancellation of the March meeting, he expected the Southern Area Planning Committee to determine the application for 56 dwellings on Gloucester Road at either their April or June meeting. New glass collecting bins were now in place (Clerk to ascertain if other recyclables could also be deposited). Finally he reminded the meeting of the local elections taking place on 4th May.

District Cllr. John Gallagher reported that the Great Malvern Farmers Market did not win the award mentioned last month but the local car parks had won an award through the 'Safer Parking Scheme'. Finally he mentioned the number of funding initiatives being distributed through the National Prosperity Fund.

37/23 Committee, Working Party & Other Representative Reports & Recommendations

i. Neighbourhood Planning Working Group:

To consider matters concerning the Regulation 15 submission to MHDC: A document outlining the changes from the Regulation 14 to the Regulation 15 Plan had been circulated and would require approval prior to it being submitted to MHDC. This could be done at the April meeting or at an interim meeting. Following a successful Regulation 15 examination there would be a referendum hopefully late summer.

ii. Communications Working Group: A Newsletter was in production.

iii. Playing Fields/Open Spaces Working Group:

Any further progress or consultation on the provision of a 'pump' track would commence after the May elections. The ends of the outdoor table tennis table had been slabbed. Clerk was asked to get quotes for laying slabs at the pedestrian gate behind the pavilion.

iv. Orchard Working Group:

The disabled access ramp was in progress and trees reported healthy.

v. Highways Working Group:

Leaves had been cleared from the footway on the Wells Road up to British Camp. The Clerk reported that the hedges bordering Garret Bank had been cut back as far as they could without complete removal of the trees.

Following heavy rain it was clear the gully at the bottom of Garret Bank was blocked and the Clerk was to report to WCC.

vi. Footpaths Working Group: Concerns had been raised on the WCC website over the poor state of some of the local footpaths. A response was still awaited from Countryside Services over what improvements the Parish Council would be allowed to make and quotations for this work were being sought.

vii. S106 Working Group:

All work had been completed on the latest S106 project, except the noticeboard was still to be installed.

38/23 Community Builder

MHDC were finalising the legal agreement and an advertisement had been put in the Parish Link magazine.

39/23 Parish Council Promotions

Update on Cinema management and Gig Events: 'Matilda the Musical' had been shown on 3rd March and Becky Mills was to play a gig on 27th May.

40/23 Correspondence

To consider the responses to the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	SUBJECT
CALC	Updates
CALC	Area Meeting, Training and Events Update
NALC	Chief Executive's Bulletin
NALC	Events
Clerk	Library Rebranding
WCC	First Notice of Order – Hook Bank Road Closure - 03/04 two days
Clerk	20s Plenty Zoom - Thu 2nd March 2023, 7-8pm
Forte Trailscapes	Pump Track Design
Safer Neighbourhood Team	Newsletter and Contract
MHDC	March Malvern Hills Business e-Bulletin
Zurich	Coronation Events Insurance
WCC	Natural Networks Celebration Event

41/23 Finance**To consider payment of invoices presented:**

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
Hooley Ltd	28/02	£10,020.00	Playing fields entrance and path
MD Projects	28/02	£2,650.00	Car park fencing and gate
Greenbarnes Ltd	28/02	£1,866.00	Two noticeboards
Ellis Dawe & Son Ltd	01/03	£345.41	Timber for noticeboard
Peter Hamilton	01/03	£1,500.00	Neighbourhood Plan Services
TOTAL		£16,381.41	

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
BBC Inflatables Ltd	10/03	£33.00	Bouncy Castle Deposit

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
Misc.	01/03	£252.10	Cinema Expenses

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	27/02	£124.00	Lengthman Duties (February)
JRB Enterprises	15/02	£285.12	Dog Bags
MD Projects	16/03	£450.00	Surfacing to table tennis table
E Hardman	20/02	£150.00	Handyman (£150 Gross - tax coding 1251L)
D Sharp	20/02	£446.40	Clerk's Fee (40 hrs @ SCP 17. £558.00 Gross)
TOTAL		£1,455.52	

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
Welland PCC	16/03	£50.00	Church Hire for Cinema

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
Welland PCC	16/03	£35.00	Church Electricity Charge for Wassail

Accounts Summary

Reserves Lloyds B/F	£2,981.15		Main Account B/F	£48,592.43
Interest		£2,981.15		
Fête Account	£1,150.20		WCC Lengthman	£248.00
Bouncy Castle Deposit	-£33.00		Welland Juniors FC (Part Hire)	£1,472.50
Church Electricity	-£35.00	£1,082.20	Bedwardine Funerals	£240.00
Buildings Account	£6.47	£6.47	HMRC Vat Rebate	£19,940.10
Neighbourhood Plan Ac.	£716.42	£716.42		
Funding Account	£1,608.95		Pre Payments	-£16,381.41
Ticket Source	£90.65			
Cinema Income	£530.00			
Cinema Expenses	-£252.10		March Payments	-£1,455.52
Welland PCC	-£50.00	£1,927.50		
Total C/F		£6,713.74	Main Account C/F	£52,656.10

42/23 Any other matters for report or for future consideration

The Clerk reported that he had sought quotations to install solar PV panels on the pavilion.

29/23 Date of the next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting would take place on Monday 17th April 2023 following the Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7.30pm in Welland Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:25pm