

Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17th April 2023

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Present

Cllrs. M Sumner (Vice Chair), Dr A Davis, Mr M Davies, Mr P Hancock, Dr J Mortimer and Mr M Whaley.

In Attendance

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

44/23 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.

45/23 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Cllrs. Mrs V Nelson, Mrs M Renton and Mr J Whitehouse (accepted). Also District Cllr. John Gallagher.

46/23 Interests

i. Councillors Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Disclosable Interests and Non Registrable Interests regarding items on the agenda: Cllrs Mortimer and Sumner declared interests in item 4 planning application M/23/00332/FUL since they owned property that adjoined the site.

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: Cllrs Mortimer and Sumner were granted dispensations to discuss but not vote on planning application M/23/00332/FUL. This dispensation was to last until the next ordinary election.

47/23 Planning

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

| Application No | At | Details |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| M/23/00332/FUL | Land At (Os 7980 3996) Drake Street | Proposed new dwelling and detached garage |
| M/23/00393/AGR | Myrtle Cottage Drake Street | General purpose building for the storage of hay and straw |
| M/23/00375/HP | Heidiheath Marlbank Road | Erection of two-storey extension and refurbishment |

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

The following responses were agreed:

M/23/00332/FUL - "The Parish Council has no objection to the principle of development, however it has certain reservations over the scale and design of the application. The size of the proposed dwelling would be overbearing to nearby properties and the recreation/garden area is very small. The colour of the roof tiles is questioned and we believe grey would be more suitable, particularly as the proposed solar panels would stand out less.

The local habitat needs to be preserved as slow worms and great crested newts are known to inhabit neighbouring properties. During and after construction plans need to be put in place to keep the water course clear of obstruction and detrimental run off. Finally due to the site proximity all AONB guidance should be followed."

M23/00393/AGR – This application had already been refused by MHDC.

M/23/00375/HP – "The Parish Council has no objection to the application."

48/23 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th March 2023: These were accepted as an accurate record and they were signed by the Chairman.

49/23 Progress reports and matters arising from these minutes

No matters were discussed.

50/23 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives

District Cllr. Mick Davies reported that there was little Council business being discussed prior to the May elections. Since he was not standing for re-election he thanked councillors for their support during his

tenure. Similarly the Parish Council thanked Cllr Davies for his hard work helping to provide services to the parish.

51/23 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 the Plan to be submitted to MHDC was unanimously approved.

ii. Communications Working Group: A Newsletter had been distributed since the last meeting and another was planned to coincide with the Neighbourhood Plan submission, possibly in late May. Cllr. A Davis was to take control of the website and update. Crown posters had been put up in the parish advertising the coronation

iii. Playing Fields/Open Spaces Working Group:

A quotation by Dan Shotton for annual maintenance of Spitalfields was accepted and the work was to commence once football had ceased in early June.

Grass cutting had started and the Clerk had asked for a quotation for weed suppression on the newly installed path in the school field.

Schemes and quotations were being sought to install solar PV panels with battery storage on the pavilion roof.

iv. Orchard Working Group:

The disabled access ramp was still in progress and blossom was out on the trees. Newly planted trees were growing healthily.

v. Highways Working Group:

It was noted that part of Hook Bank had been resurfaced.

It was thought that the flooding at the bottom of Garret Bank was caused by other issues rather than a simple blocked gully. Clerk to contact Highway Liaison Officer to investigate.

vi. Footpaths Working Group: The group had met with Fiona Argyle, the footpath officer, to discuss what improvements could be made to certain PRoWs in the parish and quotations were being sought for which S106 funding would be applied for.

Currently there was no footpath warden in the parish and Cllr. Davies was to apply.

vii. S106 Working Group:

All materials for the new noticeboard by the shop had been delivered and the Orchard volunteers were to install.

It was agreed to get accurate plans and costings for a pump track that could be submitted for consultation to residents and to planners for consideration.

52/23 Community Builder

Three candidates had shown interest and further advertising was to be done. The legal agreement with MHDC had been circulated and was approved by the parish council, Chair and vice chair to sign.

53/23 Parish Council Promotions

Update on Cinema management and Gig Events: It was agreed to form an 'Events Working Group' comprising Cllrs, Davis, Davies, Nelson and Renton. Discussions were ongoing over a 'Cinema Community Group' taking over the running of cinema productions, utilising the Parish Council's equipment in the church.

54/23 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 |
| WCC | Second Notice of Order - Road Closure – Hook Bank – 03/04 for 3 Days |
| WCC | Illegal Works on the Worcestershire Highway |
| Clerk | Church weather vane |
| Clerk | Uncontested Election |
| Clerk | Quote for Spitalfield maintenance |

55/23 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 |
|----------------|-------|---------|-----------------------------|
| Peter Hamilton | 05/04 | £783.58 | Neighbourhood Plan Services |

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

| From/Due To | Date | Amount | Details |
|----------------|-------|---------|-----------------------------|
| Peter Hamilton | 05/04 | £716.42 | Neighbourhood Plan Services |

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

| From/Due To | Date | Amount | Details |
|------------------------|-------|---------|-------------|
| Purser's Orchard Group | 05/04 | £500.00 | Event Float |

It was agreed to commission the Purser's Orchard Group to arrange details of the coronation event which would still be under the control of the Parish Council.

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

| From/Due To | Date | Amount | Details |
|----------------|-------|--------|---------------------|
| MHDC | 05/04 | £21.00 | Event Licence (TEN) |
| Bennett's Farm | 05/04 | £50.22 | Ice Cream |

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

| From/Due To | Date | Amount | Details |
|----------------------|-------|------------------|--|
| J Moore | 18/03 | £124.00 | Lengthman Duties (March) |
| C Three Marketing | 31/03 | £173.98 | Web Hosting |
| Welland Parish Hall | 02/04 | £222.00 | Hire Charges for Library |
| RT Sumner | 07/04 | £104.00 | Library Signage |
| Broadleaf Tree Care | 04/04 | £480.00 | Grass Cutting |
| HM Revenue & Customs | - | £334.80 | PAYE (Jan-Mar) |
| E Hardman | 17/04 | £150.00 | Handyman (£150 Gross - tax coding 1251L) |
| D Sharp | 17/04 | £446.40 | Clerk's Fee (40 hrs @ SCP 17. £558.00 Gross) |
| TOTAL | | £2,035.18 | |

Accounts Summary

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| Reserves Lloyds B/F | £2,981.15 | |
| Interest | £3.29 | £2,984.44 |
| Fête Account | £1,082.20 | |
| Pursors Orchard Group | -£500.00 | £582.20 |
| Buildings Account | £6.47 | £6.47 |
| Neighbourhood Plan Ac. | £716.42 | |
| Peter Hamilton | -£716.42 | £0.00 |
| Funding Account | £1,927.50 | |
| MHDC | -£21.00 | |
| Bennetts Farm | -£50.22 | £1,856.28 |
| Total C/F | | £5,429.39 |

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| Main Account B/F | £52,656.10 |
| WCC Lengthman Scheme | £124.00 |
| MHDC Rubbish Collection (DD) | -£64.03 |
| BT Broadband (DD) | -£287.02 |
| Pre Payment | -£783.58 |
| April Payments | -£2,035.18 |
| Main Account C/F | £49,610.29 |

56/23 Any other matters for report or for future consideration

It was noted that the new recycling bins in Spitalfields were 'glass only'. It was also noted that their reduced size made overflowing more likely and they were to be closely monitored.

Councillors paid thanks to Cllr. Whitehouse, who was not standing for re-election, for his hard work during his tenure.

57/23 Date of the next meeting

The Annual Parish Council Meeting would take place on Monday 15th May 2023 at 7.30pm in Welland Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:10pm