

# **Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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## **Present**

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

## **In Attendance**

County Cllr. Mr T Wells, District Cllr. Ms C Wild, Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and fifteen members of the public.

## **138/23 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:**

Sue Haywood, The Village Hall Library co-ordinator, thanked the parish council for their financial support and requested that this continue for a further 12 months.

Members of the public were asked to provide any local stories they may have for publication in the Parish Link magazine.

## **139/23 Apologies**

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

## **140/23 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.

## **141/23 Co-Option**

**To consider applications for co-option onto the Parish Council:** There were none.

## **142/23 Planning**

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

<b>Application No</b>	<b>At</b>	<b>Details</b>
M/23/01072/FUL	Marlbank Inn Marlbank Road	Siting of 8no. Holiday Lodges with vehicular access, car parking and landscaping. Additional information.

The following response was agreed:

M/23/01072/FUL - "The Parish Council acknowledges the receipt of new information regarding the elevation plans, but considers that Landscape and Visual impact assessments are still necessary to determine this application. Until those are available the Parish Council objects to the application in its current form."

## **ii. Decisions notified:**

M/23/01102/FUL – Rosebud Meadow Camping Site - Approved.

**iii. To consider a response to notification from Stonebond Properties to their proposal for 46 homes to be built off Kingston Way:** A developer had circulated details of a proposed housing development off Kingston Close to residents asking for comment. The Parish Council agreed to make the following representation:

"The Parish Council has been notified of your 'consultation' about development off Kingston Close and questions the validity of such an 'online' process. We believe a public forum, held in person, preferably in our village hall would be the only way to truly measure public opinion. Regarding the development of the site we refer you to our comments to the current SWDPR and also our Neighbourhood Development Plan allocations".

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During the discussion with members of the public present the allocation for the site in the SWDPR for up to 17 homes was confirmed and also the Parish Councils Neighbourhood Development Plan proposal that the site should remain undeveloped and a housing site on land north of Cornfield Close should be allocated.

**143/23 Minutes****To consider for adoption the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September:**

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

**144/23 Progress reports and matters arising from these minutes**

No matters were discussed.

**145/23 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives**

**District Cllr. Christine Wild** thoroughly enjoyed the latest showing by the Welland Community Cinema Group. She reported that a recent planning application for a Travellers Site in Castlemorton had been refused by MHDC. She was to attend a meeting regarding biodiversity and the continued 'wilding' of roadside verges. She was happy to confirm that the new A&E department at Worcester Royal Hospital was now open. Finally she was to meet with Age UK and Citizens Advice Bureau over their continued regular attendance at Welland Library providing valuable services.

**County Cllr. Tom Wells** reported that the 363 bus route would be diverted on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of this week due to a road closure between Powick and Callow End. He also was sorry to learn that the mid afternoon service from Worcester had been suspended. He also reported that Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) was present in of the structure of County Hall and since it was now deemed to be a structural hazard much of the building was unusable. Many 'non decision' meetings were being held online but the situation would not be resolved swiftly. Finally he confirmed that there were issues with the running of the Community Bus Service which was currently in the pilot stage. It was hoped these could be overcome before a full launch in the near future.

**146/23 Welland Steam Rally**

Cllr. Ann Davis reported on the recent meeting with the local police team and the rally organisers to review what changes could be made next year to improve the event. It had been agreed that the rally would adopt a 'park then pay' scheme to get vehicles swiftly off the road. Also a new entrance off the B4208 would be used, although the Parish Council had suggested two entrances to cater for North and South approaching traffic. The organisers were also going to inform the Parish Council of significant timings of events such as firework displays, so that residents were kept informed. Finally WCC had indicated they would be willing to share queue duration data and the Clerk was to make further enquiries.

**147/23 Committee, Working Party & Other Representative Reports & Recommendations**

**i. Neighbourhood Planning Working Group:** No matters were discussed.

**ii. Communications Working Group:** A newsletter was planned for early November.

**iii. Playing Fields/Open Spaces Working Group:** It was agreed that the ground maintenance team from Hanley High School be contracted to undertake the maintenance of the Spitalfields Football Pitch. It was hoped that by spreading out tasks over the year, rather than undertaking all in a small summer window, would result in a better result.

**iv. Events Working Group:** Wassail to be arranged for January.

**v. Orchard Working Group:** A meeting of the Group was planned for 17<sup>th</sup> October. Meanwhile the pond had been completed.

**vi. Highways Working Group:** New positions for a speed sign were to be investigated and Cllr. Wells was thanked again for his offer of £1000 from his ward budget.

**vii. Footpaths Working Group:**

Cllr. Davies confirmed that he was currently engaged with issues concerning a PRoW off Garret Bank. The Clerk had asked for information from WCC regarding the extension of the lengthsman duties to cover some PRoW maintenance.

**viii. S106 Working Group:** The footpath improvement project had been approved for S106 grant funding.

It was agreed to investigate a possible extension to the village hall in line with S106 grant funding. It was agreed to contact another pump track provider for guidance on installation.

**ix. Pavilion Working Group:** A meeting had been held last week and Football Foundation funding was available for 50% of projects which could include an upgrade to the kitchen, a new hot water system and PV panels. The remainder of costs to be raised by crowdfunding by the Football Club and Preschool as well as donations. The Parish Council agreed in principle to donate to the scheme and awaited further information and costings.

#### 148/23 Community Builder

Barbara Stephens was confirmed as the new Community Development Worker on a self employed contractual basis and had signed the necessary contract along with the Chair. She was to commence on 1<sup>st</sup> November.

#### 149/23 Parish Council Promotions

The community cinema was now showing blockbuster films on the first Friday of every month. The second Friday was a 'film club' showing less mainstream films.

Ric Sanders and Vo Fletcher were booked for 10<sup>th</sup> November; The Budapest Cafe Orchestra for 1<sup>st</sup> December. Final arrangements were being made to to show National Theatre Live screenings.

#### 150/23 Correspondence

**To consider the responses to the following correspondence previously circulated:**

FROM	SUBJECT
CALC	Updates
NALC	Events and Newsletters
MHDC	Outcome of Section 106 application - PROW Improvements
MHDC	SWDPR submitted for independent examination
WCC	Road Closure – Gilvers Lane -18 October to 27 October .
MHDC	Polling district, polling place and polling station review
WCC	Steam Rally
Resident	Development off Garret Bank (i)
Malvern Hills AONB	Invitation to a webinar - 28/11/23 at 7pm

(i) – Concerns over recent development including hard standing were to be reported to the Planning Enforcement Team.

#### 151/23 Finance

**i. To consider payment of invoices presented:**

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
Waterstones/Rossiters	25/09	£40.00	Library Book Tokens

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	25/09	£256.00	Lengthman Duties (September)
J Moore	07/10	£300.00	Conservation Work – Welland Court Cemetery
Broadleaf Tree Care	18/09	£480.00	Grass Cutting
Broadleaf Tree Care	18/09	£480.00	Grass Cutting Village Green
Broadleaf Tree Care	18/09	£470.00	Tree Works
Hanley Castle High School	11/10	£775.00	Spitalfields Pitch Maintenance
Garden Care Malvern	07/10	£160.00	Hedge Cutting
JMart	23/09	£9.99	Padlock
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£334.80	PAYE Jul-Sep
E Hardman	16/10	£150.00	Handyman (£150 Gross - tax coding 1251L)
D Sharp	16/10	£446.40	Clerk's Fee (40 hrs @ SCP 17. £558.00 Gross)
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£3,862.19</b>	

**Accounts Summary**

<b>Reserves Lloyds B/F</b>	<b>£2,995.08</b>	
Interest	£2.76	<b>£2,997.84</b>
<b>Saver Account</b>	<b>£30,213.35</b>	
Interest	£59.21	<b>£30,272.56</b>
<b>Fête Account</b>	<b>£1,702.13</b>	<b>£1,702.13</b>
<b>Buildings Account</b>	<b>£6.47</b>	<b>£6.47</b>
<b>Neighbourhood Plan Ac.</b>	<b>£4,046.00</b>	<b>£4,046.00</b>
<b>Funding Account</b>	<b>£1,913.95</b>	<b>£1,913.95</b>
<b>Total C/F</b>		<b>£40,938.95</b>

<b>Main Account B/F</b>	<b>£31,560.33</b>
Cemetery Fees	£280.00
WCC Lengthman	£256.00
MHDC Precept	£17,281.50
ICO (DD)	-£35.00
MHDC Waste Collection (DD)	-£64.03
BT	-£306.50
Pre Payments	-£40.00
October Payments	-£3,862.19
<b>Main Account C/F</b>	<b>£45,070.11</b>

**152/23 Any other matters for report or for future consideration**

The Clerk was to prepare costings for the Library and the subject of continued financial support was to be an agenda item next month.

**153/23 Date of the next meeting**

The next Parish Council Meeting would take place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7.30pm in Welland Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:45 pm