

Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18th December 2023

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Present

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

In Attendance

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

171/23 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.

172/23 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors: Cllrs. Mrs M Renton and Mr M Whaley (accepted). Also County Cllr. Mr T Wells and District Cllrs. Mr J Gallagher and Ms C Wild.

173/23 Interests

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

174/23 Co-Option

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

175/23 Planning

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

Application No	At	Details
M/23/01666/FUL	Land At (Os 7951 4017) South Of 13 Cornfield Close	Erection of a single 3 bedroom dwelling and garage including forming of new access off private drive, associated parking and landscaping
M/23/01508/FUL	Welland House Lime Grove	Erection of 9 Residential Dwellings and Associated Works
M/23/01642/FUL	Old Cider Mill Drake Street	Proposed repositioning and design change of holiday cabin
M/23/01643/FUL	Old Cider Mill Drake Street	Proposed agricultural building
M/23/01277/HP	34 Welland Gardens	Side extension to dwelling and erection of new detached garage to side of property.

The following responses were agreed:

M/23/01666/FUL – An objection was to be drafted on the grounds that the size and massing of the property was out of character, there was damage to adjacent hedgerows, overlooking had not been considered, access rights were unclear and that AONB guidelines had not been complied with.

M/23/01508/FUL - An objection was to be drafted on the grounds that the site lay outside the development boundary in open countryside, AONB guidelines had not been followed, green infrastructure plans were inadequate and that local residents had not been notified.

M/23/01642/FUL - “The Parish Council has no objection to the application”.

M/23/01643/FUL - “The Parish Council has no objection to the application”.

M/23/01277/HP - “The Parish Council has no objection to the application”.

ii. Decisions notified:

M/23/01480/HP – Thornfield, Marlbank - Approved.

M/23/01072/FUL – Marlbank Inn – Withdrawn.

iii. Any other planning matters for consideration: The enforcement team at MHDC were to be made aware of the orchard off Barleycorn Fields which was being poorly maintained contravening planning conditions.

176/23 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 27th November: These were accepted as an accurate record and they were signed by the Chairman.

177/23 Progress reports and matters arising from these minutes

WCC Countrywide Services were to query the decision by MHDC enforcement team that no further action would be taken with regard to the surfacing works on the PRow off Garrett Bank. It was agreed to notify both the Environment Agency and Natural England of the situation.

178/23 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives

No reports were made.

179/23 Committee, Working Party & Other Representative Reports & Recommendations

i. Neighbourhood Planning Working Group: The plan had passed examination and had been referred to MHDC for referendum which would be held early next year.

ii. Communications Working Group: A newsletter was to be produced in the new year.

iii. Playing Fields/Open Spaces Working Group: A new dog bag dispenser had been put up by the pavilion and Hanley High School were continuing to maintain the football pitch.

iv. Events Working Group: Planning ongoing for Wassail event on 13th January 2024.

v. Orchard Working Group: No matters were discussed.

vi. Highways Working Group: A meeting with WCC Highways liaison officer to be arranged for the New Year to finalise Speed Indicating Device positions.

vii. Footpaths Working Group: No matters were discussed.

viii. S106 Working Group: Projects were to be assessed in the New Year

180/23 Pheasant Inn: To consider applying for 'Asset of Community Value' status for The Pheasant Inn: An informative meeting had been held with MHDC on 6th December. Further information and evidence gathering was to be prepared before the next meeting.

181/23 Community Development Coordinator

Cllrs. Davies and Sumner had met with Barbara Stephens last week to review progress. A ward grant had been applied for to improve community involvement.

182/23 Parish Council Promotions

The agreement with St James Church over its use for cinema showings and use of equipment was due for renewal. Cllr. Nelson with the Clerk was to negotiate on behalf of the Parish Council and report at the next meeting.

183/23 Correspondence

To consider the responses to the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	SUBJECT
CALC	Updates
NALC	Events and Newsletters
WCC	Road Closure Gilvers Lane
Misc	Pheasant Inn ACV
MHDC	Worcestershire Health Champions Newsletter
Clark and Kent	Pump Track
West Mercia PCC	Safer Roads Grant Round 2 Launch
Snowball Community	App
Eleven Rivers Association	Three Choirs Way
MHDC	December Malvern Hills Business e-Bulletin
Resident	Planning Conditions for Local Developments

168/23 Finance

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
Budapest Cafe Orchestra	05/12	£1,200.00	Event Fee

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
Barbara Stephens	09/12	£934.80	Community Development Co-Ordinator
Malvern Hills AONB	-	£300.00	Donation
Sue Haywood	-	£21.27	Library Refreshments
Total		£1,256.07	

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
Pursers Orchard Group	-	£600.00	Wassail Costs

The following payment was approved from the **Neighbourhood Plan Account**:

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
Peter Hamilton	18/12	£1,734.00	Consultancy Fees

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	21/11	£256.00	Lengthman Duties (November)
Welland Parish Hall	25/11 21/12	£484.00	Library Hire (Aug-Dec)
Solopress	08/11	£109.58	Newsletter
GS Products	03/12	£32.16	Pulleys for tree lights
South Worcestershire CAB	-	£200.00	(cheque) Donation
St James Church	-	£300.00	Donation
E Hardman	18/12	£150.00	Handyman (£150 Gross - tax coding 1251L)
D Sharp	18/12	£478.40	Clerk's Fee (40 hrs @ SCP 17. £598.00 Gross)
TOTAL		£2,010.14	

Accounts Summary

Reserves Lloyds B/F	£3,000.15	
Interest	£4.42	£3,004.57
Saver Account	£30,363.27	
Interest	£45.44	£30,408.71
Fête Account	£1,702.13	
POG Account	-£600.00	£1,102.13
Buildings Account	£6.47	£6.47
Neighbourhood Plan Ac.	£2,890.00	
Peter Hamilton	-£1,734.00	£1,156.00
Funding Account	£1,899.63	
Event Income	£300.00	
Ticket Source	£998.04	
Budapest Cafe Orchestra	-£1,200.00	£1,997.67
Total C/F		£37,675.55

Main Account B/F	£43,828.71
Pre Payments	-£1,256.07
December Payments	-£2,010.14
Main Account C/F	£40,562.50

184/23 Agenda

To consider ways to reduce the length of Parish Council Meetings: It was agreed to only include items in 'Committee, Working Party & Other Representative Reports' that councillors had specifically asked for decision consideration. Any reports were to be circulated prior to the meeting.

185/23 Any other matters for report or for future consideration

It was noted that water had pooled in the base of the trampolines in the play areas.

A meeting was to be arranged with WCC to share traffic queue information at the Steam Rally event.

186/23 Date of the next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting would take place on Monday 15th January 2024 at 7.30pm in Welland Village Hall.

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