

Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19th October 2015

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Present

Cllrs. Mrs V Nelson (Chairman), Miss J Dalton, Mr M Davies, Mr J Gibb, Mr P Hancock, Mrs E Horton-Smith, Dr. J Humphries, Mr J Mortimer, Mrs M Purser, Mrs M Sumner.

In Attendance

County Cllr. Mr T Wells, District Cllr. Mrs C O'Donnell, Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and eleven members of the public.

113/15 Apologies

Cllr. Mr W Guy (accepted). Also Mrs A Brookes (Footpath Warden).

114/15 Interests

- i. **Councillors Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Disclosable 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. (Written requests to be with the clerk at least 4 clear days prior to a meeting.):** There were none.

115/15 Planning:

i. To consider responses to the following applications:

Application No	From	Details
15/00528/FUL	Dr A Davis Willow Grange, Woodside La	Groundworks to provide area flood defences.
15/00905/FUL	Mr Denis Schwarz Welland Way, Gloucester Rd	Demolition of existing agricultural building and replacement with a dormer bungalow
15/01340/S73	Mr Oliver Owen Tyre Hill Stables	Proposed new stable block (50 stables) new car parking and alterations to existing stable building to be used for isolation stables, storage for fodder and machinery associated with existing equestrian use of the site.

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

The following responses were agreed:

15/00528/FUL – This application had been extended until November and no further comment was to be made at this time.

15/00905/FUL - 'The Parish Council requests confirmation that access to the site from the private road leading to The Orlons is allowed before commenting further.'

15/01340/S73 - 'The Parish Council has no objection.'

ii. **15/00363/ENF - Former Welland Garage, Gloucester Road – update:** It was reported that the appeal had yet to be heard although the wall had now been demolished by the owner.

116/15 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 21st September:

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

117/15 Progress reports and other matters arising from these minutes

The Clerk reported that, according to MHDC records, the land bordering the Marlbank Brook and The Avenue was owned and maintained by Fortis Housing.

WCC highways had assured that the dead tree on Welland Gardens would be removed.

DB Land and Planning had agreed to donate £5,000 to Parish Council funds for permission to access Spitalfields and connect into the main sewer there.

118/15 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives.

District Cllr. Davies reported on the progress of the following applications: the planning appeal regarding 50 houses at Lawn Farm, Drake Street, was under way; the application for 41 houses at Myrtle Cottage, Drake Street, was still to be determined and MHDC were looking at the entrance splays for the 1 house development opposite Lawn Farm.

District Cllr. O'Donnell reported on the Parish Conference that she had recently attended.

County Cllr. Wells reported that further to his statement last month the £34,000 allocation was insufficient to refurbishment all the footways on The Avenue and the worst sections would be prioritised. He was also to meet with the Head of the Primary School regarding proposed flashing warning lights. Cllrs. Davies and Purser were also to attend.

119/15 Committee & Working Party Reports & Recommendations

- i. **Neighbourhood Planning Working Group: *To consider approving the Neighbourhood Plan Draft be submitted for consultation:*** The design of the final draft had been enhanced with professional help and it was agreed that once completed it should go to public consultation later in the month.
- ii. **Communications Working Group: Update on progress on website:** The response from residents regarding the newsletter had been positive and the data base now amounted to 100 email addresses. A further newsletter would be produced in the Spring. Work on the website was progressing.
- iii. **S106 Working Group:** No further progress had been made, but it was hoped that a list of potential projects could be presented at the next meeting.
- iv. **Playing Fields/Open Spaces Working Group: *To consider applying to MHDC for advice whether planning consent is required for a storage container adjacent to the pavilion:*** By a majority it was considered that a metal storage container was inappropriate and the Pavilion Management Group were to be asked to investigate other options.
- v. **Highways Working Group: Village gates update:** Following obtaining permission to proceed by WCC, the materials for the trial installation at Garrets Bank had been ordered and it was hoped it would be installed by the end of the month.

120/15 REPORTS FROM INTERIM MEETINGS WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

- i. **With Mr Bailey and other representatives with regards to the Pheasant Inn:** Following the recent planning refusal the Council was informed that another application would soon be submitted. Concerns were raised by councillors over the housing density and inadequate parking on the site together with reduced size of the pub itself. An amended viability study was to be produced in light of changes to the development and the Parish Council was to be given a copy once completed.
- ii. **With representatives from Welland Steam Rally:** The Steam Rally had complied with the requirements requested by the Police and WCC Highways, although councillors considered these to be ineffective. The organisers were to employ a specialist traffic management company to try to address some of the issues. Complaints regarding 'mud on roads' were still to be addressed. It was agreed to write to the organisers expressing these concerns and to forward copies to the Police and WCC Highways. The Parish Council was to be asked to be kept informed of licensing renewals for next year's event.

121/15 Correspondence

The following correspondence was presented:

FROM	*email	SUBJECT
CALC	*	Updates
Clerk	*	Quotations
MHDC	*	Standards Committee - Chairman's Introduction
MHDC	*	Community Services E-Newsletter
Hanley Castle High School	*	Proposed changes to the admission arrangements
MHDC	*	Parish and Town Council Conference, Mon 5th October
Parish Online	*	News
MHDC	*	Gambling Act 2005 - Consultation on Revised Statement of Principles
Hanley Castle High School	*	The Hanley and Upton Educational Trust Proposal
MHDC	*	Standards Committee - Monday 12th October 5:00p.m
Locality	*	Convention 10 & 11 November - St George's Hall, Liverpool
MHAONB	*	E-bulletin October 2015
CALC	*	Area Meeting Minutes & Agenda
MHDC	*	Parish Conference - S106 and CIL Presentation and Hand-out
MHDC	*	Consultation on Main Modifications to the Submitted South Worcestershire Development Plan (2006- 2030)
WCC	*	Worcestershire Partnership Newsletters
Debbie Brookes	*	Planning Modifications
CALC	*	AGM

122/15 Finance**i. To consider approval of payments due:**

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	02/10	£236.00	Lengthman Duties (Sep)
J Moore	02/10	£300.00	Old St James Maintenance
Broadleaf Tree Care	05/10	£300.00	Grass Cutting
JRB Enterprises	-	£133.80	Dog Gloves
Steve Maund	-	£160.00	Grass Cutting (Oct)
Vinyl Fencing Ltd	23/09	£188.64	Village Gate
Welland Day Care	-	£250.00	Donation
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£342.00	PAYE (Jul-Sep)
E Hardman	19/10	£72.00	Handyman
D Sharp	19/10	£378.75	Clerk's Fee (£404.08 Gross SP25 + £69.27 NDP)
	TOTAL	£2,361.19	

A successful fête had raised almost £2,000 and thanks were paid to those who had helped to organise the event. It was agreed to make the following donations:

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
Welland PCC	19/10	£650.00	Donation
Welland Primary School	19/10	£650.00	Donation
Welland Village Hall	19/10	£650.00	Donation
	TOTAL	£1,950.00	

Following the receipt of grant funding the transfer of £3,150 from the main account to the Neighbourhood Plan Account was approved.

After these payment are made account details are as follows:

Accounts Summary

Reserves Lloyds B/F	£96.88	£96.88	Main Account B/F	-£1,799.37
Reserves BOI B/F	£2,869.46			
Interest	£0.25	£2,869.71	MHDC Precept	£10,660.00
Fête Account	£2,250.12		Groundworks UK	£1,050.00
Donations	-£1,950.00	£300.12	DB Land & Planning	£5,000.00
Buildings Account	£3,132.51	£3,132.51	HMRC Vat Refund	£1,687.93
Neighbourhood Plan Account	£117.82		Misfits Car Boot	£18.00
Transfer from Main Account	£3,150.00	£3,267.82	Cemetery Fees	£120.00
			September Payments	-£2,361.19
			Transfer to NP Account	-£3,150.00
Total C/F		£9,667.04	Main Account C/F	£11,225.37

123/15 Any other matters for report or for future consideration

The Clerk reported that he was to attend a briefing on 'workplace pensions' and would report to the finance group when next year's budget was being prepared.

A meeting was to be sought with the footpath warden, Ann Brookes, to discuss the problem with undergrowth on certain paths.

The Chairman offered to contact the landlord of the Marlbank Inn to see if parking arrangements for their bonfire display could be improved.

Advice on whether a mobile phone mast could be secured to the church spire had indicated that it may not be commercially viable.

The Clerk was to write to Worcestershire Wildlife Trust requesting that the ditch on the Drake Street Meadow receives attention.

124/15 Date of the next meeting

Monday 16th November at 7.30pm was confirmed.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 10.00 pm.