

# **Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016**

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## **Present**

Cllrs. Mrs V Nelson (Chairman), Miss J Dalton, Mr M Davies, Mr J Gibbs, Mr P Hancock, Dr. J Humphries, Mrs M Purser, Mrs M Sumner.

## **In Attendance**

Mr D Perridge (Safer Roads Partnership), County Cllr. Mr T Wells, District Cllr. Mrs C O'Donnell, Mrs A Brookes (Footpath Warden), Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and six members of the public.

Before the meeting David Perridge explained the problem of funding for the Safer Roads Partnership and how the department was managing speed in county with 10 staff.

He confirmed that Welland has received exceptional enforcement over the past few years but the lack of serious casualties meant that this was being reduced. The site on Marlbank had been removed from the schedule as had the one at Lawn Farm due to the recent development. There were no other suitable sites on Drake Street. The site by the church on Gloucester Road was to remain although there was often a car parked in the space.

He went on to explain that if enforcement made no difference to traffic speeds then either:

1. The enforcement is taken out altogether as this clearly indicates that the traffic speed limit is just not working. He has examples of 40 mph limits in open country where there were no houses and signs of occupancy. The natural reaction from drivers is to therefore put their foot down as they can see no need for the speed limit, or
2. Engineering solutions are needed

Of the areas affected in Welland Drake Street speeds were the highest but were expected to reduce with the additional houses now being built.

Permanent cameras costs between £60,000 and £120,000 each and are not viable in Welland.

Engineering solutions such as gates which have recently been installed have been shown to slow traffic down as do white lines indicating that the road is getting narrower. He suggested that this was an option to the council and proposals would have to be made to WCC.

The Chairman thanked Mr Perridge for his presentation and convened the meeting.

## **25/16 Apologies**

Cllrs. Mrs E Horton-Smith and Mr J Mortimer (accepted).

## **26/16 Interests**

- i. **Councillors Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Disclosable Interests regarding items on the agenda:** Cllr. Nelson declared an ODI regarding planning application 16/00283/HOU since the development was opposite her house.
- 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. Nelson and Mortimer to discuss application 16/00283/HOU: This was approved and the dispensations would last until the next ordinary election.

## **27/16 Planning**

### **i. To consider responses to the following applications:**

Application No	From	Details
16/00260/FUL	Mr R Pearce Hillcourt Farm	Proposed replacement stables.
16/00296/FUL	Mr R Pearce Hillcourt Farm,	Replacement of existing agricultural building with holiday cabin. Change of use of land to holiday use
16/00283/HOU	Mr & Mrs J Black May Cottage, Drake St	Proposed single storey rear extension
16/00291/106	Land between the Old Post Office and Church Farm, Drake St	Variation to paragraph 4, Part A, 5th schedule of original S106 Agreement dated 24th September 2014 relating to mortgagees and Affordable Housing units.

Application No	From	Details
16/00322/ADV	Mr Charles Bond Lawn Farm, Drake St	Re-location of V-board and seven flags.
16/00365/ADV	Land At (Os 7984 3987), Drake St	Display of adverts including 2 no. flags for sales office and directional signs and temporary sales office
16/00378/HOU	Mr & Mrs Mckenzie Merebrook Farm, Hanley Swan	Erection of barn on site of former barn using salvaged materials to create domestic outbuilding, including guest accommodation. (Part retrospective)

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

The following responses were agreed:

16/00260/FUL & 16/00296/FUL - 'The Parish Council has concerns over the multiple planning applications that have recently been submitted. In particular 16/00296/FUL the plan and aerial view clearly show the cabin abuts another building and some windows would be obscured. There would also appear to be no dedicated parking area for this dwelling. There are concerns that a single passing bay planned for the approach drive might not be sufficient. Finally there is no drainage provision.'

16/00283/HOU - 'The Parish Council has no objection.'

16/00291/106 – No comment was to be made.

16/00322/ADV - 'The Parish Council has no objection to the relocation of the V-board. However the installation of 7 flags is inappropriate to the rural location with the noise element to be considered. The site is already prominent and the flags are not necessary to advertise the site's position. Furthermore the area has considerable equestrian traffic and the size and number of flags could compromise rider and other road traffic safety.'

16/00365/ADV - 'The Parish Council has no objection to the advertisement boards. However the installation of flags is inappropriate to the rural location with the noise element to be considered. The site is already prominent and the flags are not necessary to advertise the site's position. Furthermore the area has considerable equestrian traffic and the flags could compromise rider and other road traffic safety.'

16/00378/HOU - 'The Parish Council has no objection.'

**ii. To consider responses to the following appeal applications:**

Application No	From	Details
15/00609/OUT	Braemer Property Developments Land adjoining Myrtle Cottage, Drake Street	Outline application with all matters except for access reserved, for a residential development for 41 no. new dwellings, of which 40% will be affordable units.
15/01653/HOU	Mr & Mrs Pilditch Over Darwen, Gloucester Rd	Alterations and first floor extensions to front and rear.

15/00609/OUT – A working group was to review the application and make recommendations to councillors prior to submission.

15/01653/HOU – The original response from the Parish Council was to be submitted.

**28/16 Minutes**

**To consider for adoption the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> February:**

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

**29/16 Progress reports and other matters arising from these minutes**

The Clerk reported that broadband wifi would be available in the village hall from early April. He was to draft a disclaimer to display in a prominent position.

**30/16 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives.**

**District Cllr. O'Donnell** assured the meeting that everything was being done to ensure the future of a bus service between Upton and Malvern. She also reported on several MHDC projects: Clean for the Queen, Nominations for Sporting Stars and a consultation on Traveller Sites. She also mentioned the Easter Arts and Food Market in Malvern. Finally she noted that MHDC we seeking additional part time staff to help during the EU referendum.

**District Cllr. Davies** confirmed that the MHDC budget had been agreed with a reduction in spending of 3%, however a reduction in central government grant meant that council tax would rise by 3.6%. The SWDP had been adopted but work was still progressing on supplementary documents covering traveller sites and affordable housing.

A meeting had been arranged for next week to discuss flooding at Brookend. Although much of the parish was experiencing good broadband speeds there were significant areas distant from cabinets that were poor and efforts were being made to improve them.

Unfortunately EE had ruled out the possibility of placing a mast in the church spire.

Finally he mentioned that his ward budget would be distributed to groups who worked with either the young or elderly.

**County Cllr. Wells** reported that a new 50mph speed limit was to be imposed on the B4208 through Castlemorton. Improvements to the footways in The Avenue would start in May. School warning lights were to be installed on Marlbank near Lime Grove and Cllr. Wells asked if scrub could be cut back to improve visibility from the crossing point.

He thanked all those involved for their help in pressing for a retention of an Upton to Malvern bus service and updated the meeting on progress. A joint letter from parishes, district and county had been sent to First Bus and others and a meeting was to be held with the operator tomorrow. The County Council were looking at the possibility of funding a minibus service for the route.

### 31/16 Committee & Working Party Reports & Recommendations

**i. Neighbourhood Planning Working Group:** Consultation responses were being analysed and would be incorporated in the plan where appropriate. It was hoped that a workshop could be arranged with MHDC to help bring the plan to conclusion.

**ii. Communications Working Group: Update on progress on website:** Progress with the design of the website was ongoing and it was hoped that information would be uploaded soon with a view to going live in April. The possibility of creating welcome packs for new residents was to be investigated.

**iii. S106 Working Group: Project List Update:** Consultations with housing associations were still ongoing with a view to supply housing for downsizing as well as additional recreational space.

**iv. Playing Fields/Open Spaces Working Group: *To consider the future protection of the area of green winged orchids outside the village hall:*** It was considered too late to decide the matter for the current year but advice was to be sought from AONB and a decision whether to expand the area would be taken early in 2017.

#### **v. Highways Working Group:**

**a. Update on discussions with police and Welland Steam Rally:** A meeting had taken place with the police and suggestions made, such as the need for visitors to park vehicles prior to paying and having access to roads sweeping machinery. These had been relayed to the organisers and it was hoped that another meeting with them could be arranged prior to this year's event.

**b. Review of tasks for parish lengthman:** An updated list of tasks had been produced.

**c. Update on village gates:** The gates on Drake Street and Marlbank had now been installed and discussions were ongoing with Malvern Hills Conservators regarding a set on Castlemorton Common. Cllr. Davies circulated a road sign audit and discussions were to take place with WCC Highways over the removal or alteration of some.

### 32/16 Bus Service

***To consider the Parish Council's response to the proposed change in local bus services:*** A public meeting had taken place in Welland on 3<sup>rd</sup> March to discuss the proposed withdrawal of the Upton to Malvern service and a letter of support for its retention had been sent to First Bus and others signed by councillors. This was discussed and ratified here.

### 33/16 Correspondence

***To review the following correspondence previously circulated:***

From	*email	Subject
CALC	*	Updates
MHDC	*	Malvern Parish and Town Council Update Feb 2016
CALC	*	MHAC meeting 15 march
MHDC	*	Adoption of the South Worcestershire Development Plan 2016
MHDC	*	Presentations from the Parish Conference 24th February
CALC	*	Spring Training Bulletin
WCC	*	Tree Planting Project - Info for Parish & Town Councils
CALC	*	Report to Area Meetings
WCC	*	public notice - 1 A4104 Marlbank Road, Welland
WCC	*	Danemoor Crossroads
MHDC	*	Child Sexual Exploitation - MHDC helping to raise awareness within the District
WCC	*	Worcestershire Minerals and Waste Annual Monitoring Report 2014-2015
WCC	*	Worcestershire Minerals Local Plan - Consultation Response Document

**34/16 Finance****To consider approval of payments due:**

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
Max Lead Ltd	03/03	£159.99	Marquee

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
Names.co.uk	03/03	£76.67	Web Hosting

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	26/02	£118.00	Lengthman Duties (Feb)
JMART	01/03	£40.98	Wheelbarrow & Spade
E Hardman	21/03	£72.00	Handyman (£90 Gross)
D Sharp	21/03	£378.55	Clerk's Fee (£404.08 Gross SP25 + £69.27 NDP)
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£609.53</b>	

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
Worcester Regulatory Services	21/03	£40.00	Gaming Licence
MHDC	21/03	£21.00	Temporary Event Notice
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£61.00</b>	

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
MHDC	21/03	£110.00	Printing

**Accounts Summary**

<b>Reserves Lloyds B/F</b>	<b>£96.88</b>	<b>£96.88</b>	<b>Main Account B/F</b>	<b>£8,628.81</b>
<b>Reserves BOI B/F</b>	<b>£2,870.64</b>			
Interest	£0.24	<b>£2,870.88</b>	WCC Lengthman	£354.00
<b>Fête Account</b>	<b>£300.12</b>			
March Payments	-£220.99	<b>£79.13</b>		
<b>Buildings Account</b>	<b>£804.47</b>	<b>£804.47</b>		
<b>Neighbourhood Plan Account</b>	<b>£1,351.42</b>		March Payments	-£609.53
March Payment	-£186.67	<b>£1,164.75</b>		
<b>Total C/F</b>		<b>£5,016.11</b>	<b>Main Account C/F</b>	<b>£8,373.28</b>

**35/16 Any other matters for report or for future consideration**

Cllr. Sumner had produced a leaflet to be placed on inconsiderately parked cars and was to distribute to councillors.

**36/16 Date of the next meeting**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm was confirmed.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 10.25 pm.