

Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18th April 2016

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Present

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

In Attendance

Mrs A Brookes (Footpath Warden), Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and four members of the public.

37/16 Apologies

Cllrs. Miss J Dalton & Mr P Gillett (accepted). Also County Cllr. Mr T Wells, District Cllrs. Mrs C O'Donnell and Mrs J Campbell.

38/16 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:*** There were none.

39/16 Planning

To consider responses to the following applications:

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 (7984 3987) Drake St	Display of adverts including 2 no. flags for sales office and directional signs and temporary sales office
16/00429/FUL	Mr Oliver Owen Tyre Hill Stables Hanley Swan	Proposed new equestrian building containing stables and ancillary accommodation, with associated external works including engineering works. Change of use to existing buildings to form isolation stables and fodder stores. (Part retrospective).

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

The following responses were agreed:

16/00322/ADV – The Parish Council has no objection.

16/00365/ADV – The Parish Council would like to see the flags at the front moved back as with the adjacent development. If the quantity and scale of signage within the site is deemed absolutely necessary perhaps they could be designed more sensitively.

16/00429/FUL – The Parish Council would like to see a mix of tree species in the landscape plan since oak is slow growing. The current landscape is series of small copses and this should be continued. Since a hedgerow is being remove we believe effort should be made to soften the aspect. Finally we suggest that the corrugated roof be of dark and non reflective material.

40/16 Minutes

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

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

41/16 Progress reports and other matters arising from these minutes

The new bus service linking Upton, Hanley and Malvern had commenced last week. One problem so far encountered was the lack of the service between 8-9am and 4-4pm since it was not allowed to compete with the school service still run by First Bus. WCC had agreed to fund the service for six months thereafter an independent operator would have to be found or the service withdrawn. The communications group was to help with advertising and a meeting with other affected parishes would take place in approximately 3 months to review the usage of the service and plan its future.

The Clerk reported that broadband wifi had now been installed in the hall. He had circulated a draft disclaimer to councillors and before the public were allowed access he was to make further enquiries to BT whether the disclaimer could be included in a 'home page' that would need to be approved before users could access the service.

42/16 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives.

District Cllr. Davies presented a joint report with **District Cllr. O'Donnell** in her absence: MHDC were currently publicising apprenticeship initiatives and they had also published their 5 year plan on the website which focused on 'building healthy communities, fostering the local economy and housing supply'. There would also be an open air cinema in Priory Park from 1st May for the summer. He also mentioned that the planning enforcement policy would soon be out for consultation. He was also planning to arrange a meeting for councillors with the site managers of the two developments on Drake Street to review ongoing issues.

43/16 Committee & Working Party Reports & Recommendations

i. Neighbourhood Planning Working Group: The Plan was currently being re written in response to comments made during the consultation period and a workshop was to be arranged with MHDC planning officers to test the credibility of the policies.

ii. Communications Working Group: *To consider maintenance of new website – hosting, charging, advertising etc.:* Cllr. Mortimer gave a brief demonstration of the new site

www.wellandparishcouncil.org.uk and confirmed that it would be accessible via mobile phones and tablets also. Once populated it would go live and be advertised.

iii. S106 Working Group: A meeting was to be arranged with MHDC to review projects that had been put forward for funding.

iv. Playing Fields/Open Spaces Working Group: The large fir tree in the cemetery had been removed and the Clerk was to arrange for uneven areas to be levelled. At the same time it was suggested an access route from Spitalfields car park to the stream be made and boundary ditches cleared. Both playing fields were to be sprayed with weedkiller and presentations from companies to install a new playground were to be sought.

v. Highways Working Group: Cllrs. Davies, Gibbs, Hancock and Horton Smith were to arrange a meeting with Highways representatives to discuss traffic issues and the public attitude to street lighting was to be sought at the Annual Parish Meeting next month.

44/16 Brookend Flooding

To consider action in consultation with Severn Trent to alleviate problems: Cllr. Davies had met with the local Severn Trent manager who confirmed there was a flooding problem and that the situation would be monitored over the next 12 months. He was happy to meet with residents and a possible date of 16th May was suggested.

45/16 Rural Rate Relief

To consider an application from Sunnyside Garage Ltd: It was agreed to support the application but not to make a financial contribution. Hence an additional 25% discretionary relief would be awarded in addition to the 50% mandatory relief.

46/16 Correspondence

To review the following correspondence previously circulated:

From	*email	Subject
CALC	*	Updates
MHDC	*	Community Services E-Newsletter - March 2016
MHDC	*	Street Naming & Numbering Guidance
MHDC	*	Community Awards Scheme
MHDC	*	Parish Conference 18 April
MHDC	*	SWDP Briefing 12 April
Ann Davis	*	Steam Rally
WCC	*	Views on Public Services
WCC	*	Superfast broadband message for your Parish - March 2016 Update
MHDC	*	South Worcestershire Development Plan Consultations
MHDC	*	Community Infrastructure Levy Briefing 25/04 5pm-7pm
Clerk	*	Annual Meetings
MHDC	*	Litterpicking, verge cutting and street sweeping in the district
WCC	*	Worcestershire Roadworks Report w/c 18th April 2016
Cordery Club		Letter of Thanks
Rospa		Playground Report
Mr R Ison		Precept Increase
Blue Cedar Homes		Development

47/16 Finance

To consider approval of payments due: The following payments were approved from the **Main Account:**

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	23/03	£118.00	Lengthman Duties (Mar)
JMART	18/04	£7.96	Rubbish bags
B&Q	18/04	£10.84	Litter Pickers
AP Taylor	15/02	£450.00	Village Gate Installation
Playsafety Ltd	04/04	£79.80	Playground Inspection
Broadleaf Tree Care	-	£350.00	Cemetery Tree Removal
Broadleaf Tree Care	19/03	£300.00	Grass Cutting
Worcestershire CALC	01/04	£637.85	Annual Subscription
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£338.00	PAYE (Jan - Mar)
E Hardman	18/04	£72.00	Handyman (£90 Gross)
D Sharp	18/04	£378.75	Clerk's Fee (£404.08 Gross SP25 + £69.27 NDP)
TOTAL		£2,743.20	

Accounts Summary

Reserves Lloyds B/F	£96.88	£96.88	Main Account B/F	£8,373.28
Reserves BOI B/F	£2,870.88			
Interest	£0.24	£2,871.12		
Fête Account	£79.13			
		£79.13		
Buildings Account	£804.47		BT	-£61.84
		£804.47		
Neighbourhood Plan Account	£1,164.75		April Payments	-£2,743.20
		£1,164.75		
Total C/F		£5,016.35	Main Account C/F	£5,568.24

48/16 Any other matters for report or for future consideration

It was reported that new security fencing had been erected around the Pheasant Inn.

Cllr. Hancock was to seek a group of volunteers for litter picking – possibly advertising at the Annual Parish Meeting next month.

A meeting with Steam Rally organisers was to be arranged.

The Clerk reported that the pavilion had experienced a flood due to a fault in one of the showers. At present there appeared to be no lasting damage but he had informed the insurance company as a precaution.

A revised list of parish councillors was needed.

49/16 Date of the next meeting

Monday 16th May following the Annual Parish Meeting was confirmed.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.50 pm.