

Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19th September 2016

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Present

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

In Attendance

District Cllr. Mrs C O'Donnell, Mr D Sharp (Parish Clerk) and four members of the public.

Before the meeting the Chairman offered the congratulations of the council to Cllr. Horton Smith on the birth of her daughter Amber.

99/16 Apologies

Cllr. Mrs E Horton-Smith (accepted).

100/16 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.

101/16 Planning

To consider responses to the following and any late submitted applications:

Application No	From	Details
16/01081/HOU 16/01082/LBC	Mr Roger Cousins Lawn Farm, Drake St	Demolition of existing porch and erection of replacement oak framed extension to rear of property.
16/01130/HOU	Mr & Mrs Smith Woodhill, Garrett Bank	First floor extension to provide three bedrooms and two en-suite bathrooms. Single storey rear extension to provide garden room.
16/01111/REM	Bovis Homes Ltd Land At Lawn Farm Drake St	Approval of Reserved Matters, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale following approval of Outline Permission 14/01269/OUT allowed on appeal ref: APP/J1860/W/15/3131939 - for up to 50 dwellings.

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

The following responses were agreed:

16/01081/HOU, 16/01082/LBC, 16/01130/HOU – 'The Parish Council has no objection.'

16/01111/REM - 'Whilst the offset from the SSSI/open space is a welcome amendment to the scheme the increase in density has resulted in overcrowding of the site and we suggest a pro rata reduction in numbers to take account of the reduced development area. The use of terraced dwellings and car parking to front along the Main Street will result in a car dominated streetscape, particularly since there are no visitor parking spaces planned. The street is also defined by the highway rather than built form as a result of the buildings being staggered and not orientated to face/define the street which will also add to the urbanised character. There are exposed rear gardens, some of which are aligned along clear vistas from the primary street which will also weaken the streetscape. We suggest that buildings are orientated parallel to the street and a reduction in terraced dwellings to semi-detached units to allow some parking to the side and soft landscaping to the front given its edge of settlement/rural location. Where buildings define corners there should be no blank gables and units should be dual aspect.

We are concerned that there is no clarification of the repositioning or removal of public rights of way and these should be addressed before the scheme is considered.

We would also advise that the MHDC landscape officer confirms that the tree and shrub planting schedule ensures that suitable species are planted, e.g. no fruit trees near footways or parking areas and that the size of trees when they mature will not cause an inconvenience.'

102/16 Minutes

To consider for adoption the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15th August: These were accepted as an accurate record and they were signed by the Chairman.

103/16 Progress reports and other matters arising from these minutes

The Clerk confirmed that he had instructed contractors to cut local hedges and to start the maintenance work on the cemetery.

103/16 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives.

District Cllr. Chris O'Donnell reported on the ongoing planning training run by MHDC, and the continuation of the open air cinema in Priory Park ending with 'Bladerunner' on 2nd October. She also reported that Cllr. John Raine had completed his 160 mile walk in aid of mental health charities and had raised £2000 so far. Work had begun on the 'route to the hills'.

District Cllr. Mick Davies confirmed that a new 'ring and book' bus service run by the County Council would succeed the temporary bus service that was to finish on 29th October. He hoped to be able to include further details in the next newsletter. He also confirmed that Lucy Kendall was now Southern Area planning officer. Plans were being prepared to rebuild on the site of the council chamber and attach the new building to the main council house so that all officer could be housed on the same site.

The tender for a contractor to take over refuse collection in partnership with Wychavon was still ongoing.

104/16 Committee & Working Party Reports & Recommendations

i. Neighbourhood Planning Working Group: The workshop held with MHDC and the health check had identified certain areas of the plan which would require amending and this was under way. It was hoped to complete the changes by early October and a further public consultation was planned.

ii. Communications Working Group: A forum section had been added to the home page of the website and it was hoped that a picture gallery would be added next week. Contributions for the next newsletter were requested.

iii. S106 Projects Working Group: To consider approval of S106 application for play equipment up to £65,000: This was agreed unanimously and a draft application had been circulated to councillors.

iv. Playing Fields/Open Spaces Working Group:

i. Update on survey of football pitch: The initial ground scan and survey had been completed and it was hoped that the results would be available for the next meeting.

ii. Update on waste management: Concerns over the service provided by MHDC had been caused by an a temporary staffing issue and seemed to be broadly resolved. The situation would be monitored.

v. Highways Working Group: The new 30mph signs were due to be installed shortly and discussions with Malvern Hills Conservators over the installation of village gates on Castlemorton common would be restarted.

vi. Footpaths: To consider forming a working group to assess the feasibility of replacing stiles with gates on some or all of the paths in the parish to aid access: This was agreed and a working group consisting of Cllrs. Hancock, Gibbs, Davies and the clerk would arrange a meeting with Fiona Argyle, the newly appointed officer for South Worcestershire.

105/16 Correspondence

To review the following correspondence previously circulated:

From	*email	Subject
CALC	*	Updates
WCC	*	Worcestershire Roadworks Report
Misc	*	Play Equipment Quotations
MHDC	*	Postponement of planning training 12/09
CALC	*	Area Meeting 14/09
Ripple Parish Council	*	Hanley Road Car Park
CALC	*	Autumn Training
CALC	*	AGM 26 th October
CALC	*	Area Meeting Report
WCC	*	Parish Conference 26 th October
Gaynor Smith Owen		Guild Homes Public Areas
Gaynor Smith Owen		Playing Fields Deeds

106/16 Finance**To consider payment of invoices presented:**

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	29/08	£236.00	Lengthman Duties (August)
Broadleaf Tree Care	-	£300.00	Grass Cutting (08/09)
Steve Maund	-	£160.00	Grass Cutting (August)
M Watling	18/09	£70.00	Hedger Cutting/Strimming
AONB	-	£250.00	Donation
MHDC	16/08	£110.00	Newsletter Printing
E Hardman	19/09	£72.00	Handyman (£90 Gross)
D Sharp	19/09	£386.26	Clerk's Fee (£412.20 Gross SP25 + £70.66 NDP)
	TOTAL	£1,584.26	

Accounts Summary

Reserves Lloyds B/F	£96.88	£96.88
Reserves BOI B/F	£2,872.04	
Interest	£0.24	£2,872.28
Fête Account	£735.78	£735.78
Buildings Account	£804.47	£804.47
Neighbourhood Plan Account	£1,151.75	£1,151.75
Total C/F		£5,661.16

Main Account B/F	£8,115.43
WCC Lengthman	£236.00
WI Car Boot	£30.75
PTA Car Boot	£15.00
September Payments	-£1,584.26
Main Account C/F	£6,812.92

107/16 Any other matters for report or for future consideration

The number and pasting of temporary notices by the public was causing concern and the installation of a permanent noticeboard was to be investigated.

It was noted that the Marlbank footway was scheduled for resurfacing in the near future.

108/16 Date of the next meeting

Monday 19th September at 7.30pm was confirmed.

109/16 Private Session

To consider the exclusion of the public and press in the public interest for consideration of the purchase of land for recreational purposes: This was agreed and the public left the meeting.

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