

Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18th September 2017

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Present

Cllrs. Mrs V Nelson (Chair), Mr M Davies, Dr J Humphries, Mr P Hancock, Dr J Mortimer, Mrs M Purser.

In Attendance

District Cllr. Mrs C O'Donnell, Mrs Maureen McColloch (Welland Pheasant Group), Mrs Ann Brookes (Footpath Warden), Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and three members of the public.

Before the meeting the chairman notified those present of the resignation of Jane Dalton from the Parish Council and she paid tribute to her dedication during time in office. The Clerk confirmed he would post the appropriate notices.

102/17 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors:

Cllrs. Miss J Biggs and Mrs M Sumner (accepted). Also County Cllr. Mr Tom Wells.

103/17 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.

104/17 Co-Option

To consider applications for co-option to the Parish Council: Mr Joe Whitehouse was the only applicant and was unanimously elected and he duly completed his 'acceptance of office'.

105/17 Planning

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

Application No	From	Details
17/01172/HP	Mr Russell Forrester-Walker Barbary Cottage Castlemorton Common	Replacement single storey side extension (currently a garage), replacement of single storey front extension (currently a conservatory), renovation of side two storey and single storey timber clad extensions to include replacement of timber clad framework with brick, removal of two chimneys and relocation of third chimney, and demolition of existing detached garage and replacement with two storey garage/domestic workshop.

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

It was agreed to return the following response: "The Parish Council has no objection to the application but supports the request from Malvern Hills AONB over the choice of roof material and window frames."

106/17 To consider for adoption the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21st August:

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

107/17 Progress reports and other matters arising from these minutes

The Clerk confirmed that he had ordered two new waste bins. Also Claire Vaughan from MHDC had written to local groups inviting them to attend a workshop centred around the Rural Communities Programme.

The Chairman confirmed she had written to organisers of the Welland Steam Rally generally complimenting them on the running of this year's event but that issues such as mud on road, noise and slow traffic still drew complaints.

108/17 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives.

District Cllrs. Mick Davies and Chris O'Donnell reported that a litterpick would take place on Drake Street in November. Trials were underway for the proposed alternate bin collections commencing April 2018. New black wheelie bins would be delivered to households prior to April for general rubbish that would be collected fortnightly alternating with recycled material collections.

MHDC were currently reviewing their 5 year plan and the Parish Council Forum was to take place on 23rd October.

109/17 Pheasant Inn.

Progress report by Welland Pheasant Group: Maureen McCulloch from the Group confirmed that the moratorium period ended on 27th September and Mr Bailey would be free to market the property. It had become evident that the cost of refurbishing the property was greater than its net worth would be afterwards and the group was in discussions with local breweries assessing possible options.

Following the report the Parish Council agreed that it would not be making an offer for the pub at this time but was committed to its support for the WPG and their efforts in reaching a solution.

110/17 Committee & Working Party Reports & Recommendations

i. Neighbourhood Planning Working Group: No further progress was reported.

ii. Communications Working Group: The next newsletter was due before Christmas.

iii. Playing Fields/Open Spaces Working Group:

Update on consultations for off road bike pump track on Spitalfields: A presentation from James Watkins from 'Back-on-Track' was shown which involved a rough track along the bank by the stream since the land was generally considered unsuitable for a 'pump track'. It was agreed to further investigate this possibility and include in future footpath and gym proposals for Spitalfields.

iv. Orchard Working Group: It was hoped the S106 grant application would be completed by next month. Maureen Lamb was working on a management plan.

v. S106 Projects Working Group

Update on Spitalfield drainage project: Drainage work had been completed and seed sown. The introduction of 50mm root zone top soil had raised the volume of imported material above the 200m³ permitted development quantity allowance and a retrospective planning application was to be submitted. TGMS had agreed to resurvey levels.

vi. Highways Working Group

New brackets for the Hanley VAS had been ordered and once fitted the unit would be operational. New village gates had been installed at Castlemorton Common to complete all entrances to Welland and Cllr. Tom Wells had agreed to make a donation of £1200 towards costs. It was agreed to allocate this funding to future road safety schemes. It was agreed to approach local businesses for funding towards the speed sign planned for the Castlemorton entrance.

111/17 Correspondence

To review the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
CALC	*	Updates
WCC	*	Worcestershire Roadworks Report
St James Church	*	Newsletters
WCC Countryside Access	*	Proposed dedication of footpath in the parishes of Castlemorton and Welland
Malvern Hills Area CALC	*	meeting 19th September 7:30pm
CALC	*	Training Programme
West Mercia	*(i)	Smartwater
West Mercia	*	Poll
CALC	*	Executive Officer Report
CALC	*	AGM 15/11 (5pm Fair – 6.30pm AGM)
Grant Thornton		Audit
Bank of Ireland		Account Closure
WCC Countryside Access		Diversion Order

(i) – It was agreed to invite a representative to a future meeting.

112/17 Finance**To consider payment of invoices presented:**

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
Friends of Malvern Hospital	24/08	£400.00	Donation

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
Welland Parish Hall	18/09	£600.00	Donation
Welland PCC	18/09	£600.00	Donation

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	05/09	£236.00	Lengthman Duties (Aug)
Solopress	27/07	£122.00	Newsletter Printing
Grant Thornton	07/09	£480.00	External Audit
Minton Fencing	13/09	£31.20	Spitalfield Post & Rail Repairs
E Hardman	18/09	£104.00	Handyman (£130 Gross)
D Sharp	18/09	£386.06	Clerk's Fee (£482.46 Gross SP25)
	TOTAL	£1,359.26	

Accounts Summary

Reserves Lloyds B/F	£96.88	£96.88	Main Account B/F	£34,589.90
Reserves BOI B/F	£2,874.86			
Interest	£0.25	£2,875.11	WCC Lengthman	£472.00
Fête Account	£2,674.30			
Donations	-£1,400.00	£1,274.30		
Buildings Account	£804.47	£804.47		
Neighbourhood Plan Account	£5.65	£5.65		
Funding Account	£1,012.12	£1,012.12	September Payments	-£1,359.26
Total C/F		£6,068.53	Main Account C/F	£33,702.64

113/17 Any other matters for report or for future consideration

A new Union flag was to be ordered.

The broken paving slabs by the village hall were to be fixed and Openreach asked to contribute since their vehicle had caused the damage.

Seat to be painted on Spitalfields.

114/17 Date of the next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting on Monday 16th October at 7.30pm was confirmed.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.10 pm.