

# **Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017

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## **Present**

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

## **In Attendance**

Mr Ron Barker (Welland Pheasant Group), Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and eleven members of the public.

## **115/17 Apologies**

### **To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors:**

Cllrs. Dr J Humphries and Mr J Whitehouse (accepted). Also County Cllr. Mr Tom Wells and District Cllr. Mrs C O'Donnell.

## **116/17 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.

## **117/17 Co-Option**

**To consider applications for co-option to the Parish Council:** Mrs Jill Burford was the only applicant and was unanimously elected and she duly completed her 'acceptance of office'.

## **118/17 Planning**

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

Application No	From	Details
17/01428/FUL	Ann Davis Willow Grange Woodside Lane	Ground works to provide area flood defences.
17/01363/FUL	Mrs Angela Waller Welland Farm	Demolition of 2 chicken sheds and erection of playroom/storage building and a garage/tractor store/workshop building Change of use of associated land to domestic use (previously approved) Conversion of disused barn to dependant relatives annexe and creation of a new visitor parking to the front of main farm building (previously approved by planning application 12/00115/PEX) - Variation of condition 5) of permission 12/00115/PEX to allow planting of amended species hedgerow.
17/01526/FUL	Land At Os 8009 3990 Drake Street Andrea Calvesbert	Proposed two-storey dwelling, car port and studio workshop with new vehicular access. Relocation of existing stable building. (Alteration to design approved under permission 15/01163/FUL)
17/01569/FUL	Mrs Rachel Tattersall Myrtle Cottage Drake Street	Agricultural access to allow large farm machinery to access the field in connection with growing crops (eg Combine)

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

It was agreed to return the following responses:

17/01428/FUL: "The Parish Council is content to accept the advice from S.W. Land Drainage Partnership that the RAB report is sufficient to discharge condition 5. We would stress that the flood defence scheme should be completed as swiftly as possible due to the number of properties that are in the affected area."

17/01363/FUL, 17/01526/FUL, 17/01569/FUL: "The Parish Council has no objection to the application".

**119/17 To consider for adoption the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup>**

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

**120/17 Progress reports and other matters arising from these minutes**

The Clerk confirmed that a new union flag had arrived and would be installed before Remembrance Day.

A meeting had been arranged for Thursday regarding the Rural Communities Programme and Village Health Check. A report would be made next month.

A further fundraising event for road safety projects was planned for 17<sup>th</sup> November.

**121/17 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives.**

**District Cllr. Mick Davies** reported that the planned litter pick would take place next month, date to be finalised and volunteers to be sought. Trials were underway for the proposed alternate bin collections commencing April 2018. Planning service targets had improved with 98% of applications being delegated in September. There had been 12 cases of enforcement in September although 156 further cases were still open. He also reminded councillors of the Parish Forum to be held next Monday.

**122/17 Pheasant Inn.**

**Progress report by Welland Pheasant Group:** Ron Barker from the Group confirmed that discussions with local breweries assessing possible options had not produced results. Financial viability of the pub on its own was questionable since it was estimated £500,000 would be required for renovation plus initial cost of the building and the reopened pub would only be worth £350,000. The Group was to investigate the possibility of taking control of the whole site which was thought to be a financially viable option with profit from any new development financing the pub but it was thought the owner would be unwilling.

**123/17 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: *To consider options for the tree stump in village hall car park:*** The horse chestnut tree had been deemed unsafe since the last meeting and MHDC had given permission for it to be removed. The main trunk had been retained in case a use could be found. Following reports of the amount of damage and disease it was agreed to remove it completely and if possible donate to residents as fire wood.

The Clerk was to contact Kompan to discuss ways in which the zip wire could be more accessible.

**iv. Orchard Working Group:** The S106 grant application and management plan were nearing completion and would be submitted to MHDC later this month. It was agreed to have the designated area accurately staked out by a local company 'Laser Surveys' for £495 plus vat. A planning application for a new maintenance access would also need to be made. It was noted that 38 residents had already volunteered to help with running and maintenance.

At this point Cllr. Whitehouse joined the meeting.

**v. S106 Projects Working Group**

**Update on Spitalfield drainage project:** The grass was growing well and had been given a first cut. Retrospective planning application still to be submitted once TGMS had measured levels.

**vi. Highways Working Group**

All village gates had now been installed and grant funding from County Cllr. Wells was imminent. The Clerk was asked to view hedges bordering Garret Bank and request owners to cut back if obstructing pedestrians.

There were access problems with ProWs between Garret Bank and Drake Street and also on the Drake Street Bovis site.

**124/17 Correspondence**

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

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
CALC	*	Updates
WCC	*	Worcestershire Roadworks Report
St James Church	*	Newsletters
MHDC	*	Adoption of the South Worcestershire Planning for Health Supplementary Planning Document (September 2017)
Lansdowne Crescent Methodist Church	*	Debate on Malvern Safety and Crime Sat 21st Oct 7.45pm-9.30pm
CALC	*	MH area meeting - interesting points
WCC	*	Consultation - Worcestershire County Council's Planning Validation Document Review
Bayton Parish Council	*	Velo bike ride
Cllr Chris O'Donnell	*	Chairman's Charity Ball 11 <sup>th</sup> November
Upton Police	*	News Letter October 2017
Hannah Davies	*	Welland Data
MHDC	*	Parish and Town Council Forum, Mon 23rd October, 5.30-8.00 pm at the Council Chamber
Claire Vaughn MHDC	*	Thurs 19 Oct, 6pm - Welland village health check
Upton Community Care		Funding

**125/17 Finance**

**i. To consider payment of invoices presented:** The following payments were approved from the Main Account:

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	29/09	£118.00	Lengthman Duties (Sep)
JRB Enterprises	19/09, 16/10	£267.60	Dog Bags
Broxap	21/09	£404.40	Litter Bins
Maldon Chandlery	11/10	£68.94	Union Flag
DW Shotton Ltd	03/10	£36,308.08	Spitalfields Drainage
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£351.40	PAYE (Jul-Sep)
E Hardman	16/10	£104.00	Handyman (£130 Gross)
D Sharp	16/10	£385.86	Clerk's Fee (£482.46 Gross SP25)
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£38,008.28</b>	

**Accounts Summary**

<b>Reserves Lloyds B/F</b>	<b>£96.88</b>	<b>£96.88</b>	<b>Main Account B/F</b>	<b>£33,702.64</b>
<b>Reserves BOI B/F</b>	<b>£2,875.11</b>			
Interest	£0.22	<b>£2,875.33</b>	WCC Lengthman	£236.00
<b>Fête Account</b>	<b>£1,274.30</b>	<b>£1,274.30</b>	WI Car Boot	£30.00
<b>Buildings Account</b>	<b>£804.47</b>	<b>£804.47</b>	MHDC Precept	£13,190.00
<b>Neighbourhood Plan Account</b>	<b>£5.65</b>	<b>£5.65</b>		
<b>Funding Account</b>	<b>£1,012.12</b>		October Payments	-£38,008.28
	£130.00	<b>£1,142.12</b>		
<b>Total C/F</b>		<b>£5,056.63</b>	<b>Main Account C/F</b>	<b>£9,150.36</b>

**ii. To consider matters raised in the annual audit and to consider the effectiveness of the internal audit:** Matters raised in the external audit were addressed and the internal audit was considered suitable for the Parish Council's needs.

**126/17 Any other matters for report or for future consideration**

A history of Welland was to be drafted and put on the website.

Christmas carols and tree lighting was to take place on 8<sup>th</sup> December.

It was noted that WCC had agreed to continue funding the community bus service from Upton to Malvern.

**127/17 Date of the next meeting**

The next Parish Council Meeting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm was confirmed.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.40 pm.