

Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18th December 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, Mr J Whitehouse.

In Attendance

Mr M Simpson (West Mercia Police), Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and six members of the public.

Before the meeting Mr Mick Simpson, Project Manager for 'We Don't Buy Crime' at West Mercia Police, briefed the meeting on the 'Smartwater' project. This was a method of invisibly marking property with a substance that was unique to each user. Each kit cost £8.90 through West Mercia and if 60% of residences joined the scheme then street signage would be provided at no additional charge. Statistics indicated that usage of 'Smartwater' reduced burglaries by 85% in rural areas and 45% in urban areas. The chairman thanked Mr Simpson for his presentation and the scheme was to be considered by the Parish Council at a future date.

A discussion also took place concerning parking issues outside the Primary school at peak times.

141/17 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors:

Cllrs. Mrs J Burford and Dr J Humphries (accepted). Also District Cllr. Mrs C O'Donnell.

The Clerk reported that he had not received any indication from MHDC that an election was to be held to fill the casual vacancy and expected the council to be able to co-opt at the next meeting.

142/17 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.

143/17 Planning

To consider responses to the following any late submitted applications:

Application No	From	Details
17/01724/FUL	Miss Phoebe Lloyd Boundary Cottage, Gloucester Road	Proposed two storey dwelling

It was agreed to return a comment of 'No Objection' to the application.

144/17 To consider for adoption the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th November:

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

145/17 Progress reports and other matters arising from these minutes

The litter pick along Drake Street on 29th November was a great success and well attended. Further dates next year were to be planned.

Following correspondence from the Clerk it was hoped that the final cut and collect for next year's verge management scheme would occur earlier to allow for at least one full cut by the parish contractor.

The Christmas lights had been switched on 8th December and the event was attended by about 30 residents. Thanks were paid to all those who helped with arrangements.

The VAS was now in place on Marlbank.

146/17 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives.

District Cllr. Mick Davies reported that there had been some recent planning enforcement successes.

Alternate weekly waste and recycling collections were due to commence in April and information would be distributed to residents in January. MHDC had recently agreed to allow local Parish Councils to name new roads and a new 'Green dog walkers' scheme was to be launched next year to promote responsible dog ownership.

147/17 Pheasant Inn.

To consider invoking the 6 month moratorium period regarding the second portion of the The Pheasant Inn Asset of Community Value recently put up for sale by indicating to MHDC the wish for the Parish Council to be treated as a potential bidder: It was agreed not to invoke the moratorium.

148/17 Committee & Working Party Reports & Recommendations

i. Neighbourhood Planning Working Group: A meeting in January was planned with David Clarke, the planning officer.

ii. Communications Working Group: The Christmas newsletter had been distributed with a new councillor list, a revised bus timetable and the Malvern Hills Trust 'Good Neighbours Guide'.

iii. Playing Fields/Open Spaces Working Group: *To consider applying for retrospective planning permission for imported material onto Spitalfields due to recent ground works:* It was agreed to take the process forward and to discuss with the planning department whether a biodiversity survey and landscape assessment were necessary.

iv. Orchard Working Group: *To consider applying for planning permission for a new vehicular maintenance access into Pursers Orchard:* The response from MHDC to the S106 application had been positive and a final decision was expected in the New Year. It was agreed to progress with the planning application and quotations had been sought for the entrance and the boundary fencing.

v. Highways Working Group: *To consider any action the Parish Council could take to ease parking problems near the school at certain times:* Discussions with the School were ongoing.

149/17 Parish Council Promotions

The next event was to be held on 10th February 2018.

150/17 Correspondence

To review the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
CALC	*	Updates
WCC	*	Worcestershire Roadworks Report
St James Church	*	Newsletters
PC Paul Kennedy	*	Upton police
Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd	*	Notification of external auditor appointments for the 2017-18 financial year
CALC	*	Additional training dates
Brian Robinson	*	An Alternative to Velo Birmingham
MHDC	*	Pheasant Inn ACV Moritorium
Upton Police	*	News Letter
Misc	*	School Parking
CALC	*	Executive Officer's report to Area Meetings
WCC	*	Budget Consultation Meeting 24th January 2018
Paul Esrich AONB		Verge management
Pensions Regulator		Information
MHDC		Spitalfields Funding
MHDC		Orchard Funding

151/17 Finance

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	04/12	£236.00	Lengthman Duties (Nov)
Mark Watling	11/12	£70.00	Cemetery Hedge Cutting
D Sharp	-	£175.00	1 st ½ Annual Expenses 17/18
E Hardman	18/12	£104.00	Handyman (£130 Gross)
D Sharp	18/12	£385.86	Clerk's Fee (£482.46 Gross SP25)
	TOTAL	£970.86	

Accounts Summary

Reserves Lloyds B/F	£2,972.21	£2,972.21	Main Account B/F	£4,250.00
Fête Account	£1,274.30	£1,274.30		
Buildings Account	£804.47	£804.47	HMRC VAT	£11,693.68
Neighbourhood Plan Acc	£5.65	£5.65	WCC Lengthman	£590.00
Funding Account	£2,042.12			
Parish Council Promotions	£288.50	£2,330.62	December Payments	£-970.86
Total C/F		£7,387.25	Main Account C/F	£15,562.82

152/17 Any other matters for report or for future consideration

Nothing further was discussed.

153/17 Date of the next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting on Monday 15th January 2018 at 7.30pm was confirmed.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.15 pm.