

Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 15th January 2018

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Present

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

In Attendance

County Cllr. Mr T Wells, District Cllr. Mrs C O'Donnell, Mrs A Brookes (Footpath Warden), Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and six members of the public.

01/18 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors:

Cllr. Miss J Biggs(accepted).

02/18 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.

03/18 Co-option

To consider applications for co-option onto the Parish Council: There were two applicants and it was agreed to exclude the public on the grounds of confidentiality during deliberations and voting.

Mr Tom Pettigrew was duly elected and he completed his acceptance of office. Due to a prior engagement he made his apologies and left the meeting.

04/18 Planning

To consider responses to the following any late submitted applications:

Application No	From	Details
17/01973/FUL	Mr & Mrs D Cale Building At (Os 7805 3963) Grounds Farm, Hancocks Lane	Proposed change of use of redundant agricultural building to holiday accommodation

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

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

05/18 To consider for adoption the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th

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

06/18 Progress reports and other matters arising from these minutes

It was agreed to raise the issue of 'Smartwater' with residents at the Annual Parish meeting later in the year.

07/18 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives.

County Cllr. Tom Wells reported that there were no significant matters to discuss.

District Cllr. Chris O'Donnell reported that the regular 'Farmers Market' on Abbey Road was proving popular. The alternate weekly waste collections were to commence 2nd April and would save MHDC £200k per year. There were also two workshops regarding child cyber bullying on 20th January and 10th February.

District Cllr. Mick Davies added that larger waste bins would be available if residents qualified. A decision had been made to keep Southern and Northern Planning committees separate and 98% of decisions made in December had been delegated. Also a review of the SWDP had commenced and a new strategic survey would be undertaken later this year. The newly refurbished Council House had been deemed a success although plans to redevelop the Council Chamber had been shelved since the building had been listed. Brunel House though had been put up for sale. Finally £350k cost savings had been proposed for the 2018/19 budget.

08/18 Committee & Working Party Reports & Recommendations

i. Neighbourhood Planning Working Group: The planned meeting with MHDC had been deferred and the possibility of including further development areas was being considered in line with the review of the SWDP. A revised draft and further public consultation would be necessary.

ii. Communications Working Group: No matters were discussed.

iii. Playing Fields/Open Spaces Working Group: *To consider offering local groups the use of facilities for car boot sales in 2018:* This was agreed and the Clerk confirmed that he had identified the first three Sundays in July as probable dates.

Clerk to contact DB Land and Planning over the obligation to replace the hedge bordering the stream that had been removed to allow access to the sewerage system. Also to fill around the new inspection cover so that it did not present such a trip hazard.

iv. Orchard Working Group: MHDC had sanctioned funding for the project subject to approval of the transfer agreement which was now awaited. A quotation for approximately £800 had been obtained for the required fencing and further quotations were to be sought for the proposed new entrance for which pre application advice had been sought from MHDC.

v. Highways Working Group: *To review recent litter pick and consider dates for further action:* It was agreed that further events were to be planned.

The VAS recently fitted on Marlbank had developed a fault and had been returned to Westcotec for repair. Other suitable sites where the unit could be placed were being reviewed.

There was currently about £2600 in the funding account and it was agreed to write to local businesses seeking additional funding.

Finally, the Clerk was to check with WCC Highways over the legal visibility obligation for repeater speed signs.

09/18 Parish Council Promotions

The next event was to be held on 10th February 2018 and consultation with residents was to take place to identify the type of acts that would be popular.

10/18 Correspondence

To review the following correspondence previously circulated:

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
CALC	*	Updates
WCC	*	Worcestershire Roadworks Report
St James Church	*	Newsletters
WCC	*	Worcestershire Pollinators Conference 2018 for communities and parishes 27/03/18 9.30am-4pm
CALC	*	Malvern Hills Area Meeting 9th January 7:30pm
Mr Smith	*	Planning Application No. 17/01724/FUL Land adjacent to Boundary Cottage
Upton Police	*	News Letter
CALC	*	Training
MHDC	*	New Street Naming & Numbering Procedure
CALC	*(i)	Councillor refresher training
Broadwas Sports Association	*(ii)	Funding Request
CAB	*	Welland Report
MHDC & Wychavon DC	*	Invitation to take part in the Joint Peer Review 11.30am on Tuesday 6 March 2018 at the Council House, Malvern
AONB	*	Would you like to work with the Malvern Hills AONB Partnership in 2018/19?
HM Revenue & Customs		Future VAT Returns

(i) – The Clerk was to arrange training in Welland on a Saturday morning for a fee of £200. Representatives of Hanley and Castlemorton were to be invited also.

(ii) – The request for funding was not approved due to Broadwas' distance from Welland.

11/18 Finance

i. To consider the budget for 2018/19 and set a Precept: The budget was considered and agreed and a precept of £28,200 was to be requested.

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

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	04/01	£118.00	Lengthman Duties (Dec)
Steve Maund	07/11	£100.00	Grass Cutting Spitalfields
Solopress	27/11	£196.00	Printing
BBL Batteries	01/11	£109.44	VAS Batteries x 2
M Middleton	18/12	£192.00	VAS Brackets x 4
Westcotec Ltd	12/12	£277.80	VAS Repair
HM Revenue & Customs	-	£267.60	PAYE (Oct-Dec)
South Worcestershire CAB	-	£150.00	Donation
St James Church	-	£250.00	Donation
E Hardman	18/12	£104.00	Handyman (£130 Gross)
D Sharp	18/12	£386.06	Clerk's Fee (£482.46 Gross SP25)
	TOTAL	£2,150.90	

Accounts Summary

Reserves Lloyds B/F	£2,972.21	£2,972.21	Main Account B/F	£15,562.82
Fête Account	£1,274.30	£1,274.30		
Buildings Account	£804.47	£804.47		
Neighbourhood Plan Acc	£5.65	£5.65		
Funding Account	£2,330.62			
Direct Transfers	£190.00			
Cheques	£140.00	£2,660.62	January Payments	-£2,150.90
Total C/F		£7,717.25	Main Account C/F	£13,411.92

12/18 Any other matters for report or for future consideration

It was noted that interest had been shown in the purchase of the Pheasant Inn and that the development land adjacent to it was under offer by a different developer.

The Clerk was to arrange for the lengthman to side out the path between the shop and the village hall.

13/18 Date of the next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting on Monday 19th February 2018 at 7.30pm was confirmed.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.45 pm.