

# PARISHES OF LITTLE MALVERN AND WELLAND

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> MAY 2018 IN WELLAND VILLAGE HALL

### PRESENT

Ten Members of the Parish Council, Sue Satchell & John Raine (Malvern Hills Trust), Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and 45 members of the public.

Before the meeting the following groups had set up information stalls for residents to view and get information:

Malvern Hills District Council	Welland Teddy Bears
Worcestershire Wildlife Trust	Cordery (Over 60s) Club
AONB Partnership	Art and Craft Club
Welland History Group	Welland WI
St James Church	

### 1. APOLOGIES

Cllr. Mr T Pettigrew

### 2. TO CONSIDER FOR ADOPTION THE MINUTES OF LAST YEAR'S MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### 3. MALVERN HILLS TRUST

Sue Satchell and John Raine outlined the current constraints on the Trust: The Trust wanted to introduce new trading powers to gain additional finance from selling memorabilia, souvenirs etc. as well as from the tax payer. Fewer landowners are exercising their grazing rights as the majority of property owners are not involved in agriculture. A good deal of stock is lost due to road casualties particularly on Castlemorton Common. Additional funding would allow prevention measures to be put in place.

As well as changes to management, changes in governance were also being considered. An appointed board rather than the elected/nominated process at present would allow experts in the field to be recruited, and a smaller board would be more efficient.

All these points were to be open to public consultation in the coming months.

### 4. PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS

**A review of the year:** The Chairman thanked all those who were part of the following groups and were working hard on the projects in the parish:

**Neighbourhood Plan:** Work on the plan had started in 2011 and a draft plan produced in 2015. revised planning guidance and the recent new developments have necessitated a review of the plan. Several issues were also highlighted in the 'Healthcheck' which was undertaken by an external assessor and also through advice from MHDC. The evidence gathered during public consultations had been invaluable to the production of S106 applications.

**Community Orchard:** The Parish Council had initiated the process to purchase part of the orchard opposite the shop. A planning application would be required for a new access gate and a management group was already being set up. The funding was coming from the S106 allocation.

**Playing Fields:** Phase 1, which included the new drainage to the football pitch was now mainly completed, and handover was expected in July. Phase 2 would include the provision of outdoor gym equipment, storage facility and multi use paths.

Plans were also underway to improve the access and facilities on the School Field by the shop. This planned to include easier and disabled access, seating and a new noticeboard.

**Road Safety:** A new speed indicating sign for Gloucester Road had been ordered. Since monitoring/enforcement by Safer Roads Partnership had now ended the parish now qualified for the 'community speed watch scheme'. Interest had been lodged with the appropriate body.

**Parish Council draft accounts for year end 31/03/18:** The Clerk presented the accounts which would be considered for approval at the next Parish Council meeting and he answered a resident's query over S106 income and expenditure.

### 5. QUESTION TIME: No other matters were discussed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25 pm.