

# **Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2018

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Before the meeting several residents brought up issues concerning the Steam Rally which had taken place at the end of July, particularly due to the noise and traffic flow on nearby residential roads. It was agreed to try to arrange a meeting with organisers to discuss these problems.

## **Present**

Cllrs. Mrs V Nelson (Chair), Mrs J Burford, Mr M Davies, 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, Footpaths Warden, Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and 9 members of the public.

## **95/18 Apologies**

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

Cllrs. Miss J Biggs, Mr P Hancock & Mr T Pettigrew (accepted).

## **96/18 Interests**

**i. Councillors Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Disclosable Interests regarding items on the agenda:** Cllrs. Mortimer, Nelson and Sumner declared ODIs on planning application 18/01081/RM since they all lived adjacent to the site.

**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:** Cllrs. Mortimer, Nelson and Sumner were granted a dispensation to discuss the application. This was to last until the next ordinary election.

## **97/18 Planning**

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

Application No	From	Details
18/00921/HP	Oldfields Garrett Bank	Demolition of existing store and attached outbuildings and erection of single storey orangery side extension
18/00948/FUL	Painters Cottage Hancocks Lane	Replacement dwelling
18/01015/CLE	Garden Cottage Marlbank House Marlbank Road	Certificate of lawfulness for the existing use of property known as Garden Cottage as an independent residential dwelling, in breach of condition 4 of permission 13/00113/HOU.
18/01081/RM	Land At (OS 7980 3996) Drake Street	Matters application for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following a grant of permission 15/00676/OUT for the erection of a single dwelling with access.

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

The following responses were agreed:

**18/00921/HP & 18/01015/CLE** - "The Parish Council has no objection to the application"

**18/00948/FUL** – "Little Malvern and Welland Parish has concerns over the style of the proposed dwelling: Stone cladding seems out of character with the surrounding properties, as do the large areas of glazing and the presence of a three storey property, which is not on the original footprint NPPF guidelines require development within an AONB to give great weight to 'conserving and enhancing the landscape and scenic beauty of the AONB'. A more sympathetic approach to design is suggested."

**18/01081/RM** - "Little Malvern and Welland Parish Council has no objection to the design of the proposed dwelling but has the following recommendations:

- That efforts be made to ensure the surrounding wildlife be unharmed during construction. Great crested newts are known to thrive in the locality.
- That the culvert be bounded in a way so as not to adversely affect the flow.
- That all new boundary hedges and future growth are kept within the boundaries of the property.
- That no construction traffic is to park on adjacent verges and footways and that no mud be deposited on the highway during construction."

**98/18 To consider for adoption the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> July:**  
Due to problems with circulation it was agreed to consider these for adoption at the next meeting.

**99/18 Progress reports and other matters arising from these minutes**

No matters were arising.

**100/18 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives.**

**County Cllr. Tom Wells** commented on recent meetings to discuss the proposed reduction in local bus services. He was pleased to report that he and the councillor representing Upton upon Severn had provided funding through their ward budgets to ensure that the cuts were not as severe as originally planned. A new timetable was to be imposed from 17<sup>th</sup> September. The reduction in WCC funding from £4M to £1.7M for bus subsidies meant that this measure was only temporary and for the services to continue beyond 2019 further initiatives were required. He suggested a user group be formed with representatives from Welland, Upton, Callow End and Worcester and an initial meeting be held later this year.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Wells for his efforts in ensuring an effective bus service for local residents.

**District Cllr. Chris O'Donnell** gave details of a 'protect your bike' event on 28<sup>th</sup> August at Malvern Cube.

**District Cllr. Mick Davies** reported on the ongoing repairs to the Council Chamber and the creation of a new reception area. The sale of Brunel House and Portland House had been agreed. About 900 proposed sites for 5 or more dwellings had been submitted for consideration for inclusion into the SWDP. These would be published in November and appraisals would take place next year. Rachael Vann, the Physical Wellbeing Officer, was looking for sites to host 'Dementia Friends' sessions and also gave details of the 'couch to 5K' initiative which was on the web site.

**101/18 Committee & Working Party Reports & Recommendations**

**i. Neighbourhood Planning Working Group:** A meeting was to be arranged to review the development boundary.

**ii. Communications Working Group:** The chairman confirmed that contracts on the Pheasant Inn land had been exchanged although there was no news on the pub site itself. The next newsletter would be published in the autumn and the website required an update.

**iii. Playing Fields/Open Spaces Working Group:**

**a. To consider re-siting of recycling pods to Spitalfields car park:** This was agreed and the Clerk was to contact Thamesdown Recycling.

**b. Update on Spitalfields irrigation and proposed handover of field to Parish Council:** A meeting with TGMS was to take place tomorrow to assess the state of the pitch.

It was agreed to order a wheelie bin and bi weekly refuse collection from MHDC for Parish Council rubbish collected from the playing fields.

The Clerk reported that the cut and collect of the village green should take place this week.

**iv. Orchard Working Group:**

**a. Update on Land Transfer:** The Parish Council had been advised that a new overage agreement would need to be drawn up with the original vendor and it was expected that MHDC would require a valuation of the land from John Goodwin.

**b. Update on the formation of the Orchard Management Group:** No new information was available.

Cllr. Burford gave her apologies and left the meeting. Cllr. Whitehouse joined the meeting

**v. Highways & Footpaths Working Group:**

**a. Review of new Speed Indicating Sign and to consider future installations:** Cllr. Davies provided statistics derived from the new device which was generally thought to be effective. Longer term information would be gathered.

**b. Update on proposed meeting with Fiona Argyle:** Ms Argyle had informed the Clerk she would be unable to attend and all future requests regarding PRoW were to go through the Footpath Warden.

A meeting with the Highways Liaison Officer, Hannah Davies, was to be sought to review the progress of agreed works.

**102/18 GDPR**

**Update:** More information would be presented next month.

**103/18 Parish Council Promotions**

The Chairman gave details of up coming events. The Tredegar male voice choir was booked for 3<sup>rd</sup> November, cost £10 or £15 with fish and chip supper; Ashley Hutchins booked for 1<sup>st</sup> December; Luke Doherty Band for 12<sup>th</sup> January and The Jaywalkers folk group for 12<sup>th</sup> February.

**104/18 Welland Steam Rally**

**Review of this year and to consider actions prior to 2019 event:** A donation of £250 to the Parish Council had been gratefully received. It was understood that a retrospective planning application was to be submitted for the building of an engine shed. A meeting was to be sought with organisers to review the event and to discuss next year's meet.

**105/18 Correspondence**

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

FROM	* email	SUBJECT
CALC	*	Updates
WCC	*	Worcestershire Roadworks Report
St James Church	*	Newsletters
Safer Neighbourhood Team	*	Upton Parish News Letter
Scott Brand - ARC4	*	South Worcestershire Local Authorities - Housing Study 2018
Clerk	*	Footpaths
MHDC	*(i)	Village Facilities & Rural Transport Survey 31/08
MHDC	*	Adoption of South Worcestershire Supplementary Planning Documents Water Management & Flooding Supplementary Planning Document; and the Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document
CALC	*	Malvern Hills Area meeting, 15th August - withdrawal of bus services
Lisa Freeman	*	Smartwater funding - £8.90 – 70%
CPRE	*	Rural affordable housing
MHDC	*(ii)	SWDP - Development Boundary Review - Proposed Methodology Consultation 8/10
Help for Heroes		Letter of thanks for donation from Fête proceeds
Welland Juniors FC		Letter of thanks for donation from Fête proceeds

(i) and (ii) – These were allocated to the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group to complete.

**106/18 Finance**

**To consider payment of invoices presented:** The following payments were approved from the main account:

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	31/07	£236.00	Lengthman Duties (July)
TGMS	31/07	£600.00	Spitalfields Contract Fee
E Hardman	20/08	£104.00	Handyman (£130 Gross)
D Sharp	20/08	£384.28	Clerk's Fee (£480.48 Gross SP25)
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,324.28</b>	

**Accounts Summary**

<b>Reserves Lloyds B/F</b>	<b>£2,973.11</b>	<b>£2,973.11</b>	<b>Main Account B/F</b>	<b>£13,947.34</b>
<b>Fête Account</b>	<b>£1,433.00</b>	<b>£1,433.00</b>		
<b>Buildings Account</b>	<b>£804.47</b>	<b>£804.47</b>	BT (Direct Debit)	-£314.74
<b>Neighbourhood Plan Acc</b>	<b>£5.65</b>	<b>£5.65</b>	WCC Lengthman Scheme	£236.00
<b>Funding Account</b>	<b>£1,210.10</b>		August Payments	-£1,324.28
Steam Rally Donation	£250.00	<b>£1,460.10</b>		
<b>Total C/F</b>		<b>£6,676.33</b>	<b>Main Account C/F</b>	<b>£12,544.32</b>

**107/18 Any other matters for report or for future consideration**

It was agreed to arrange a meeting with the new team running the primary school as soon as possible.

**108/18 Date of the next meeting**

The next Parish Council Meeting was to be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 10.00 pm.