

Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18th February 2019

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Present

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

In Attendance

County Cllr. Mr T Wells, Footpaths Warden, Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and five members of the public.

13/19 Apologies

To consider acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors:

Cllrs. Mrs J Burford, Dr J Mortimer, Mrs M Sumner(accepted). Also District Cllr. Mrs C O'Donnell.

14/19 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.

15/19 Planning

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

Application No	At	Details
18/01634/OUT	Land At (Os79843962) Drake Street	Removal of Condition 12 of planning application 14/01269/OUT to allow Worcestershire County Council Travel Plan Services to be utilised on site for outline application in relation to a sustainable residential development of up to 50 dwellings including access, with all other matters reserved.
	Myrtle Cottage Drake Street	Agricultural access.

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

The following responses were agreed:

18/01634/OUT - 'Further to the clarification provided by Worcestershire County Council the Parish Council has no objection to the application provided that the Sustainable Transport Contribution specified in the original S106 Agreement remains unaltered.

For the avoidance of doubt, in that agreement, "Sustainable Transport Contribution" means the sum of £20,715.86 (twenty thousand seven hundred and fifteen pounds and eighty six pence) towards local passenger transport and walk and cycle link schemes within Welland Village to provide infrastructure to support local passenger transport services and improvements to walking and cycling connectivity within the existing network identified in the South Worcester Infrastructure Delivery Plan and serving the Development.'

18/01754/FUL - 'The Parish Council has no objection to this application'

16/19 To consider for adoption the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 21st January: These were accepted as an accurate record and they were signed by the Chairman.

17/19 Progress reports and other matters arising from these minutes

The Clerk confirmed he has written to the new primary school head teacher suggesting a meeting with councillors and was awaiting a response.

It was noted that the gully on the bridge on Marlbank crossing the Marlbank brook had been cleared by WCC and was allowing pooling water to drain away.

18/19 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives.

County Cllr. Tom Wells confirmed a proposed rise in Council Tax of 4% next year of which 1% was ring fenced for adult care services. He also confirmed the closure of the Queens Arms M50 overbridge at Pendock from 26th April until the end of the year for maintenance. This would cause disruption in the area.

He was also pleased to report that Upton Town Council had pledged £1000 to match Hanley, Powick and Welland Parish Councils subsidy to the local bus service until September. WCC had agreed to fund after that date. The user group had met two months ago and a further meeting was planned for May.

District Cllr. Mick Davies was pleased to report that the District Council's 5 year land supply had been deemed sufficient in a recent monitoring report and that house building was on track. The extension to the council chamber was progressing and was planned to open on 1st April. Severn Trent Service plans had been rated one of the best three in the country. MHDC had appointed a visitor economy officer and a tourism forum was to be held at the Three Counties Showground on 28th February. The Priory Park play area was to have a £500,000 refurbishment. MHDC were proposing a council tax increase of 3.3%. Finally he confirmed that he would be holding drop-in surgeries on Thursdays at the Bakehouse Cafe from 09:30 to 10:30.

19/19 Committee & Working Party Reports & Recommendations

i. Neighbourhood Planning Working Group:

Cllr. Davies had met with a consultant, Peter Hamilton, with a view to kick start the plan and he was to be invited to the next meeting of the group. The Housing Needs Survey, commissioned by DB Planning had been distributed to residents and it was hoped the results would be available to the parish council by end May. The recently collated SHLAA sites were still to be reviewed.

ii. Communications Working Group:

The next newsletter would concentrate on the orchard and be published mid March.

iii. Playing Fields/Open Spaces Working Group:

a. Update on the Spring Meadows open space 'negotiations': No progress was reported.

b. To consider the scope of the proposed Spitalfield Wellness Scheme: The grant application for this had been delayed due to the work on the purchase of Purser's Orchard. It was agreed that the proposed scheme to include gym equipment, fitness track and equipment storage would be circulated again and comments from residents requested.

c. To consider a date for a local Litter Pick: It was agreed to hold these on the 1st Thursday of the month and the 3rd Saturday, commencing at the Bakehouse cafe at 11am and finishing about 2pm.

iv. Orchard Working Group:

To consider the 'heads of terms' for a proposed agreement with the Orchard Community

Group: A draft document was considered and proposals were to be further discussed with the Orchard Group at a meeting this Friday. Once terms were agreed the draft would be drawn up into a lease. In the mean time Montel were approved as contractor to create the new entrance. However it was necessary to apply for an S184 licence to install the dropped curb onto the highway. It may prove easier for Ringway, the WCC Highways contractor, to undertake this. Negotiations were in progress. It was agreed that until the entrance had been completed the public should not be allowed access to the orchard.

v. Highways Working Group:

a. Update on proposed permissive path from Giffard Drive: No response had been received from either resident over whose land the route would pass.

b. Update on application to designate a section of Byfields Lane a PRow: The Clerk had been contacted by Anthony Kerbey, WCC mapping officer, who was investigating the case and was looking into the easiest options to obtain the designation.

Results from a recent traffic speed survey on Marlbank near the cemetery had been received. Although the results indicated that no enforcement action would be taken the Parish Council agreed to investigate the purchase of a speed indicating device similar to the one on Gloucester Road. This would be placed opposite the cemetery and WCC had already agreed to install a post on which it could be secured. An offer of funding had been received from a local resident. The portable speed sign (VAS) was proving unreliable and not worthy of further maintenance and it was agreed to investigate the options for the purchase of a mobile speed indicating sign.

20/19 Parish Council Promotions

The Jaywalkers had played last Saturday and £57 profit was made, after Church costs of £60. A programme was to be put together for the next few months.

21/19 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
WCC	*	Prevention Matters Workshop- How councillors can improve the health of their communities. County Hall 04/03 – 09:30-15:30
MHDC	*	Planning Enforcement Summit - 31 st January - Cancelled
Malvern Hills AONB	*	Public Consultation on new guidance for external lighting and for development visible in views to and from the Malvern Hills AONB
CALC	*	Retirement - Thursday March 28th 2019 11:00-15:00
CALC	*	Area meeting 12th March – 19:30 County Hall
CAB		Letter of Thanks
WCC		DMMO Confirmation

22/19 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	05/02	£118.00	Lengthman Duties (January)
Richard Ridley & Son	23/01	£1,131.60	Orchard Fencing
E Hardman	18/02	£104.00	Handyman (£130 Gross)
D Sharp	18/02	£384.48	Clerk's Fee (£480.48 Gross SP25)
	TOTAL	£1,738.08	

Accounts Summary

Reserves Lloyds B/F	£2,973.11	£2,973.11	Main Account B/F	£50,839.10
Fête Account	£1,284.00	£1,284.00	WCC Lengthman	£236.00
Buildings Account	£804.47	£804.47	Orchard Bank Transfer Fee	-£30.00
Neighbourhood Plan Acc	£5.65	£5.65		
Funding Account	£1,691.50	£1,691.50	February Payments	-£1,738.08
Total C/F		£6,758.73	Main Account C/F	£49,307.02

23/19 Any other matters for report or for future consideration

It was hoped to arrange a meeting with organisers of Welland Steam Rally in March and to further investigate sites for a possible off road cycle track.

24/19 Date of the next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting was to be held on Monday 18th March at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.35 pm.