

# **Little Malvern & Welland Parish Council**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019

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Before the meeting the prospective Conservative District Council candidate for the Morton Ward introduced himself.

## **Present**

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

## **In Attendance**

District Cllr. Mrs C O'Donnell, Mr D Sharp (Clerk) and five members of the public.

## **25/19 Apologies**

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

Cllrs. Mrs J Burford, Mrs M Sumner (accepted).

## **26/19 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.

## **27/19 Planning**

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

<b>Application No</b>	<b>At</b>	<b>Details</b>
19/00290/HP	The Old Police House Gloucester Road	Proposed single storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory
19/000012/CM	Land at Gorse Bank Welland Road	Application to vary Condition 19 of planning permission ref: 14/000028/CM 'agricultural land improvement scheme, comprising the infilling of a steep sided valley with imported inert subsoil' to allow an extension of six months to complete the tipping operations

Cllr. Davies abstained from voting on 19/00290/HP due to his position as District Councillor.

The following responses were agreed:

19/00290/HP - 'The Parish Council has no objection to the application'.

19/000012/CM – 'The Parish Council has no objection to the application provided that condition 23 of the original decision notice, namely the installation of wheel washing provision, is strictly enforced.'

## **28/19 To consider for adoption the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup>**

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

## **29/19 Progress reports and other matters arising from these minutes**

No matters were raised.

## **30/19 Reports by District and County Councillors and other Representatives.**

**District Cllr. Chris O'Donnell** reported on the 'dementia friendly' initiative for local businesses. She also confirmed that the 'Route to the Hills' scheme had been nominated for a Heritage UK Award. All armed forces veterans were to be offered a 'Defence Privilege Card' which offered discounts in participating outlets. Finally she mentioned 'Time to Change Worcestershire' which is a partnership of local organisations and people, co-ordinated by Community First, who are committed to ending mental health stigma and discrimination.

**District Cllr. Mick Davies** reported on a waste and recycling consultation by Defra to which 50% of responders were in favour of waste food collections. Small grants of up to £2,500 were still available to support and grow small businesses.

Welland Stores had been shortlisted for the Pride of Malvern Hills awards. He also reported on a Planning Enforcement conference at Wychavon where problems with delays had been highlighted but overall the system had improved. Two local litter picks had taken place recently. There were several schemes in place in the District to reduce rough sleeping and finally he confirmed that the budget for the coming year had been approved and represented savings of 4%. His weekly surgeries would cease during the period of purdah from 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

### **31/19 Committee & Working Party Reports & Recommendations**

#### **i. Neighbourhood Planning Working Group:**

The SHLAA sites had been finalised and were to go out for public consultation. The next meeting of the group was planned for Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

#### **ii. Communications Working Group:**

The next newsletter would include details of the SHLAA, local litter picks and the orchard.

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

**a. To review maintenance at Welland Court Cemetery:** It was agreed to remove ivy from both the surrounding walls and a memorial within the cemetery.

**b. Updates:** Reports were received that the Spitalfields football pitch was wearing and playing well. The Clerk reported that he had fixed a broken basket swing seat.

Geoff Guest had confirmed that he was liaising with MHDC over the buffer strip on the Guild Homes site adjacent to the SSSI.

#### **iv. Orchard Working Group:**

Ringway had been approached for a quotation for dropping the curb at the entrance as per the scheme approved by WCC. One pear tree was still to be removed from the site.

Two meetings had taken place to create a management group for the orchard and also confirm details of those wishing to help with maintenance. A possible aerial survey by Worcester University was to take place next month and Maureen Lamb was to update the management plan.

#### **v. Highways Working Group:**

**a. To consider purchase of vehicle speed sign:** A new post had been approved and was to be installed by Highways Department opposite the cemetery. Costings for a new sign were to be forwarded to a potential donor for consideration.

**b. Updates:** The creation of a permissive path from Giffard Drive was unable to utilise land owned by Marlbank Farm and a response from the alternative landowner was still awaited.

Some of the footpaths locally were not conducive to easy transit and it was hoped that a meeting could be set up with Fiona Argyle at WCC via County Councillor Tom Wells to look at options available to improve matters and possibly utilise S106 funding.

### **32/19 Welland Steam Rally**

**Report on recent meeting with organisers:** A meeting had taken place between members of the Parish Council and organisers. Topics discussed included litter picking, parking arrangements and mud on road issues. They had agreed to offer 20 tickets to the Parish Council for distribution among residents.

They had indicated no objection to the use of the wooded area by Danemore Crossroads to be used as a bike track, provided that they were absolved of any liabilities. Experts were to be asked to assess the site for suitability.

A further meeting was to be arranged before this year's event.

### **33/19 Parish Council Promotions**

Several members were to attend a 'Live and Local' event at Peopleton previewing acts for the forthcoming year. Rick Sanders and Vo Fletcher were to play again on 27<sup>th</sup> April. A local Jazz group had also been arranged.

### **34/19 Annual Parish Meeting**

**To finalise arrangements for the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> April:** The main hall had been booked and details were to be included in the next newsletter. The meeting was to mainly concern the orchard.

**35/19 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
CALC	*	Malvern Hills area meeting Tuesday 12th March 7:30pm
MHDC	*	Electoral Services update
UK Cycling Events	*	Advance notification of cycle event
MHDC	*	Rescheduled Planning Enforcement Summit 13 March 2019

**36/19 Finance****To consider payment of invoices presented:**The following payments were approved from the **Main Account**:

From/Due To	Date	Amount	Details
J Moore	28/02	£118.00	Lengthman Duties (February)
C Three Marketing Ltd	16/03	£173.98	Web Hosting
E Hardman	18/03	£104.00	Handyman (£130 Gross)
D Sharp	18/03	£384.28	Clerk's Fee (£480.48 Gross SP25)
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£780.26</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>£49,307.02</b>
<b>Fête Account</b>	<b>£1,284.00</b>	<b>£1,284.00</b>	WCC Lengthman	£236.00
<b>Buildings Account</b>	<b>£804.47</b>	<b>£804.47</b>	Cemetery Fees	£280.00
<b>Neighbourhood Plan Acc</b>	<b>£5.65</b>	<b>£5.65</b>	Cemetery Fees	£190.00
<b>Funding Account</b>	<b>£1,691.50</b>			
	£459.00	<b>£2,150.50</b>	March Payments	-£780.26
<b>Total C/F</b>		<b>£5,067.23</b>	<b>Main Account C/F</b>	<b>£49,232.76</b>

**37/19 Any other matters for report or for future consideration**

It was noted with sadness that Shirley Short had recently passed away. Shirley had been an active and much loved member of the community and in recent years she had been in charge of village hall bookings.

The Chairman reported on a 'Well being in the Community' conference she had attended.

The siting of the defibrillator outside the school was to be assessed in light of a report that access may not be available 24/7.

A further training session by Heart Start Malvern was to be investigated.

**38/19 Date of the next meeting**

The next Parish Council Meeting was to be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.30 pm.